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INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA

GENERAL NOTICE: A CALL FOR NUMBER AUDIT

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("the Authority") hereby gives notice that it requires licensees to provide the numbering data to the Authority for an audit process prescribed in terms of regulation 19 of the Numbering Plan Regulations published in the Government Gazette No. 28839, dated 15 May 2006.

1. A copy of the Audit return format is available on the Authority's website (www.icasa.org.za) and in the ICASA Library at 164 Katherine Street, Pinmill Farm, First Floor, Block D between 10h00 and 16h30, on working days only.
2. Licensees are required to submit their numbering data, **no later than 16h30 on 31 March annually.** However, for the initial audit to be carried out in 2009, the deadline of **04 August 2009** will apply.
3. The purpose of the Number Audit is to conduct an Audit of telecommunications Numbering as defined in terms of the Numbering Plan Regulations published in the Government Gazette No. 28839 dated 15 May 2006. The objective is to establish the optimal utilisation of numbers within the framework of the Numbering Plan Regulations.
4. The Authority will initiate the Audit Process by providing electronic copies of the Numbering Plan Records and the Audit Return Forms together with a list description of the files to licensees.
5. In order to assist the Authority in carrying out the Number Audit process, the submission of the audit data by licensees must be as per format outlined in the schedule hereunder.
6. The date of the numbering data to be submitted to the Authority must not be older than four months of the submission date.
7. The Authority may conduct an independent audit of the numbering data submitted by licensees.

SCHEDULE

8. Audit Return Format

8.1 Submission format

The Excel spreadsheet format/ examples contained in this report must be used by the Licensed Operators to ensure uniformity of returns. The Audit return must be submitted to the Authority as an electronic Excel file, either as an email attachment or as a CD confirmed by hard copy. **It is not feasible to tailor a form specific to each licensee's internal systems therefore, it will be necessary for licensees to supply supporting information where necessary.**

9. Allocated Blocks, in use

Licensees must submit to the Authority, the following for each Allocation:

- a. The current use of the allocation; e.g. Geographic;
- b. The utilisation percentage of numbers that have been Allocated to end Users in use or ported out;
- c. Percentage (%) of Numbers not in use but not available for allocation e.g. numbers used for Network purposes; and
- d. Numbers remaining for future use. This column includes Mobile numbers embedded on Subscriber Identity Modules (SIM's) in the distribution channel which will eventually become part of the Operator's usable stock

Example:-

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
ONN	Following digits of Allocation	Block size (K)	Current Use	% Utilisation of Numbers Allocated to End Users in use or ported out	% of Numbers not in use but not available for allocation	Numbers available for future use

8. Individual numbers

Where numbers are allocated on an individual basis, a return for each number is required; the objective is to confirm service status of the number.

Example:-

Individual Number	In service?	Justification for retaining a number that is not yet in service
0800 XXX XXX	yes	
0800 YYY YYY	No	e.g. Implementation delayed, now planned for DD/MM/YY

9. Reserved blocks

Where the assignment of numbers has been reserved for an organisation, the justification for continuing reservation of the intended assignment of numbers, in terms of the Numbering Plan Regulations, is required.

Example:-

1	2	3	4
ONN	Following digits of Allocation	Block size (K)	Justification for continued Reservation

10. Rolling Forecast

Forecasts of the best estimates of number demand within significant ranges specified by the numbering plan. Enter number of blocks or individual numbers as appropriate.

Example:-

Use	Market Forecast Year 1	Market Forecast Year 2	Market Forecast Year 3
Ranges defined for Mobile Cellular Services			
Range 086			
Range 087			
Range 088			

11. Short Codes

Confirmation is required that the Short Codes status listed in the Numbering Plan Records is still current and correct. Report is required only on short codes which list Government Services such as Emergency and Information or the ones listed below. **No return is required for Short Codes which are still subject to review.**

Short Code	Status	Operator	Use
10600	Reserved	Withheld	To be announced
112	Allocated	All (Mandatory)	Public Emergency call
18200	Free	Not Allocated	To be announced
105	Free	Not Allocated	To be announced
106	Free	Not Allocated	To be announced
115	Free	Not Allocated	To be announced
127	Free	Not Allocated	To be announced
128	Free	Not Allocated	To be announced
132	Free	Not Allocated	To be announced
136	Free	Not Allocated	To be announced
137	Free	Not Allocated	To be announced

145	Free	Not Allocated	To be announced
153	Free	Not Allocated	To be announced
154	Free	Not Allocated	To be announced
159	Free	Not Allocated	To be announced
166	Free	Not Allocated	To be announced
174	Free	Not Allocated	To be announced
175	Free	Not Allocated	To be announced
181	Free	Not Allocated	To be announced
183	Free	Not Allocated	To be announced
184	Free	Not Allocated	To be announced
185	Free	Not Allocated	To be announced
189	Free	Not Allocated	To be announced
