

Certificate of Compliance to Technical Standards (CoC) Procedures

1. TERMINAL AND NON-TERMINAL TELECOM EQUIPMENT

The Authority may consider a request for issuance of certificate of compliance to technical standards to companies, academia, government bodies, Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA) etc. on non-commercial and non-interference use basis and within PTA/FAB allowed frequency band for following categories: -

- a) Research and Development (R&D), Test and Trial, Engineering samples/ prototype imported for non-commercial purpose up to quantity 5 for each model/variant to be used for internal testing purpose on non-interference basis and shall not be sold/used for commercial purpose.
- b) Sample imported for purpose of type approval for submission to PTA
- c) Non-terminal equipment detained by customs authority requiring technical clarification from Authority.
- d) LEA, Armed forces, Security Agencies SIM based Devices for their organization official use only (GSMA Valid IMEIs) accompanied with tax exemption letter from FBR

Applicant may submit request for above mentioned category by filling out the CoC application form and submit along with all required documents listed therein to PTA at commercialnoc@pta.gov.pk or sending by post to Director Type Approval, PTA HQs, F5/1, Islamabad.

Notes:

1. *Devices that contain duplicated/cloned/stolen/counterfeit IMEIs shall not be considered for issuance of CoC by PTA.*
2. *In case the device is not Type Approved, CoC will be issued for up to 5 devices of each model/variant to be used for internal testing purpose on non-interference basis and shall not be sold/used for commercial purpose.*

3. *Foreign Missions including High Commissions and Embassies shall file their CoC requests for import of telecommunication equipment through Ministry of Foreign Affairs, however they will have to apply for Type approval for terminal equipment after providing required documents/sample/fee to the PTA.*
4. *PTA has the right to cancel/suspend the CoC issued in case the product being imported/sold is found to be having manufacturing faults, hazardous to health/safety and not conforming to standards stated at the time of grant of CoC*

2. COMMERCIAL CoC FOR ALREADY TYPE APPROVED IMEI BASED DEVICES

Applicant shall apply via PTA DIRBS online portal available at dirbs.pta.gov.pk/drs and upload all listed requirement into the portal system. Once application is applied in DIRBS, system will cross check all applied IMEI to make sure they belong to type approved models, not reported stolen, duplicated or cloned and accordingly transmit the application to FBR WeBOC for further processing at their end. Applicant will then login to their WeBOC account to complete the FBR/Customs process. Upon approvals done by FBR in WeBOC, DIRBS system will generate certificate of compliance (CoC) for the applied application accordingly.

The procedure to sign up for commercial DIRBS account is given below.

Step 1: Go to link <https://dirbs.pta.gov.pk/drs/auth/login>

Step 2: Click on the Sign-Up link

Step 3: Select Commercial in the drop-down menu

Step 4: Enter required credentials listed for sign up

Step 5: Send email to commercialnoc@pta.gov.pk for activation of account. After verification of entered credentials account will be activated.

Step 6: Login to your account to apply for CoC.

Note: Applicant will be required to upload all documents as well as list of only IMEI in CSV format.

For any queries send email to commercialnoc@pta.gov.pk

3. REGISTRATION OF MOBILE DEVICES THOROUGH DIRBS SYSTEM IN INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY

The following are the available mechanism for registration of mobile device(s) subject to payment of applicable custom duties/ taxes in following categories: -

- i. **International Traveler:** - The travelers may register the mobile devices brought-in accompanied baggage within sixty (60) days of their arrival in Pakistan by entering their travel credentials i.e. Passport Number, CNIC/NICOP (if applicable) along with IMEI(s) of device through DIRBS system mechanism.
- ii. **Local Applicant:** - Local applicants may register the mobile device by entering their CNIC along with IMEI(s) of device through DIRBS system mechanism.
- iii. PTA has implemented DIRBS Portal system which can be accessed via following mechanism for ease of applicants: -
 - a. Online Portal Link: - <https://dirbs.pta.gov.pk/drs>
 - b. USSD by dialing *8484# from any mobile phone having a local SIM
 - c. By visiting any mobile service provider Service Centre or Franchisee
- iv. The above-mentioned information submitted by applicant will be auto processed/validated through FBR WeBOC. The mobile devices will accordingly be cleared by the system in accordance with applicable rates of duty and taxes.
- v. The system shall electronically generate Payment Slip ID (PSID) having validity of 7 days from date of PSID generation by WEBOC, for payment of duty/taxes. The applicant will then have options to pay the leviabale duty/taxes through online banking, ATM, mobile banking and bank branches of all leading banks. Once the system confirms the payment of duty/taxes, the mobile device IMEI(s) will be white-listed in DIRBS.
- vi. After the expiry of aforesaid time-limit such mobile devices shall be registered on payment of leviabale duty/taxes along with prescribed fine notified for the purpose

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2. *Only 5 mobile devices in a calendar year will be allowed to be registered by Individuals.*

4. PROCEDURE TO RELEASE MOBILE DEVICES DETAINED BY CUSTOMS

All mobile devices imported by the Individuals through Postal Service, courier or brought in accompanied baggage which have been detained by Customs shall be released as per following procedure: -

- i. Officials from Postal Service, Courier, Custom office etc. shall issue detention notice/memo to applicant as well as list down all IMEI(s) programmed within the detained mobile device on the issued detention memo.
- ii. The applicant shall generate PSID by applying through DIRBS system as per mechanism specified above in 1(iii-vi).
- iii. The applicant shall provide copy of proof of payment along with PSID details to concerned office.
- iv. Concerned office shall validate the payment status as well as check IMEI(s) status in DIRBS and if found to be registered, the detained mobile devices shall be released accordingly to the applicant. There are three methods provided by PTA to check the status of IMEI
 - a. Send each IMEI of the device in an SMS to 8484
 - b. By visiting website dirbs.pta.gov.pk
 - c. Download the android DVS app from app store and check the status of IMEIs
- v. In case of non-compliant IMEI (i.e. Replica, Fake, Non-Standard GSMA, Reported Stolen etc.) as identified via DIRBS system shall be confiscated and disposed of in accordance with the law in respect of the detained device.