

**Resolution No. (3) of 2012**  
**Promulgating the Regulation on Wholesale International**  
**Inbound Telecommunications Services**

**TRA's Board of Directors:**

After perusal of:

The Telecommunications Law promulgated by Legislative Decree No. (48) of 2002, in particular Articles (3) and (57) thereof,

Decree No. (47) of 2008 with respect to the Re-formation of TRA's Board of Directors, as amended by Decree No. (56) of 2011,

And on the basis of the proposal submitted by TRA's General Director,

And after the approval of TRA's Board of Directors,

The following is decided:

**Article (1)**

The provisions of the Regulation on Wholesale International Inbound Telecommunications Services attached to this Resolution, shall apply.

**Article (2)**

This Resolution and the Regulation attached thereto, shall be published in the Official Gazette which shall take effect after ten days from the date of its publication.

**Chairman of TRA's Board of Directors**  
**Dr. Mohammed Ahmed Al Amer**

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## **Regulation**

### **Article 1**

#### **Definitions**

For the purposes of this Regulation, any word or expression shall have the meaning given to it in the Telecommunications Law and the following terms and expressions shall have the following meanings, unless the context otherwise requires:

**“Fixed Subscriber”** means a User on a fixed Telecommunications Network in the Kingdom of Bahrain to whom an international telephone call is made.

**“Licensed Operator”** means an operator holding an International Telecommunications Services Licence granted by the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority of the Kingdom of Bahrain who provides a Wholesale Inbound Service.

**“Mobile Subscriber”** means a User on a mobile Telecommunications Network in the Kingdom of Bahrain to whom an international telephone call is made.

**“Wholesale Inbound Service”** means an international conveyance and termination Telecommunications service provided by a Licensed Operator for the purpose of the conveyance and termination of an international telephone call originating from a country outside of the Kingdom of Bahrain to a Fixed Subscriber or Mobile Subscriber in the Kingdom of Bahrain.

### **Article 2**

#### **Scope**

This Regulation applies to all Licensed Operators providing Wholesale Inbound Services.

### **Article 3**

#### **Price Floor for Wholesale Inbound Services**

- (a) All Licensed Operators providing Wholesale Inbound Services to foreign operators are subject to a price floor in article 3(b) of this Regulation.
- (b) The price floor for Wholesale Inbound Services supplied by Licensed Operators to foreign operators is set at the following:
  - 1. 12 fils per minute for calls to Fixed Subscribers; and
  - 2. 22 fils per minute for calls to Mobile Subscribers.
- (c) The price floor may be subject to review and subsequent adjustment.

### **Article 4**

#### **Penalties**

The measures and sanctions provided for in the Telecommunications Law shall apply to every Licensed Operator violating the provisions of this Regulation.