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I. [TRAJ CIRCULAR / LETTERS / NOTICE](#)

- A. TRAI released Telecommunication Mobile Number Portability (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2010, (05 of 2010) on 24th November 2010, modifying the timelines from 24 hrs to 4 working days for Donor operator to provide the clearance whereby, the maximum time period for porting would become seven working days barring Jammu & Kashmir, Assam and North East licensed service areas, wherein it would be 15 working days
- B. TRAI again requested the Associations to collect the details from service providers on a regular basis every quarter till the benefits are provided to 50 million rural subscribers.
- C. On 4th November 2010, TRAI has sought stakeholders' views regarding setting floor price for settlement in India for International Long distance minutes.
- D. On 3rd November 2010, TRAI issued a Consultation Paper on 'Revenue Sharing Arrangement for IN Services'. The consultation paper sought views of the stake holders regarding prescription of interconnection and commercial arrangement between service providers for calling card services.
- E. On 2nd November 2010, TRAI issued a consultation paper regarding Issues relating to blocking of IMEI for lost/stolen Mobile handsets.

II. [TRAJ MEETING](#)

- A. A meeting of the Committee on the issue of 'Online Filing of Quarterly Accounting Separation Reports' was held on 9th November 2010 under the Chairmanship of Dy. Advisor (FA).

III. [DOT LETTERS](#)

- A. DOT issued (circular no. 800-20/2010-VAS) a clarification regarding Scheme of Financial Penalty for violation of terms and conditions of License Agreement in respect of Subscriber Verification Failure Cases through their letter of 18th November 2010.



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- B. DOT constituted constituting a committee to find out possible solution for the interception and monitoring of encrypted communications (Ref no. 2-1/2007-S-II (Vol.II)(Pt.) dated 16th November 2010).

AUSPI is represented in this committee by Mr. Amit Mathur, Mr. Vijay Madan, Mr. A K Seth & Mr. P K Sharma.

- C. On 8th November 2010, DOT vide letter no. 800-62/2008-VAS directed service providers that any new services shall be launched only after prior approval of the Licensor so that appropriate systems for monitoring of the service are in place.
- D. On 4th November 2010, DOT vide letter no. 800-20/2010-VAS issued certain clarifications on Decentralization of work relating to imposition of Penalty against subscriber verification audit.
- E. On 3rd November 2010, DOT vide letter no. 800-15/2010-VAS issued certain clarifications with respect to implementation of radiation norms for EMF, some of which area as follows:-
- *Service providers have a choice to select testing method as per the site requirement.*
 - *Site photograph requirement is essential.*
 - *Self certification for all sites to be submitted by 15th November, 2010 to respective TERM Cell.*
 - *Any site for which self certification not submitted is treated as non-compliant.*
- F. On 2nd November 2010, DOT vide letter no. 18-27/2010-IP sought suggestions from the Association for the forthcoming Budget concerning the overall tax structure related to Telecom.
- G. DOT extended the timeline to complete the re-verification exercise by December 31, 2010. (Ref. letter no. 1-34/2006-VI (Pt.) dated 2nd November 2010.)

IV. DOT MEETINGS

- A. A Pre Bid Conference on USOF's Scheme regarding "OFC Network Augmentation in North Eastern States" was held on 30th November 2010 in Sanchar Bhawan
- B. A meeting of the NFAP 2010 Review Committee was held under the Chairmanship Wireless Advisor on 29th November 2010 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- C. A Meeting of NWG 13- 'Future networks including mobile and NGN' was held on 29th November 2010 in TEC
- D. 4th meeting of National Preparatory Committee for WRC -2012 was held under the Chairmanship of Jt. Wireless Advisor on 29th November 2010 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- E. The final meeting of the Committee constituted for "Laying standards for the m-PIN based Mobile Banking POS Device" was held on 22nd November, 2010 in TEC.
- F. The first meeting of the DOT Committee to find out possible solution for the interception and monitoring of encrypted communications was held on 18th November, 2010 in TEC.
- G. A meeting to discuss issues related to MNP Migration plan was held on 15th November 2010 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- H. India Telecom 2010 Exhibition Core Group Meeting was held on 9th November 2010 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- I. A Meeting to find out possible solution for the interception and monitoring of encrypted communications was held on 4th November 2010 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- J. A meeting to discuss issues related to MNP Migration plan was held on 3rd November 2010 in Sanchar Bhawan.
- K. A meeting to discuss issues related to MNP Migration plan was held on 1st November 2010 in Sanchar Bhawan



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V. OTHER IMPORTANT CIRCULAR/PRESS RELEASE/LETTER

- A. On 4th November 2010, CII Core Group on Broadband Penetration circulated final Report on 'Deployment Models and Required Investments for Broadband Services in India'.

VI. AUSPI LETTERS

- A. On 26th November 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT, for facilitating Growth Path for CDMA Networks by earmarking 450 MHz & 1900 MHz bands.
- B. On 26th November 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Secretary (T), DOT regarding EMF radiation.

