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Subject: **PROCEDURE FOR REGULARIZATION OF UNREGISTERED MOBILE DEVICES WITH SIM /IMEI FUNCTIONALITY**

The Federal Cabinet has approved the launching / operationalization of Devices Identification, Registration and Blocking System (DIRBS) with effect from 1st December, 2018. The DIRBS system was developed by Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) to ensure the sale, purchase and provision of mobile communication services to compliant mobile devices only. Accordingly, all Type Approval holders / authorized distributors / Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) / Original Design Manufacturer (ODM) and Mobile Network Operators (MNOs) will be required to ensure that non-compliant devices are not imported, sold, marketed or connected with the mobile operators network. The compliant mobile devices are such devices with SIM / IMEI functionality which interalia are type approved or having certification of compliance (CoC) to technical standards to IMEI devices issued by the PTA.

2. At present, mobile devices are brought into the country either through commercial imports or imported by individuals in accompanied baggage / courier or brought in illegally by way of smuggling. The commercial imports of mobile devices are regulated. The Custom's WeBOC module is already operational and commercial consignments having PTA issued Type Approval / CoC are allowed clearance. In order to regulate the import of mobile devices brought in by individuals for their personal use in accompanied baggage or through couriers or mobile devices brought in through informal channels and available in the local market, the following procedures are formulated :-

A. REGISTRATION OF UN-REGISTERED MOBILE DEVICES IMPORTED BY INDIVIDUALS THROUGH POSTAL SERVICE OR COURIER

3. In order to regulate the import of un-registered mobile devices imported by individuals through postal/courier service for personal use or gift, the following procedure is devised:-

- a) The Customs authorities shall initially detain the mobile device imported through Postal/Courier service in Pakistan and issue a stamped declaration form to the applicant as provided in **Annex-A**;
- b) The applicant will apply for CoC via PTA portal (<https://dirbs.pta.gov.pk/drs/auth/login>) by submitting documents mentioned on the said website;
- c) PTA will issue CoC (online) in accordance with their SoP for release of the detained device and forward a copy of the same to the Customs authorities;
- d) Upon issuance of CoC from PTA, the applicant shall deposit the Custom's assessed leviable duty/taxes and the detained device will accordingly be released;
- e) In case of non-issuance of CoC, the Customs authorities will take further action in accordance with the law in respect of the detained device.

B. REGISTRATION OF UN-REGISTERED MOBILE DEVICES BROUGHT BY PASSENGERS IN ACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE

4. In order to regulate registration of mobile devices brought by international passengers, the PTA/Customs in coordination with Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) shall make necessary arrangements at all international airports to aptly inform the incoming passengers about mandatory registration of mobile devices carried in the accompanied baggage. This may be done by means of appropriate display of the instructions for registration under DIRBS inside the international arrival halls/lounges or by means of leaflets available to the incoming passengers or distributed through tourist agencies, airlines etc. The following procedure has been devised to regulate registration of mobile devices brought by the international passengers in their accompanied baggage:-

- (a) The mobile devices brought by international passengers are required to be declared at Customs counters established at all international airports through declaration form as prescribed at **Annexure-B**;
- (b) On receipt of declaration, the Customs authorities shall verify the particulars and process the declaration under PTA module for issuance of online CoC;

- (c) A system generated CoC shall accordingly be issued by the PTA through aforesaid module;
- (d) Afterwards, the Customs shall assess the import levies applicable on the mobile devices in accordance with the admissible allowances as envisaged in the Baggage Rules, 2006. Thereafter, the passenger shall deposit assessed duty/taxes;
- (e) Mobile devices will accordingly be released in accordance with the above mentioned procedure;
- (f) In case of non issuance of CoC, the mobile devices shall be detained for further processing under the law.
- (g) The above stated procedure will apply mutatis mutandis for passengers arriving into Pakistan through Land Border Customs Stations.

5. In case the International Passenger, due to any reason may not get the Mobile Device registered at the time of arrival at the airport, he may approach the nearest Customs Collectorate for registration of the same within fifteen days of the date of arrival in Pakistan. The passenger will be required to submit declaration form as prescribed in Annex-B, alongwith copies of travel documents i.e. passport duly stamped for entry into Pakistan. The declaration will accordingly be processed in the same manner as prescribed in Para-4 above for release of Mobile Device.

6. The Collectorates are requested to furnish the information on monthly basis, regarding import of Mobile Devices in Accompanied Baggage:

Table-A

S.No	Mobile Device Type	Make	Model	Break-up of Duty/taxes Collected

REGISTRATION OF UN-REGISTERED MOBILE DEVICES BROUGHT ILLEGALLY THROUGH INFORMAL CHANNELS

7. In order to regulate the mobile devices brought in illegally through informal channels and are available in the local market, the following procedure is prescribed to regularize such devices on payment of duty/taxes and for further registration with PTA in accordance with their SoP on one time basis until 31st December, 2018:

- (a) The holder/proprietor of un-registered mobile devices shall voluntarily approach the nearest Collectorate of Customs and file declaration as provided at **Annex-C** alongwith soft copy of IMEI details of such devices in excel format;

