



PRESS RELEASE

Information on the official language of the CTO

The Czech Telecommunication Office (hereinafter only “the CTO“) has recently met with complaints from some foreign users of electronic communications services, who appeal to the CTO in their mother tongue.

The CTO in this context deems it is necessary to inform on the official language of the CTO.

The legal regulation of the CTO’s official language is contained in Section 135 of the Act No. 127/2005 Coll., on Electronic Communications and on Amendment to certain related Acts (the Electronic Communications Act).

According to Section 135 paragraph 1 of the Act on Electronic Communications proceedings with the CTO shall be conducted in the Czech language. All written submissions shall be submitted in Czech and written evidence, if not in Czech language, must be provided with the authorised translation. In the case of the verbal proceedings, the CTO may admit the presence of an interpreter who is recorded on the List of the Interpreters if the party to the proceedings with the CTO provides the interpreter at its own expenses.

Citizens of the Czech Republic who are members of national and ethnic minorities may, in according to Section 135 paragraph 2 of the Act on Electronic Communications, use their languages with the CTO but must provide an interpreter who is on the List of Interpreters. The expenses for this interpreter shall be paid by the Office. The obligation to provide an interpreter does not apply to citizens whose mother tongue is Slovak language.

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