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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS IN NUMBER ALLOCATION AND ADMINISTRATION REGULATIONS, 2011

In exercise of powers conferred under clause (o) of sub-section (2) of section 5 of the Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organization) Act, 1996, the Authority hereby makes the following regulations, namely;

1. **Short Title and Commencement.** (1) These regulations shall be called the Number Allocation and Administration (Amendment) Regulation, 2012.

(2) These regulations shall come into force from the date of gazette notification.

2. **Amendment in regulation 2, S.R.O 718(I)/2011 of 2011-** In the Number Allocation and Administration Regulations, 2011, at page 2572 of S.R.O 718(I)/2011 of 2011, clause (xxxiii) of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 2 shall be substituted and read as follows:

“Short Code means a non-geographic number which is short in length, easy to remember and dialling which provides quick access to various services to the dialler and may be extended by 1/2/3/ digits”

3. **Amendment in regulation 12, S.R.O 718(I)/2011 of 2011 .-** In the Number Allocation and Administration Regulations, 2011, at page 2572 of S.R.O 718(I)/2011 of 2011, at page 2579, sub-regulation (5) of regulation 12, shall be substituted and read as follows:-

“Common Short Codes”

- (a) The common short codes shall be allocated to class licensees and registration holders subject to provision of service level agreement to be executed with the concerned Access Provider;
- (b) Extension to common short codes may be made upon authorization by the Authority;
- (c) The common short code shall be utilized and managed efficiently”.

4. **Amendment in regulation 19, S.R.O 718(I)/2011 of 2011** .- In the Number Allocation and Administration Regulations, 2011, at page 2572 of S.R.O 718(I)/2011 of 2011, at page 2585, sub-regulation (2) of regulation 19 shall be substituted and read as follows:-

“The fee for number allocations shall be as follows:-

S.No	Number Category	Annual Fee (Rs.)
1.	<i>Six (or higher) digit number for PSTN/ WLL & Mobile Phone Numbers excluding short codes</i>	<i>0.50</i>
2.	<i>Short Codes, Common Short Codes, Carrier Selection Codes, Carrier Access Codes, NSPC, ISPC, SID, Toll Free Numbers, UIN, Premium Rate Service numbers and other special number etc.</i>	<i>5000.00</i>

Explanation:

(a) The maximum amount of charge that shall be imposed on any individual number is Rs.5,000. Following charges shall be applicable in case of Extension of Short codes:-

	Example	Annual Number Fee for Short Code	Annual Number Fee for Extension(s)
4-Digit Short Code Extended by One Digits	8398 x (x=0 to 9)	Rs.5000	Rs.5000x10 (Rs.50,000)
4-Digit Short Code Extended by Two Digits	8398 xx (x=00 to 99)	Rs.5000	Rs.1000x100 (Rs.100,000)
4-Digit Short Code Extended by Three Digits	8398 xxx (x=000 to 999)	Rs.5000	Rs.500x1000 (Rs.500,000)

(b) Payment of Annual Numbering Fee for number allocation shall be made in advance at the time of application. Provided that the annual numbering fee shall not be charged for the numbers allocated for less than six (6) months i.e. number resource allocated between 1 January and 30 June of any year”.

5. **Amendment in regulation 19, S.R.O 718(I)/2011 of 2011.** - In the Number Allocation and Administration Regulations, 2011, at page 2572 of S.R.O 718(I)/2011 of 2011, at page 2586 sub-regulation (4) of regulation 19 shall be substituted and read as follows:-

“The parties shall pay a penalty @ 2% per month or part thereof on the amounts outstanding if the dues are not paid by 31st July each year”

6. **Amendment in regulation 20, S.R.O 718(I)/2011 of 2011 .-** In the Number Allocation and Administration Regulations, 2011, at page 2572 of S.R.O 718(I)/2011 of 2011, at page 2587 clause (d) of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 20 shall be substituted and read as follows:-

“If the dues payable to the Authority on account of annual number allocation fee including penalty, if any, are not cleared within thirty (30) working days from the due date”;