

Subject: **Awareness on PTA Device Identification Registration Blocking System (DIRBS)**

It is to inform that in line with Telecom Policy 2015, issued by MoIT, PTA has developed DIRBS to ensure standardized IMEI issued in line with GSMA ([www.gsma.com](http://www.gsma.com)) brought through formal channels are allowed for usage on mobile networks within territory of Pakistan.

The purpose of writing this letter is to educate and create awareness to all foreign missions, embassies, and diplomats etc. through MoFA and avoid any inconveniences for these honorable stakeholders. Following are key points that may be brought in knowledge of all concerned:-

- a) All mobile devices (having SIM/IMEI functionality) active on Pakistani Mobile networks till 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2018 shall remain operational without any service disruption
- b) Mobile devices using international SIM(s) and on roaming status within Pakistan are exempted from this system and shall remain operational for entire timeframe provided they are using the international SIM(s)
- c) As per regulations an individual can bring up to 5 mobile devices in a year in personal usage category
- d) Any mobile device brought into country (intended for usage on Pakistan mobile networks using local SIM) for the first time after 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2018 will be required to register IMEI of mobile device via following available mechanism
  - All international travelers planning to carry/ bring new or used mobile devices with SIM/ IMEI functionality for use on Pakistani mobile operator will be required to register their IMEIs using the PTA online portal system (<https://dirbs.pta.gov.pk/drs>) or use kiosk facility provided at the Customs desk at all international airports
  - It is advised that all such individuals to note down the IMEI of such devices prior to arrival. IMEI can be obtained by dialing \*#06# from dialpad of mobile device, written on box of device or printed on the inside of device and visible by removing the back cover and battery
- e) In case of any further queries related to DIRBS, all concerned may contact Mr. Nauman Khalid Director Type approvals by sending email at [naumankhalid@pta.gov.pk](mailto:naumankhalid@pta.gov.pk)

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