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FOR

ISSUING LICENSE


FOR

ESTABLISHING, OPERATING AND MAINTAINING

INTERNATIONAL GATEWAY (IGW) SERVICES

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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.01 Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (hereinafter the Commission) has been empowered by and under the Section 36 of the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulation Act, 2001 (as amended) (hereinafter the “Act”) with the prior approval of the Government to issue Licenses for the operation and provision of telecommunication services and to determine the eligibility criteria and other general terms and conditions of Licenses.
- 1.02 These Guidelines, along with the terms and conditions of the License, should be read in conjunction with the Act, any subsequent legislation, other prevalent laws or sector policies framed by the Government, rules, regulations, orders, decisions, guidelines, directives and other documents of general application issued by the Government or the Commission from time to time.
- 1.03 Having given due consideration to the principles of transparency, fairness, non-discrimination and all other relevant principles, the Guidelines on Licensing Procedure of International Gateway (IGW) Services are being issued as envisaged in the International Long Distance Telecommunication Services Policy, 2010 (ILDTS Policy, 2010).
- 1.04 These Guidelines, along with the terms and conditions of the License, should be read in conjunction with the Act, any subsequent legislation, and prevalent laws or sector policies framed by the Government, and other rules, regulations, orders, decisions, guidelines, directives and documents of general application issued by the Commission from time to time. The Act specifically provides, under the Sections 35 and 55, that the establishment, operation or use of telecommunication system including radio apparatus and provision of telecommunication services in Bangladesh without a License is an offence punishable with imprisonment or a fine or both.
- 1.05 To take into consideration various factors including but not limited to, any threat to public interest, public health and national security and statutory or Court orders, these Guidelines may be withdrawn, revised, updated or amended by the appropriate authority from time to time.

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2. OBJECTIVES

- 2.01 These Guidelines are intended to provide an overview of the licensing and regulatory framework to applicants seeking to obtain License to establish, maintain and operate International Gateway Services in Bangladesh.
- 2.02 These Guidelines have been prepared after taking into account the objectives of the Government to facilitate International Gateway Services in Bangladesh as envisaged in the ILDTS Policy, 2010.
- 2.03 International Gateway Services License to be issued under these Guidelines will authorize the operators to establish, maintain and operate International Gateway Services.

3. INTERPRETATION AND DEFINITION

The interpretation and definition of the terms used in this document is annexed herewith as SCHEDULE-1 to the Generic Form of License appended with these guidelines as APPENDIX-4.

4. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

- 4.01 The following are the principal legal statutes governing the telecommunication industry in Bangladesh:
- (a) The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulation Act, 2001 (as amended).
 - (b) The Wireless Telegraphy Act, 1933 and The Telegraph Act, 1885, for matters which are not covered by the Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulation Act, 2001 (as amended).
 - (c) The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (Licensing Procedure) Regulations, 2004 (as amended).
 - (d) The Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission (Interconnection) Regulations, 2004 (as amended).
 - (e) The Information & Communication Technology Act, 2006.
 - (f) International Long Distance Telecommunication Services (ILDTS) Policy, 2010.
 - (g) Any Act of Parliament or ordinance and the Regulation(s) made or to be made by the Government.
 - (h) Any Rules/Regulation/Directives/Instructions/Directions/Decisions made by the Commission.
- 4.02 Applicant(s) shall be disqualified from obtaining a license for any of the provisions listed in sub clauses (a) to (h) below applies to its owner(s) or to any of its directors or partners or to the applicant(s) himself if:
- (a) He is an insane person;
 - (b) He has been sentenced by a court under any law, other than this Act, to imprisonment for a term of 2 (two) years or more, and a period of 5 (five) years has not been elapsed since his release from such imprisonment;
 - (c) He has been sentenced by a court for committing any offence under the Act and a period of 5 (five) years has not been elapsed since his release from such imprisonment;

