



هيئة تنظيم الاتصالات  
Telecommunications Regulatory Authority  
Kingdom of Bahrain - مملكة البحرين

## **Regulation Promulgating the National Numbering Plan**

A Regulation issued by the  
Telecommunications regulatory Authority

## **Preamble**

- 1.1 This Regulation is issued by the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (“the Authority”) 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 Article 3(c)12 of the Telecommunications Law assigns to the Authority the duty of preparing and maintaining the National Numbering Plan and assigning numbers to licensed operators in accordance with that plan.
- 1.3 The Regulation formally approves and promulgates the National Numbering Plan and establishes the timelines for its implementation.

## **2. Definitions**

- 2.1 Any word, phrase or expression used in this Regulation shall, unless the context otherwise requires or unless expressly defined herein, have the same meaning given to it in the Telecommunications Law.

## **3. Scope**

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

## **4. Entry into force**

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- 4.2 Any National Numbering Plan issued by TRA prior to the date of this Regulation will be repealed and no longer apply from the day following the date of publication of this Regulation in the Official Gazette.

## **5. Derogation**

- 5.1 The Regulation shall be published on the Authority’s website.
- 5.2 Any Licensed Operator which on the day of entry into force of this Regulation uses messaging/SMS short codes in contravention of this Regulation shall be granted a grace period of 12 months to comply with the provisions of this Regulation insofar as this relates exclusively to messaging/SMS short codes.
- 5.3 Licensed Operators shall provide such information as the Authority may require to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Telecommunications Law or any other applicable legal instrument through such means (including electronic means) as the Authority may determine from time to time.
- 5.4 The Assignment Fee (as specified in the Schedule of Fees) applicable in respect of 3-digit Short Codes shall become payable following a period of 6 months from date of entry of this Regulation coming into force.

## **6. Enforcement and Penalties**

6.1 This Regulation is issued pursuant to Articles 3(c) (1) and 3(c)(12) of the Telecommunications Law.

6.2 1 Any breach of this Regulation by a licensed operator will be perceived as a severe breach of its Licences and the provisions of the Telecommunications Law.

6.3 Without prejudice to the Authority's powers provided for in the Telecommunications Law, the Authority may take the following measures in respect of any person who infringes any provision of this Regulation:

(a) the imposition of an appropriate fine in accordance with the provisions of Article 35 of the Telecommunications Law; and

(b) order the cessation of any act or omission which constitutes such infringement.

6.4 6The Authority may, when taking any measure to ensure compliance with the Regulation, give such publicity, as it may consider appropriate in the circumstances.

**The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority's Board of Directors**