AUSPI requested that,

- i. *Operator may be allowed to submit the complete reports by 31st March 2011.*
 - ii. *Operators may be allowed to complete the signage's by 31st March 2011.*
 - iii. *Operators be given an opportunity to correct within one month the non complaint site.*
 - iv. *Restrict only one set of equipment per circle for testing purpose.*
 - v. *Penalty to be imposed on the operator only in case the operators is not able to make the site compliant within one month and the amount should be restricted to Rs 10,000/- per BTS in the first 5 years .*
- C. On 26th November 2010, AUSPI submitted its response to TRAI Consultation Paper on Certain Issues relating to Telecom Tariffs'.
- D. On 25th November 2010, AUSPI submitted its Proposal for review of National Frequency Allocation Plan (NFAP) 2008 to WPC.
- E. On 24th November 2010, AUSPI submitted its inputs to TRAI on Incidence of Taxes and Levies on Telecom Sector.

- F. On 23rd November 2010, AUSPI submitted its suggestions for Budget 2011-12 on Direct and Indirect Taxes to DOT and Ministry of Finance.

- G. On 19th November 2010, AUSPI submitted its response to TRAI consultation on setting floor price for settlement in India of inbound ILD traffic.

AUSPI requested TRAI to Intervene and set floor price of 13 cents per minute for settlement in India of international long distance minutes originating from the Middle East through any route without disturbing the local termination charges.

- H. On 17th November 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Jt. Secretary (TRU-I), Ministry of Finance on Anti-dumping duty proceedings in relation to import of SDH transmission equipment from China/ Israel w.r.t. Final Findings dated 19th October 2010 issued by the Directorate General of Anti-dumping & Allied Duties, Ministry of Commerce.

AUSPI requested to reject the Final Findings and not levy Anti-dumping duty without considering the facts and fully appreciating the consequences of the recommended levy.

- I. On 12th November 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to DDG (Security-TERM), DOT, w.r.t requests from TERM Cells to provide complete CDRs

AUSPI requested that TERM cells not to insist on CDRs of all calls for all subscribers especially for a long period of time.

- J. On 12th November 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to DDG (AS), DOT, seeking clarification on whether service providers are required to pay advance test fee of Rs. 2.5 Lakh only for each licensed area and also arrange test instrument area wise only?

- K. On 9th November 2010, AUSPI submitted a letter to Hon'ble MOC&IT requesting for an extension to complete measurement of EMF radiation exercise.

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VII. JOINT INDUSTRY LETTER

- A. On 18th November 2010, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to DOT regarding Amendment to the TRAI Regulation on MNP
- B. On 15th November 2010, a Joint Industry letter was submitted to DoT on Compliance regarding EMF radiation from BTSs as per DoT directives of self certification.

VIII. ACT LETTERS

- A. On 12th November 2010, ACT submitted a letter to DOT regarding graded penalty system and other issues.

IX. MEETINGS

A. AUSPI MEETING

- i. On 24th November 2010, AUSPI members met Secretary (T), DOT to discuss current issues relating to Telecom Sector.
- ii. On 17th November 2010, an AUSPI meeting was held in AUSPI to discuss various issues.
- iii. On 12th November 2010, an AUSPI meeting was held in AUSPI to discuss various issues.

B. JOINT INDUSTRY MEETING / ACT MEETING

- I) Joint Industry Meeting to discuss MNP Migration & Implementation Plan was held on 18th November 2010.
- II) Joint Industry Meeting to discuss Implementation of Radiation Norms on EMF Exposure by BTS was held on 15th November 2010.
- III) Joint Industry Workshop cum Media Briefing On "Radiation from Mobile Towers" - Myth Vs Reality was held on 23rd November 2010 at Hyderabad.
- IV) Joint Industry Workshop cum Media Briefing On "Radiation from Mobile Towers" - Myth Vs

Reality was held on 11th November 2010 at Pune.

- V) Joint Industry meeting to discuss issues related to MNP Implementation was held on 10th November 2010.
- VI) Joint Industry meeting to review status of MNP Implementation was held on 3rd November 2010.
- VII) Joint Industry meeting to review status of MNP Implementation was held on 1st November 2010.

C. OTHER IMPORT EVENTS

- I) IITCOE workshop on "Mobile Broadband: Igniting the Service Revolution" was held on 26th & 27th November 2010 at The Metropolitan, New Delhi.
- II) ASSOCHAM Telecom Committee Meeting was held on 25th November 2010 in ASSOCHAM House.
- III) TDSAT Seminar on 'Dispute Settlement in Telecom and Broadcasting Sectors' was held on 20th November 2010 at Bengaluru.
- IV) Broadband Tech India 2010 was held on 19th November 2010 at Hotel Le Meridien, New Delhi.
- V) CII Conclave on Multidimensional Telecom Growth-Building and Enabling Information Infrastructure was held on 12th & 13th November 2010 at Hotel Claridges, New Delhi.
- VI) An Interactive Session with Secretary (T), DOT by ASSOCHAM Communications Convergence Committee was held on 11th November 2010 at Hotel Ramada Plaza, New Delhi.
- VII) Industry Dialog on "Customer Experience Management" hosted by Nokia Siemens was held on 11th November 2010 at Leela Kempinski,

