

Public consultation
on
Rules and Conditions for MVNO Services and IoT-VNO
Services Provision

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1) Introduction

The Communications and Information Technology Commission (“CITC”) is the entity authorized to regulate the Information and Communications Technology (“ICT”) sector in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (“KSA”). The Telecommunications Act (the “Act”), enacted on 12/03/1422H (04/06/2001G), provides the legislative foundation for developing and regulating the sector. The CITC Ordinance, effective 12/03/1422H (03/06/2001G), created CITC and defines its functions, governance and financing. The Telecommunications Bylaw (the “Bylaw”), effective 17/05/1423H (27/07/2002G), provides for the regulation of the ICT sector by CITC in the KSA.

Based on the provisions of the Act, the Bylaw and the Ordinance, CITC has the power to encourage reliance on market forces for the provision of telecommunication services, investment in telecommunication services and their infrastructure, the provision of reliable telecommunications services at affordable prices and high quality in all districts of the Kingdom and to work on “creating a suitable environment for fair and active competition and encourage the same in all areas of information and communication technology (ICT)”.

Accordingly, and stemming from the above CITC's tasks, CITC has prepared this Request for Public Consultation soliciting opinions of the stakeholders on the attached draft “Rules and Conditions for MVNO Services and IoT-VNO Services Provision” document (the “Rules and Conditions”), in accordance with the CITC Statutes.

The draft Rules and Conditions outline the CITC’s proposed regulatory arrangements relating to MVNO service provision, and licensing arrangements aimed at facilitating both MVNO services and network connectivity IoT-VNO service provision. The Rules and Conditions generally update the existing conditions for the provision of MVNO and IoT-VNO services, in light of market evolution and experience gained in the Kingdom and elsewhere.

2) Purpose of Public Consultation

The aim of this Public Consultation process is to provide an opportunity to the parties concerned to send their comments on the proposed Rules and Conditions, for CITC’s consideration in the preparation of any appropriate follow up. Accordingly, CITC hereby invites any interested parties to participate in this public consultation.

3) Providing Comments

3-1 This Public Consultation is available on the CITC website (<http://www.citc.gov.sa>). Participants wishing to present their comments on this Public Consultation must submit their comments in writing and deliver the same to CITC no later than 12/7/1439 H corresponding to 29/3/2018G.

3-2 Comments filed in relation to this Public Consultation must be submitted to one or more of the following addresses:

- a) By email to (mvno_reg@citc.gov.sa);
- b) By hand delivery (a softcopy and a hardcopy) or by post to the following address:

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Communications & Information Technology Commission (CITC)
Al-Nakheel Quarter, Prince Turki Bin Abdul Aziz I and Imam Saud Bin
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P.O. Box 75606
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4) Method of Submission of Comments

- 4-1 CITC hereby invites all interested participants to submit their comments to the numbered articles in the attached “Rules and Conditions for MVNO Services and IoT-VNO Services Provision” using the attached Form.
- 4-2 CITC may publish comments submitted by the Participants concerning this document on its website. Generally, CITC will not treat the statement of opinion on responses to this document as confidential.

Attachment: Draft “Rules and Conditions for MVNO Services and IoT-VNO Services Provision” document

