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PART II

Statutory Notifications (S.R.O.)

**Government of Pakistan
PAKISTAN TELECOMMUNICATION AUTHORITY**

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 24th September, 2017

S. R. O. 1193/2017.— In exercise of the powers conferred under clause (o) of sub-section (2) of section 5 of the Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organization) Act 1996, the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority is pleased to make the following regulations:

PART-I

PRELIMINARY

1. **Short Title and Commencement.**—(1) These regulations shall be called as “Subscribers Antecedents Verification (Amendment) Regulations, 2017”.
- (2) They shall come into force from the date of gazette notification.

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2. **Amendment in Regulation 3 , S.R.O. No. 480 (1)2015 of 2015.—**
In the Subscriber Antecedents' Verification Regulations, 2015 at page 2002 of S.R.O. No.480(1)/2015 of 2015, new clauses (t) and (u) shall be inserted and read as follows:

“(t) “POR Card” means Proof of Registration Card issued to Afghan Refugees by NADRA

“(u) “Data-Only SIM(s)” mean SIM(s) used only for data communication and not for voice services”

3. **Amendment in Regulation 4 , S.R.O. No. 480 (1)2015 of 2015.—**
In the Subscriber Antecedents' Verification Regulations, 2015 at page 2004 of S.R.O. No.480(1)/2015 of 2015, sub-regulation (2) of regulation 4 shall be substituted and read as follows:

“(2) The Operator(s) shall ensure verification of Subscriber antecedents at the time of sale of SIM, Change of Ownership, Mobile Number Portability and issuance of Duplicate SIM in the manner prescribed by the Authority from time to time”

4. **Amendment in Regulation 5 , S.R.O. No. 480 (1)2015 of 2015.—**
In the Subscriber 'Antecedents' Verification Regulations, 2015 at page 2005 of S.R.O. No.480(1)/2015 of 2015, sub-regulation (4) of regulation 5 shall be substituted and read as follows:

“(4) Postpaid SIM(s) shall be sold at the customer service centers, franchises and by authorized Operator representatives only”

5. **Amendment in Regulation 7, S.R.O. No. 480 (1)2015 of 2015.—**
In the Subscriber Antecedents' Verification Regulations, 2015 at page 2006 of S.R.O. No.480(1)/2015 of 2015, regulation 7 shall be substituted and read as follows:

“7. Maximum Number of SIM(s) to be issued to individual CNIC holders and foreigners.—Not more than eight (8) SIM(s) shall be sold and activated collectively by Operators against an individual CNIC /foreign ID holder, whether from one or more Operators in the manner prescribed in these Regulations:

Provided that out of the maximum number of SIM (s), three (3) SIM(s) would be “data-only” SIM(s)”

6. **Amendment in Regulation 10, S.R.O. No. 480 (1)2015 of 2015.—**In the Subscriber Antecedents' Verification Regulations, 2015 at page

2007 of S.R.O. No.480(1)/2015 of 2015, regulation 10 shall be substituted and read as follows:

"10. Activation of SIM(s) for Foreign Nationals.—(1) All Operators shall sell and activate SIM(s) to foreign nationals through customer service centers:

Provided that POR card holders may purchase SIM(s) from the Franchisees of the Operator as well.

- (2) All sales to Foreign Nationals including NARA card holders shall be verified through a manual process by the concerned Operator in accordance with procedures laid down by the Authority from time to time.**
- (3) All sales to POR card holders shall be verified in accordance with Regulation 9 above."**

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