1. General

The "Special Conditions Internet" of Swisscom (Switzerland) Ltd ("Swisscom") are valid for the area of Internet service provision and supplement the General Terms and Conditions for Services ("GTCs"). In the event of discrepancies, they shall take precedence over the GTCs.

2. Performances by Swisscom

2.1 Internet access

Swisscom's Internet service allows the customer to access the Internet. Swisscom cannot guarantee a minimum bandwidth. The transmission speeds specified refer to optimal performance and cannot be guaranteed. Restrictions may occur depending on the length of the copper line between the telephone line and Swisscom's network, on the quality of the copper lines. If other services are used on the fixed network connection, this can also lead to restrictions in bandwidth. Furthermore, Swisscom cannot guarantee that information exchanged via the Internet (e.g. e-mails) will be delivered to customers or their recipients.

2.2 Internet Guard

When surfing Swisscom’s network, Internet Guard warns users about accessing dangerous websites (sites with malware such as viruses, Trojan horses, worms etc.) and fraudulent websites (particularly phishing). No warning is given about websites containing unlawful or other potentially sensitive content.

Internet Guard compares the website in question with several databases that list dangerous websites and alerts users if the site is suspicious. The sites can still be accessed. Swisscom shall not be held liable in the event of any damage.

It should be noted that Internet Guard does not provide protection

- when surfing on third-party networks or public hotspots that are not operated by Swisscom
- if surfing without using the preconfigured Swisscom DNS (Domain Name System)
- against threats posed by other transmission channels (e.g. USB stick, Bluetooth etc.)
- if a file containing dangerous content is downloaded or is already on the customer’s device.

2.3 Remote maintenance and remote support

Swisscom supplies equipment that enables or facilitates the provision of services. If the customer purchases, loans or otherwise obtains such equipment from Swisscom (e.g. router, modem, Internet booster, repeater, TV Box, hereinafter referred to as a "Swisscom device" or "Swisscom devices") and connects it to the Swisscom network, Swisscom is authorised, for the purposes of remote maintenance and support, to transfer to its database the necessary technical data from Swisscom devices, to access the Swisscom device remotely in order to automatically configure its settings, to check its functionality and to update its software. The customer cannot deactivate Swisscom’s access to these Swisscom devices.

Unless otherwise instructed by the customer, Swisscom is also authorised to carry out technical analysis of the home network to identify faults in connection quality or speed, to make appropriate adaptation recommendations and offers and to use the results of the analysis for the further development of its products and services.

2.4 IP addresses

Swisscom cannot always support the operation of a static IP address.

A dynamic public IP address can be used simultaneously by several users. For this reason, the customers are assigned special temporary IP addresses. This system, which is used throughout the world, may occasionally lead to some of the customer’s applications (e.g. remote access) not working.

2.5 Access to Swisscom’s public wireless LAN

Permission to access Swisscom’s public wireless hotspots is dependent on the selected service package. Use of the public wireless LAN is also subject to the Terms of Use for the public wireless LAN, which the customer accepts by using the service. Access is provided via a Swisscom login and by logging onto the website of the public wireless LAN hotspots. To explicitly discontinue fee-based usage, it is necessary to log out in the active public wireless LAN status window intended for this purpose. Charges are billed together with Swisscom’s invoice for services.

2.6 Home installation

Swisscom offers the customer the option of commissioning Swisscom (or a third company commissioned by Swisscom) to perform the home installation of the necessary technical infrastructure. The services are based on the latest Terms and Conditions of offer published on www.swisscom.ch.

3. Customer obligations

3.1 Network connection

The provision of Internet services (basic and supplementary services) usually requires the customer to have a Swisscom network connection.

3.2 Installation / home network

Swisscom shall inform the customer if installation by Swisscom is necessary for technical reasons. Separate conditions apply for installation by Swisscom.

In order for services to be delivered, it is the customer’s responsibility to ensure that his/her devices have a power supply.

The customer is responsible for the home network. The customer acknowledges that the configuration of the home network will influence whether the devices connected to the Swisscom network can achieve the maximum transmission speed available.

3.3 For private use only

Internet access is solely for the customer’s own use (Section 3 of GTCs, subsection legally and contractually compliant use). Other than for purely private use, the customer is strictly prohibited from providing publicly-accessible Internet access to third parties by means of WLAN-enabled devices (e.g. routers, access points, WLAN repeaters, WLAN boxes) that are operated or supported by Swisscom. Additional restrictions and conditions due to regulatory requirements are reserved.

In respect of Internet access, it is also unlawful and a breach of contract to provide business services such as website hosting and other services (VPS, download portal etc.) or to resell bandwidth, unless otherwise expressly agreed by Swisscom.

3.4 Services with usage-based billing

For some services, charges are based on usage. With time-based billing, the customer must log off when exiting the Internet to ensure that the Internet access is terminated and no further time-based charges are incurred.
3.5 Protective measures
The customer shall protect the Swisscom devices and his/her own devices from unauthorised access by third parties. Data encryption increases confidentiality and the reliability of information.

3.6 Mass advertising
Consent to mass advertising (Art. 3, Section 1 (o) of the Federal Act on Unfair Competition - UWG): Customers may send mass advertising only to those recipients who have explicitly consented in advance to the receipt of such material. Customers must be able to provide corresponding proof if requested to do so.

4. Data security
Swisscom endeavours to take steps to safeguard the infrastructure and its services (cf. Section 2.2 Internet Guard). However, in particular the following threats to data security exist for the customer when accessing the Internet:
- Posts in newsgroups, forums and chats may be false, falsified and analysed by third parties.
- Third parties may be able to monitor Internet traffic on the World Wide Web (WWW) and obtain user names and passwords.
Customers are advised to install a security and anti-virus programme to protect against viruses, hackers and spyware etc. Swisscom recommends additional options such as Internet Security, which provide a higher level of security than Internet Guard (e.g. when surfing on third-party networks or public hotspots).

5. Devices (router/modem)

5.1 Guarantee
The guarantees provided by Swisscom when a device is purchased are based on the information found on the guarantee certificate or delivery note/sales slip enclosed with the device.

5.2 Devices provided free of charge
When providing devices free of charge, Swisscom reserves the right to supply reconditioned (i.e. not newly manufactured) devices.

5.3 Operating the device
Swisscom may require that customers are only able to access Swisscom devices online through the access provided by Swisscom.

5.4 WLAN key
In order to guarantee optimum WLAN security, Swisscom manages the WLAN key on a central server. When resetting the router/modem, old router software may be replaced by new, more powerful software. This means that a new WPA key, generated with a random algorithm and centrally stored, sometimes replaces the previous, locally stored WLAN key or protects a network that was previously open and unsecured. This method increases security.

6. Duration and termination
The minimum service period for the Internet service is 12 months, provided no longer minimum period is agreed. The parties can also make provision for minimum and extension periods for other services.

The Internet service will be terminated automatically if the customer cancels the pre-required access. Termination of the basic Internet service will result in termination of any supplementary Internet services and any television services provided by Swisscom. If a minimum service or extension period is still running on one of the aforementioned basic or supplementary services, the consequences thereof shall be regulated in the GTCs (especially Sections 7 and 12). Subject to any price adjustments, the pre-required access and the telephony services are not affected by the termination of the Internet service.

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