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**INDEPENDENT COMMUNICATIONS AUTHORITY OF SOUTH AFRICA****NOTICE 2033 OF 2023**

**AMENDMENT OF THE NUMBERING PLAN REGULATIONS, 2016 IN TERMS OF  
SECTION 68 READ WITH SECTION 4 OF THE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS  
ACT, 2005 (ACT NO. 36 OF 2005)**

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa hereby amends the Number Plan Regulations, 2016 (Notice No. 370 of 2016) in terms of section 4 read with sections 68 and 4 (7)(a) to the extent reflected in the schedule.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Yolisa Kedama', positioned above a horizontal line.

**Yolisa Kedama**  
**Acting Chairperson**  
**Date: 14/09/2023**



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2005 (ACT NO. 36 OF 2005)**

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa has, under section 4 read with section 68 of the Electronic Communications Act, 2005 (Act No. 36 of 2005), as amended, made the regulations in the schedule.

**SCHEDULE**

**1. Definitions**

In these regulations "the Regulations" means the regulations published by Government Notice No. 370 (Government Gazette No. 39861) of 24 March 2016, as amended by Government Notice No. 245 (Government Gazette No. 43230) of 15 April 2020 and Government Notice No. 1719 (Government Gazette No. 48328) of 29 March 2023.

**2. Amendment of regulation 6A in the Regulations**

- 2.1. Regulation 6A of the Regulations is amended by the deletion of sub-regulation (1), (2) (3) and (4).

**3. Amendment to regulation 17 of the Regulations**

- 3.1. Regulation 17 of the Regulations is hereby amended by the following insertions

to sub-regulation 4 after paragraph (i):

“(j) the service code “116” is mandated for Child Helpline service. The Child Helpline service accessed, either by call or short messaging services, through the service code “116” shall incur no charges to the caller or sender.

(k) the service codes 103, 104, 105, 106, 111, 113, 118 and 139 are designated for emergency services that would be implemented through a proclamation by the national government.

(l) the service codes contemplated in sub regulation (k) shall be mandated upon request to a specific national government department/s for both on-net and off-net access, for a specified Public Emergency service.”

#### **4. SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT**

These regulations are called the Numbering Plan Third Amendment Regulations, 2023 and will come into effect on the date of publication in the Government Gazette.

## **REASONS FOR THE AMENDMENT**

### **Regulation 6A (1) to (4):**

The Authority has decided to delete sub-regulations (1) to (4) of regulation 6A because it has ascertained that further consultation is required on the issue involving activation, deactivation and reassignment of numbers to ensure that the regulations are implementable and enforceable in this regard.

### **Regulation 17:**

On 29 March 2020<sup>3</sup>, the Authority published the Numbering Plan Second Amendment Regulations, 2020.

The above-mentioned regulations inadvertently replaced regulation 17(j) contained in the Numbering Plan Amendment Regulations, 2020, published in *Government Gazette* No. 48230 dated 15 April 2020, which deals with the mandating of the short code 116 for the provision of child helpline services, without paragraph (j) being substituted.

This notice thus serves to correct the numbering and reflect the provision that deals with child helpline services as originally provided for in regulation 17 (j) of the Numbering Plan Regulations.