

WORKING PAPER

SUBJECT: CONVERSION OF 3-DIGIT SHORT CODE [915] INTO 4-DIGIT SHORT CODE [1915] FOR TRAFFIC POLICE

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1. **INTRODUCTION:**

PTA has exclusive power under section 5(2)(k) of the Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organization) Act, 1996 to develop and allocate numbering series for telecom services. As per Numbering Administration & allocation regulation 2005, short codes are non-geographic numbers starting with digit "1".

2. **EXISTING CODE ALLOCATION & DRAWBACK**

The existing short code "915" was allocated by NTC to Traffic police in Karachi. Based on existing allocation, the same code was allocated to traffic police in Islamabad & Rawalpindi. This short code was allocated from geographic numbering level "9". Due to this a capacity of 1 million geographic numbers was wasted and no more numbering resources can be allocated against '915'.

Furthermore, cellular mobile subscribers have to dial an area code before dialing '915' i.e. 021-915, 051-915 etc.

3. **REQUIREMENT FOR CHANGE IN CODE**

915 is currently active in Islamabad, Rawalpindi, & Karachi. Now traffic police Lahore has also requested for short code and in future this code could be used by traffic police departments of other cities in Pakistan. Therefore, there is a need to change the existing number '915' as per the guidelines in Numbering Administration & allocation regulations 2005 to avoid any problems in the future.

TRAFFIC POLICE OLD CODE	TRAFFIC POLICE NEW CODE
915	1915

- Both old & new codes shall run in parallel for a period of six months.
- From 1st December 2008, only new code "1915" will be dialable.
- This change will enable cellular mobile subscribers to dial short code '1915' without dialing an area code.

4. **ADVANTAGES:**

- The numbering capacity of 1 million will be available against 915 for future geographic number allocation
- Only digit '1' is added in the existing short code to minimize alteration in the already allocated code.
- This alternation will enable general public to dial non-geographic code '1 915' without dialing an area code.