

Regulation Enacting the National Numbering Plan

A Regulation issued by the
Telecommunications Regulatory Authority

Regulation 4 of 2008

Purpose: To enact the National Numbering Plan.



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Preamble

- 1.1. This Regulation is issued by the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (“TRA”) of the Kingdom of Bahrain pursuant to the provisions of the Telecommunications Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. 48 for the year 2002 (the “Telecommunications Law”).
- 1.2. Section 3(c)12 of the Telecommunications Law assigns to TRA the duty of preparing and maintaining the National Numbering Plan and allocating numbers to licensed operators in accordance with that Plan.
- 1.3. The Regulation formally approves and enacts the National Numbering Plan and establishes the timelines for its implementation.

2. Definitions

Any word, phrase or expression used in this Regulation shall, unless the context requires otherwise or it is expressly defined herein, have the same meaning as in the Telecommunications Law of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

3. Scope

- 3.1. This Regulation applies to all Licensed Operators using or wishing to make use of the national resource of numbers.

4. Approval of the Plan

- 4.1. The National Numbering Plan attached to this Regulation is hereby approved and will be effective from the date of publication of this Regulation in the Official Gazette.
- 4.2. Any National Numbering Plan issued by TRA prior to the date of this Regulation will be repealed and no longer apply from the date of publication of this Regulation in the Official Gazette.

5. Entry into Force and Implementation

- 5.1. The Regulation shall be published on the TRA website upon its date of issue and enter into force on the day of its publication in the Official Gazette.
- 5.2. New number ranges, opened by the National Numbering Plan approved by this Regulation, shall be considered available for

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use and TRA will start accepting applications for these numbers and allocating them after 5 working days from the date of publication of this Regulation on the TRA website. An operator that has been allocated numbers from those ranges will be able to use such numbers upon the entry into force of the Regulation.

- 5.3. Any Licensed Operator which on the day of entry into force of this Regulation uses numbers, formats or dialing arrangements the purpose of which contravenes this Regulation and the National Numbering Plan approved herewith or the use of which contravenes the allocation rules of the National Numbering Plan, shall eliminate any contravention within 6 months of this Regulation coming into force.
- 5.4. All Licensed Operators which on the day of entry into force of this Regulation do not comply with the requirements of clauses 3.2.1.2, 5.31 (last sentence), 5.33, 5.34, 5.36 and 5.38 of the National Numbering Plan, shall ensure such compliance within 6 months of this Regulation coming into force.
- 5.5. The National Numbering Plan shall have full effect from the date of this Regulation coming into force except for the cases covered above in this section.

6. Enforcement and Penalties

- 6.1. This Regulation is issued pursuant to sections 3(c)(1) and 3(c)(12) of the Telecommunications Law.
- 6.2. Licensees that fail to comply with this Regulation and the National Numbering Plan approved herewith will be considered in material breach of the Telecommunications Law and will be subject to action under section 35 of the Law.

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