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## Mobile Telecommunications Apparatus – International Mobile Equipment Identity Numbers

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**1. Definitions**

The terms, words, and phrases used in these Regulations shall have the same meaning as are ascribed to them in the Telecommunications Law unless these Regulations expressly provides for otherwise, or the context in which those terms, words and phrases are used in these Regulations requires otherwise. For the purposes of these Regulations, the following terms and words shall have the meanings ascribed to them below:

- 1.1 IMEI Number** means International Mobile Equipment Identity Number, or the number which uniquely identifies an individual piece of Mobile Telecommunications Apparatus;
- 1.2 Telecommunications Law** means the Federal Law by Decree No 3 of 2003 Regarding the Organisation of the Telecommunications Sector, as amended;
- 1.3 Mobile Telecommunications Apparatus** means any mobile apparatus made or adapted for use in transmitting, receiving or conveying any of the Telecommunications Services through a Telecommunications Network, including all individual mobile handsets; and
- 1.4 Manufacturer** means a Mobile Telecommunications Apparatus manufacturer using IMEI Numbers allocated from an authorized entity such as the GSM Association.

**2. Legal Reference**

- 2.1** Article 14(7) of the Telecommunications Law grants the Authority the authority to issue regulations with respect to “importing, manufacturing, using and managing Telecommunications Apparatus...”
- 2.2** Article 42 of the Telecommunications Law provides that the Authority has the “exclusive competence in issuing all authorizations and approvals in relation to Telecommunications Apparatus comprised in or intended for use in connection with a Telecommunications Network . . .”



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- 2.3** Article 42 of the Telecommunications Law further provides that “No person shall . . . sell, [or] offer for sale . . . any Telecommunications Apparatus which has not been approved by the Authority.”
- 2.4** Article 74(1) of the Telecommunications Law provides that a person shall be penalized with a fine of not less than AED50,000 and not more than AED1,000,000 , “if that person: 1- manufacturers, supplies or offers any Telecommunications Apparatus to be used in the State and which does not comply with the regulations. . . . issued by the Authority...”

**3. Scope**

These Regulations apply to all Mobile Telecommunications Apparatus, and to all those who import, manufacture, manage, supply, offer for sale or sell any Mobile Telecommunications Apparatus in the State.

**4. The Regulations**

- 4.1** The IMEI Numbers of Mobile Telecommunications Apparatus may not be altered in any way, except where altered by the Manufacturer or with the written consent of the Manufacturer of the Mobile Telecommunications Apparatus.
- 4.2** Mobile Telecommunications Apparatus for which the IMEI Numbers have been altered in any way may not be imported, manufactured, managed, supplied, sold or offered for sale in the State.
- 4.3** Article 4.2 above shall not apply if the IMEI Numbers of the Mobile Telecommunications Apparatus have been altered by the Manufacturer or with the written consent of the Manufacturer of the Mobile Telecommunications Apparatus.
- 4.4** For the avoidance of doubt, any person:
- 4.4.1 importing, manufacturing, managing, supplying, offering for sale or selling a Mobile Telecommunications Apparatus in the State for which the IMEI numbers have been altered without the consent of the Manufacturer ; or



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4.4.2 altering the IMEI Numbers of a Mobile Telecommunications Apparatus, except where that person is the Manufacturer of the Mobile Telecommunications Apparatus or is acting with the written consent of the Manufacturer of the Mobile Telecommunications Apparatus, shall be in breach of these Regulations.

**5. Effective Date**

These Regulations shall be effective upon the date of its issuance.

**6. Modification of Obligations**

The Authority may, at its sole discretion, amend these Regulations at any time.