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1. Introduction

Based on the Communications and Information Technology Act (the "Act") enacted by Royal Decree No. (M/106) dated 02/11/1443 AH, and its Bylaw (the "Bylaw"), and in accordance with the statutes of the Communications, Space, and Technology Commission (the "CST"); and giving due consideration to the needs and regulation of the information and communication technology (ICT) markets in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (the "Kingdom"); the Commission is the authority responsible for issuing licenses for telecommunications and information technology equipment in the Kingdom. This includes enhancing access to advanced telecommunications and information technology services at reasonable prices across all regions of the Kingdom. The Commission has issued this document with the aim of regulating Special Telecommunication Devices, including: devices for Desert Attendees, marine devices, Emergency Beacons, and amateur radio devices.

2. Definitions

The terms and expressions defined in the Telecommunications Act, the Telecom Act Bylaw, its implementing regulations, and other regulatory documents of the Communications, Space, and Technology Commission shall retain the same meanings wherever mentioned in these Regulations. Furthermore, the words and expressions used herein shall have the meanings assigned to them as follows:

- 2-1 Kingdom: Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- 2-2 CST: Communications, Space, and Technology Commission.
- **2-3 Infrastructure Managed Service Provider:** The telecommunications service provider that establishes, owns and operates the public telecommunications network.
- **2-4 Equipment**: Wired and wireless equipment, sensitive equipment for wireless broadcasting, devices and equipment that cause interconnection or interference, any equipment, device, product, tool, machine or any other object that is connected to the telecommunications network or its use may impact the technical ability to provide telecommunications services.
- **2-5 Equipment Licensing**: Verification of the conformity of telecommunications and IT equipment to the technical specifications issued by CST; along with meeting any other requirements determined by CST.
- 2-6 User: Natural or legal person who uses telecommunications and IT equipment.
- **2-7 Manufacturer:** Every natural or legal person who manufactures telecommunications and IT equipment entrusts their designing, or manufacturing to another natural or legal person, then markets them under his name or trademark.

- **2-8 Importer**: Natural or legal person who imports telecommunications and IT equipment from outside the Kingdom to one of its markets.
- **2-9 Distributor**: Every natural or legal person in the supply chain other than the Manufacturer or Importer, who offers the product in market.
- **2-11 Special Telecommunication Devices Registrar**: The party that imports and/or sells and provides services of registration of wireless equipment set out in Appendix 1, and that is approved by CST as approved Special Telecommunication Devices Registrar as described in "Regulations for Special Telecommunication Devices Registrars".
- 2-12 Special Telecommunication Devices Registration Card: A card issued for specific types of special telecommunication devices described in Appendix 1, and that its usage is licensed by CST. This card includes controls of use, equipment's data such as model number, equipment's serial number and supplier. This card is used by equipment user to prove equipment's ownership and conformity to the technical specifications.

3. Scope of the Regulations for Special Telecommunication Devices Registrars

These Regulations aims to clarify the categories of registrars, the stages of registration, and the requirements for their accreditation to provide commercial registration services for radio equipment to users who meet the requirements for using this equipment in the Kingdom in accordance with the relevant regulations. The CST has the right to define the range of equipment that require registration, which are described in Appendix 1.

4. Categories of Special Telecommunication Devices Registrars

Entities seeking the CST approval to provide commercial registration services for radio equipment, have the right to choose the category they seek to obtain according to the powers and requirements described below:

4-1 Category A

- 4-1-2 Provide registration services for at least four (4) types of the Special Telecommunication Devices described in Appendix 1.
- 4-1-3 Import at least four (4) types of the Special Telecommunication Devices described in Appendix 1.
- 4-1-4 Distribution of the Special Telecommunication Devices licensed by the CST to other Special Telecommunication Devices registrars accredited by the CST.

4-1-5 Provide registration services for more than one device to the user, provided that the maximum permissible limit for each type of Special Telecommunication Devices is not exceeded as described in the "Regulations for Special Telecommunication Devices".

4-2 Category B

- 4-2-1 Provide registration services for at least three (3) types of the Special Telecommunication Devices described in Appendix 1.
- 4-2-2 Import at least three (3) types of the Special Telecommunication Devices described in Appendix 1.
- 4-2-3 Provide registration services for only two (2) equipment to the user for Special Telecommunication Devices as described in the "Regulations for Special telecommunication Devices".

4-3 Category C

- 4-3-1 Provide registration services for at least two (2) types of Special radio equipment described in Appendix 1.
- 4-3-2 Provide registration services for only one equipment to the user for each type of Special Telecommunication Devices as described in the "Regulations for Special Telecommunication Devices".