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X. UPCOMING EVENTS

- I) **21st December 2010:** Media Workshop cum Press Conference on the EMF related issues.
- II) **23rd December 2010:** NFAP 2010 Review Committee in Sanchar Bhawan.
- III) **23rd December 2010:** India IPv6 Task Force - Meeting of members of Leads & Co-leads Organisation in TEC.
- IV) **23rd December 2010:** Seminar on National Vocational Edu. Qualification Framework pertaining to IT, ITes and Telecom with Hon'ble MOCIT by CMAI in Hotel Imperial.
- V) **8th January 2011:** TDSAT Seminar on Dispute Resolution in Telecom & Broadcasting Sectors at Maharashtra Judicial Academy, Maharashtra.
- VI) **11th January 2011:** 5th Governing council Meeting of TCOE India in IIT Delhi.

XI. INDUSTRY MILESTONE

✍ MOBILE NUMBER PORTABILITY

Mobile Number Portability Services was launched in Haryana Circle on 24th November 2010 by Shri Kapil Sibail, Hon'ble Minister of Communications & IT.



Shri. Bhupinder Singh Hooda, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana was the Chief Guest and Shri. Gurudas Kamat, Hon'ble Minister of State for Communications & IT and Shri. Sachin Pilot, Hon'ble Minister of State for Communications & IT were distinguished guests

The Launch was organized jointly by AUSPI, BSNL & COAI.

XII. TELECOM BYTES

✍ AT&T AND SPRINT SEEK FCC CONSENT TO SWAP SPECTRUM

According to the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) US cell companies AT&T Mobility and Sprint Nextel have filed documents seeking permission to exchange an assortment of 1.9GHz spectrum licenses in a number of different markets.

AT&T is reported to be in talks with Qualcomm to buy spectrum belonging to its struggling 'FLO TV' Service. Qualcomm has entered into discussions with several carriers – including AT&T – to purchase the block of 700 MHz spectrum.

Source: TeleGeography

✍ GOLDVISH LE MILLION

The Guinness World Records has named Le Million as the world's most expensive phone. The phone features a blinding 120 carats worth of VVS-1 grade diamonds with 2GB memory, quad-band which



allows the handset to be used all over the world and 8x digital zoom camera. The phone cost \$1.45 million (Rs. 6.5 Crore).

Source: Mail Today



✍ DIVE & TALK

Tradesman, the new mobile, which costs around £69.99 is claimed to be the world's first waterproof and dustproof smartphone equipped with features such as FM Radio, Bluetooth and a torch.

Source: The Times of India

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✂ THROWAWAY MOBILE PHONE

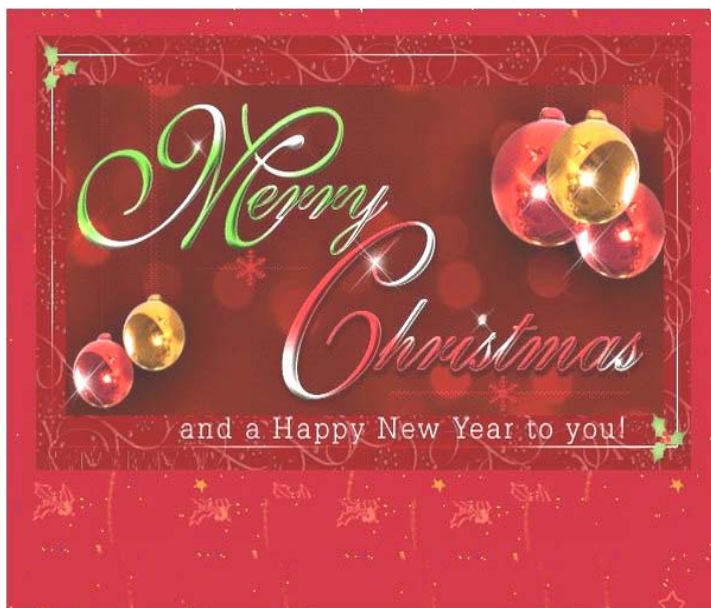
A UK's Mobile Phone retailer is introducing an ultimate throwaway mobile phone for just 99 pence (Rs. 70).

Source: The Hindustan Times

✂ SFR, ORANGE, BOUYGUES SHARING RURAL UMTS 900 NETWORK

French Mobile operator SFR is offering to share a 3G/3.5G Mobile Network (W-CDMA / HSPA in 900 MHz band) covering rural France, under a plan to give access to Subscribers of its domestic rivals Orange France and Bouygues Telecom.

Source: TeleGeography



✂ Media tablets to displace about 10% of PC units by 2010

Source: Gartner

✂ As per IDC, 10 Billion non-PC devices connect to the Internet today and is expected to grow to almost 20 billion by 2010

Source: Mail Today

✂ Number of Computer Products and Mobile Phones discarded with US every year in Million: 206 & 140



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