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Decision No. 81/2007 determining Fees of Telecommunications Numbers

Pursuant to the Telecommunications Regulatory Act issued by the Royal Decree No. 30/2002 and;

The Decision No. 4/2005 on the determination of fees of telecommunications numbers and;

The approval of the Ministry of Finance conveyed by its letter No. Finance-T(11877)/MTD/6/3/11894 and;

Based on the exigencies of the public interest;

It is decided:

Article 1: In the application of the provisions of this Decision, Words and expressions set forth shall have the same meanings as in the Telecommunications Regulatory Act referred to, and the following words and expressions shall have the meanings set forth against each of them unless the context requires otherwise:

1. **Public Communications Numbers:** Composed of 8 digits and used for Public and Mobile.
2. **Unique Public Communications Numbers:** Composed of 8 digits and are of two types:
 - a. Prime-value numbers starting with (900).
 - b. Free-Toll numbers starting with (800).
3. **Short Public Communications Numbers:** Not less than 4 digits and not exceeding 7 digits.
4. **Private Numbers:** Mobile Public Communications Numbers including Diamond, Gold and Silver numbers.
5. **Diamond Numbers:** are of 5 types:
 - A. Numbers containing same digit repeated consecutive at least five times.
 - B. Numbers containing same 2 digit combination repeated 4 times.
 - C. Numbers containing same digit consecutive 4 times at end between 2 same digits.
 - D. Numbers containing same digit consecutive 4 times at end or next to end and a digit repeated consecutive 2 times.
 - E. Numbers containing same 2 digit combination repeated consecutive 3 times.
6. **Gold Numbers:** are of 7 types:
 - a. Numbers containing same digit consecutive at least 5 times at end or next to end and a different digit separates the 1st and 2nd or 3rd and 4th repetition.

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- b. Numbers containing same digit consecutive 4 times at end or next to end.
- c. Numbers containing same digit consecutive 4 times between 2 same digits after the 1st digit.
- d. Numbers containing 2 digits each repeated 3 consecutive times and the repetition is separated by another different digit.
- e. Numbers containing first 4 and last 4 digits are the same.
- f. Numbers containing same 2 digit combination repeated 3 times at the end of number or a combination of 2 digits repeated twice and the repetition is separated by another combination.
- g. Numbers containing ascending order of at least six consecutive digits.

7. Silver Numbers: are of 7 types:

- a. Numbers containing same digit consecutive 4 times after the 1st or 2nd digit.
- b. Numbers containing a combination of 3 digits repeated twice at end of number, either consecutively or separated by a different digit.
- c. Numbers containing same digit consecutive 4 times at end or next to end and a different digit separates the 1st and 2nd or 3rd and 4th repetition.
- d. Numbers containing same digit consecutive 3 times at end or next to end or same digit repeated consecutive twice and a different digit may separate the repetition.
- e. Numbers containing same digit consecutive 3 times between 2 same digits at end or next to end.
- f. Numbers containing 3 combinations of 2 digits.
- g. Numbers containing descending order of at least six consecutive digits.

Article 2: The Authority shall charge the following fees for allocation and re-allocation of communications numbers:

A. Allocation of Public Communications Numbers:

25 Baisa for each number upon allocation or re-allocation.

B. Allocation of Unique Public Communications Numbers:

25 Omani Rial for each number upon allocation or re-allocation.

C. Allocation of Short Public Communications Numbers:

250 Omani Rial for each number upon allocation or re-allocation.

Article 3: The Authority shall charge 60% of the allocation fees set out in Article 2 for reservation of communications numbers. The reservation period shall be for three months.

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Article 4: Notwithstanding the fees prescribed under Article 2 of this Resolution, the authority shall charge additional fees upon allocating a special number to the beneficiary as follows:

- a. RO 100 for each diamond number.
- b. RO 75 for each golden number.
- c. RO 50 for each silver number.

Article 5: Number fees shall be payable in advance upon allocation, and not later than 1st of January each year upon re-allocation.

Article 6: The Licensee shall provide a list of the special numbers allocated to beneficiaries within the last week of every month and shall pay the fees set forth in this Decision.

Article 7: User of the special number may relinquish it to another user against payment of the fees set out under Article 4 of this Decision.

Article 8: With the exception of the fees set out under Article 3, the Licensee may return the numbers allocated to him during the allocation period. In this case, the remaining fee for the remaining period of the year shall be recovered at quarter of each full 3 months.

Article 9:

- a. The penalty for delay in payment of re-allocation fees shall be 10% of the outstanding fee for each month. In case of part of a month, the penalty shall be calculated proportionately based on the period of delay to a month.
- b. The penalty for delay in depositing the amounts of additional fees of special numbers or any part thereof shall be 10% of the delayed fee for each month. In case of part of a month, the penalty shall be calculated proportionately based on the period of delay to the month.

Article 10: The numbers allocated by the Authority are regarded as public property.

Article 11: All legal provisions contravening this Decision shall be repealed. Decision No. 4/2005 referred to shall also be repealed.

Article 12: This Decision shall be published in the Gazette and shall come into force from the date following its publication.

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