	Privilegs Granted to Registrars by Category				
Categories	Importing Equipment	Registering Equipment	Distributing Equipment	Min. for Imported Equipment	Max. for Registration per User
Category "A"	Import at least four (4) types of the radio equipment described in Appendix 1. ✓ Desert Attendees Radio and ancillary equipment (Barary) ✓ Emergency Beacons Equipment ✓ Automatic Identification System (AIS) Equipment ✓ VHF Maritime and Ancillary Equipment ✓ Amateur Radio and Ancillary Equipment	Provide registration services for radio equipment	Distribute imported Special Telecommunication Devices to other Special Telecommunication Devices registrars accredited by the CST	4 Types	Based on the maximum equipment allowed per each user as described in the "Regulations for Special Telecommunicati on Devices".
Category "B"	Import at least three (3) types of the radio equipment described in Appendix 1. ✓ Desert Attendees Radio and ancillary equipment (Barary) ✓ Emergency Beacons Equipment ✓ Automatic Identification System (AIS) Equipment ✓ VHF Maritime and Ancillary Equipment ✓ Amateur Radio and Ancillary Equipment	Provide registration services for radio equipment	N/A	3 Types	2 equipment per user
Category "C"	N/A	Provide wireless device registration services	N/A	2 Types	1 equipment per user

5. Accreditation Stages for Special Telecommunication Devices Registrars

5-1 Special Telecommunication Devices registrars are accredited in three main stages, as described in the table below:

1. Registration Stage	2. Evaluation & Accreditation Stage	3. Monitoring Stage	
	Evaluate the qualified		
Register on the e-portal for	registrars, verify the selected	Monitor the registrars and	
providing Special	category by referring to the	verify their compliance with the	
Telecommunication Devices	categories described in Article	regulations issued by the CST	
registration services and	Two (2) above, and verify that	regarding the providing Special	
submit an e-request via the CST	they meet all the requirements	Telecommunication Devices	
website: <u>www.cst.gov.sa</u> .	mentioned in Article Four (4)	registration services.	
	below.		

5-2 The CST reserves the right to reject or cancel the registration application if it determines that any of the information provided by the entity is incorrect or incomplete, or if the entity is found to be non-compliant with the relevant CST regulations, or for any other reason deemed appropriate by the CST.

6. Accreditation Requirements for Special Telecommunication Devices Registrars

An establishment seeking the CST approval to provide Special Telecommunication Devices registration services must meet the following requirements:

- 6-1 Submit an e-request to obtain the CST approval in order to provide registration services for Special Telecommunication Devices via the CST website (www.CST.gov.sa).
- 6-2 Obtain a valid commercial register, which includes an activity related to selling and importing communications and information technology equipment.
- 6-3 Determine the category to be obtained as described in Article (4) above, and the types of equipment to provided registration services for.
- 6-4 Attach the national ID of the CEO of the establishment.

- 6-5 Provide information about the company outlets, including branch locations, indicating the names of the region, the city, the neighborhood, the streets and the nearby facilities as well as the coordinates and any e-sales platforms of the company.
- 6-6 Provide accurate information about establishment locations where the equipment is to be stored, indicating the names of the region, the city, the neighborhood, the streets as well as the nearby facilities and the coordinates.
- 6-7 Provide data from the General Organization for Social Insurance (GOSI) about the establishment describing the number of company employees in the field of communications.
- 6-8 Provide the contact details of the call center for receiving, processing and responding to complaints, inquiries and requests submitted by users.
- 6-9 Give a detailed presentation that includes the following:
 - 6-9-1 A list of the types and models of the equipment to be marketed and to be provided the registration services, in addition to detailed information about the equipment and their manufacturers.
 - 6-9-2 The mechanism for providing registration services to the end user.
 - 6-9-3 Technical support services provided for users.

Appendix 1 - Special Radio Equipment Requiring Registration

Sr. No.	Type of	SPEC No.	Min. Permissible Limit for Equipment in the Registration Service	
1	Desert Attendees Radio Equipment (Barary)	أجهزة لاسلكية لمرتادي البر "براري"	RI059	100
2	Emergency Beacons Equipment	أجهزة استغاثة الطوارئ	RI096	20
3	Automatic Identification System (AIS) Equipment	أجهزة نظام التعريف الآلي (AIS)	RI111	100
4	VHF Maritime and Ancillary Equipment	أجهزة الراديو البحرية بنطاق الترددات العالية جدا (VHF) وملحقاتها	RI112	100
5	Amateur Radio Equipment	أجهزة لاسلكي الهواة	RIO21	N/A

