
GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 182 OF 2012**INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA****NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INCORPORATE FURTHER PROVISIONS TO THE DRAFT NUMBERING PLAN REGULATIONS**

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("The Authority") hereby gives notice and invites interested parties to submit written comments on the proposed incorporation of the provisions to the draft numbering plan regulations referred to hereunder by no later than **18 April 2012**, by post, hand delivery, facsimile or e-mail for the attention of:

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The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa ("the Authority") developed draft numbering plan regulation which was published in Government Gazette No: 33269 of 2010 followed by public hearings held on 17-18 August 2010;

The Authority, whilst working on finalising the numbering plan regulation, realised that it had inadvertently omitted to incorporate in the draft regulation provisions that are critically important to the numbering plan regulations;

The Authority is wary of the fundamental principle of reasonable and fair administrative action and had decided to afford the interested parties to comment and submit written representations on the proposed provisions to the numbering plan regulations enumerated hereunder:

1. The Authority hereby gives notice to include the following clauses in the Numbering Plan Regulations:
 - 1.1. *"Within two (2) years after these Regulations come into force all numbers used for machine related services must have been migrated to the machine related numbers. All new allocations of machine to machine numbers will be made within the defined dedicated number ranges from the date on which these regulations come into force".*
 - 1.2. *"The Authority reserves the right to declare certain non-geographic number ranges or sub-ranges for individual number allocations as it deems fit".*
2. Reasons for the Authority's intentions to include the above clauses in the numbering plan regulations
 - 2.1. The two (2) year transitional clause with regard to machine to machine related numbers (as per 1.1 above):
 - 2.1.1. The draft regulations make provision for machine related services to be classified in the 096 to 098 number ranges. However there are no provisions made to ensure smooth transition and migration of the existing machine to machine numbers to the specified number ranges.
 - 2.1.2. The 2 year period is intended to grant licensed operators the opportunity to adjust their operations accordingly. Therefore the insertion of the transitional clause in the draft regulations is to ensure that all machine to machine numbers will be located and allocated within the dedicated ranges (096 – 098 number ranges) over a stipulated timeframe. This is in line with the objectives of the national numbering plan which among others is to promote effective and efficient allocation and usage of numbering resources.

2.2. Individual number allocations (as per 1.2 above).

- 2.2.1. Markets developments have proven that it is possible for operators to perform the single digit analysis of the 10 digit number during call setup on their switches. As a result there has been growing demand from licensed operators for individual number allocations in some non-geographic number ranges such as the 080, 086 0 and 086 1 number ranges.
- 2.2.2. The above practice has been welcomed by the Authority as it promotes effective use the numbering resources.
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