

**Decision No. 83/2007 determining Fees of Short Codes for Short Message Services**

Pursuant to the Telecommunications Regulatory Act issued by the Royal Decree No. 30/2002 and;

The approval of the Ministry of Finance conveyed by its letter No. Finance-T(11877)/MTD/6/3/11894 and;

Based on the exigencies of the public interest;

**It is decided:**

**Article 1:** In the application of the provisions of this Decision, Words and expressions set forth shall have the same meanings as in the Telecommunications Regulatory Act referred to, and the following words and expressions shall have the meanings set forth against each of them unless the context requires otherwise:

**1. Short Codes for Short Message Services:** This includes two types:

- A. Short codes for prime services that start with (90).
- B. Short codes for non-prime services that start with (80).

**Article 2:** Upon allocation or re-allocation of each code, the Authority shall charge 2.5 Omani Rial for allocating short codes for short message services.

**Article 3:** The short code fees for short message services shall be collected in advance for allocation for the first time. Re-allocation fees shall be collected not later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of January annually. Where a code is allocated to more than one licensee, each licensee shall pay for the allocation.

**Article 4:** The penalty for delay in payment of re-allocation fees shall be 10% of the outstanding fee for each month of delay. In case of part of a month, the penalty shall be calculated proportionately based on the period of delay to a month.

**Article 5:** The codes allocated by the Authority are regarded as public property.

**Article 6:** This Decision shall be published in the Gazette and shall come into force from the date following its publication.

**Mohammed Bin Abdullah Al Harthy**  
**Minister of Transport and Communications**  
**Chairman of Telecommunications Regulatory Authority**

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