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**IN EXERCISE** of the powers conferred by section 72 of the Telecommunications Act 2001, the Minister makes the following Regulations:

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS (NUMBERING) REGULATIONS, 2008**

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| 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Telecommunications (Numbering) Regulations 2008.       | <b>Citation</b>       |
| 2. These Regulations shall come into operation on the date of their publication in the Gazette. | <b>Commencement</b>   |
| 3. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:                                 | <b>Interpretation</b> |
- “Act” means the Telecommunications Act, 2001;
- “allocation” means the setting aside of blocks of numbers for the purpose of assigning selected blocks of numbers to providers of telecommunications services;
- “Commission” means the National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission established by section 6 of the Act;
- “data storage device” means any article or material, for example a disc, from which information is capable of being reproduced;
- “national numbering plan” means the plan established under section 50 of the Act;
- “Register” means the Telecommunications Numbering System Register established under regulation 5;
- “telecommunications number” means the number, sign or other mark which a telecommunications provider in its delivery of telecommunications services uses for identification of telecommunications facilities in order to connect between the place of transmission and the place of reception, or for

(6) A person may request a copy to be provided in electronic form and the Commission may provide the information:

- (a) on a data storage device; or
- (b) by way of electronic transmission.

6. A telecommunications provider shall be required to use telecommunications numbers as allocated by the Commission and in accordance with the national numbering plan and shall ensure that telecommunications numbers are:

**Obligations of a telecommunications provider**

- (a) utilized efficiently;
- (b) limited to provision of telecommunications services;
- (c) utilized in a manner that telecommunications facilities or services may be identified;
- (d) utilized and paid for, as required by the Act, in accordance with the procedures for assignment of telecommunications numbers.

7. Where an application is submitted and the Commission determines that, based on the national numbering plan, the telecommunications numbers required for provision of telecommunications services in the application are available, and upon payment of the requisite fee, the Commission shall assign the telecommunications numbers with or without conditions.

**Assignment of telecommunications numbers**

8. (1) Notwithstanding regulation 3 of the Telecommunications (Fees) Regulations, numbering fees shall be payable in accordance with the provisions set out in the Schedule.

**Fees**

(2) The numbering fees payments shall be as follows:

- (a) an application fee payable on the making of an application;
- (b) an initial fee payable on the allocation of a code or a block of codes; and
- (c) an annual fee payable on the first day of November of each year for each code or block of codes allocated to an operator.

9. (1) Where a telecommunications provider fails to use a telecommunications number assigned to it by the Commission or fails to pay requisite fees, it shall be required to submit to the Commission reasons for the failure.

**Failure to use telecommunications number**

**SCHEDULE**

(regulation 5)

- (a) Fees for obtaining copies or extracts of the National Telecommunications Numbering Register

<b>Medium</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Hard copy	\$50 (entire Register) \$2.00 (per page)
Data storage device	\$100
Electronic Transmission	Free

(regulation 8)

- (b) Fees for the use of numbers

	<b>Application</b>	<b>Initial</b>	<b>Annual</b>
Central Office Codes (Block of 10,000 numbers)	\$150	\$220	\$410
Short Codes (Block of 10 codes)	\$100	\$575	\$1060

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