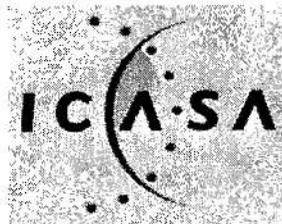


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The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) gives notice that in the light of the changes introduced by the policy statement issued by the Ministers of Economic and Investment Cluster, on 15 August 2001, with regard to number portability, carrier pre-selection and facilities leasing, ICASA hereby withdraws the public inquiry conducted in terms of section 27 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, into the proposed regulations dealing with number portability, carrier pre-selection and facilities leasing as published in government gazette number 22533 and 22534 on 30 July 2001.

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