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To

The Chief General Managers,
All Telecom Circles/Metro Districts

Subject: Guidelines for roaming test SIMs.

It has been reported by CMTS Nodal Centre, East Zone that a large number of international post paid test SIMs have been issued to about 400 foreign roaming partners. Though the usage is governed in accordance with provision given in the international roaming agreement, FMC (Fixed Monthly Charge), being undefined by Corporate Office, is also levied by the billing system and remains outstanding, as the same is beyond the scope of international roaming agreement. This FMC also leads to levy of Service Tax and other statutory duties by the Government.

2. Having considered the situation given above, it is to convey that international roaming test SIMs and also national roaming test SIMs be provisioned in the billing system with zero fixed monthly charge.

3. The usage of international roaming test SIMs should be governed as per provision in the international roaming agreement defining usage limit in terms of SDR. Since tariff plan will have to be configured in the billing system in INR and hence the monthly usage limit in INR equivalent to defined CDR limit in the agreement needs to be configured. There may be variation in value of INR viz-a-viz SDR over a period of time requiring continuous change in the billing system. This kind of regular and continuous updation will only lead to operational cost and hence it is also decided that such plan limit may not be changed if variation is within the range of +/- 10% of the last INR defined value.

4. In respect of national roaming, a large number of test SIMs get exchange among BSNL/MTNL circles. In these cases also, there has to be a defined per month free usage limit. It is hereby conveyed that national postpaid roaming test SIMs will have a free usage limit of INR 200 per month per SIM.

5. Keeping above principle in mind, national prepaid roaming test SIMs will have a monthly capping of INR 200 per month per SIM. The home Network officials shall recharge/top up such test SIMs up to such defined limit every month based on request from the visiting network

official. Also the configuration of prepaid test SIMs may be carried out in such a tariff plan which is having maximum validity period.

This may be brought to the notice of all concerned for implementation with immediate effect.



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1. CMD and all Directors, BSNL Board for kind information.
2. GMs(NWP-GSM)/(NWO-GSM)/(Fin.CM)/(RA), BSNL CO.
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