Telecommunications Numbering Regulations

(Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications No. 4 of May 14, 2019)

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter II, Section 4, Subsection 2 of the Telecommunications Business Act (Act No. 86 of 1984), the Telecommunications Numbering Regulation is established as follows.

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Chapter I General Provisions

(Purpose)

Article 1 The purpose of this Ministerial Order is to provide for the particulars concerning the use of telecommunications numbers pursuant to the provisions of Chapter II, Section 4, Subsection 2 of the Telecommunications Business Act (Act No. 86 of 1984; referred to below as "the Act").

(Definitions)

Article 2 The terms used in this Ministerial Order have the same meanings as the terms used in the Act and the Regulations for Enforcement of the Telecommunications Business Act (Order of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications No. 25 of 1985).

Chapter II Procedures for Approval of Telecommunications Number Usage Plans

(Unit for Approval of Telecommunications Number Usage Plans)

Article 3 The approval referred to in Article 50-2, paragraph (1) of the Act is granted for each telecommunications carrier regardless of the type of telecommunications number.

(Particulars to Be Stated in Telecommunications Number Usage Plans)

Article 4 (1) The particulars specified by Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications referred to in Article 50-2, paragraph (1), item (iv) of the Act are as follows:

(i) the content of telecommunications services to be provided by using telecommunications numbers;

(ii) the configuration diagram of telecommunications facilities required for using telecommunications numbers;

(iii) particulars concerning the administration of user facility identification numbers (limited to when user facility identification numbers are used, and are not assigned);

(iv) if telecommunications carrier facility, etc. identification numbers (meaning telecommunications numbers other than the user facility identification numbers; the same applies below) are used, the following particulars:

(a) the telecommunications carrier facility, etc. identification numbers intended to be used (limited to when the carrier uses the telecommunications carrier facility, etc. identification number upon directly receiving a designation);

(b) particulars concerning the administration of telecommunications carrier facility, etc. identification numbers;

(v) other particulars that are particularly necessary for using telecommunications numbers.

(Application for Approval of Telecommunications Number Usage Plans)

Article 5 (1) The written application and the telecommunications number usage plan referred to in Article 50-2, paragraph (2) of the Act are to be prepared using Form No. 1 and Form No. 2, respectively.

(2) The telecommunications number usage plan referred to in the preceding paragraph is to be prepared separately for each type of telecommunications number stated in the Appended Table; provided, however, that this does not preclude a separate plan to be prepared for each content of telecommunications services to be provided for the same type of telecommunication numbers.

(3) The documents to be attached which are specified by Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications referred to in Article 50-2, paragraph (2) of the Act are as follows:

(i) if the applicant seeks to newly obtain designation of the user facility identification numbers, a document stating the number of the user facility identification numbers and the basis for its calculation;

(ii) if the applicant seeks to newly obtain a designation of a telecommunications number and wishes to obtain designation of a specific telecommunications number, a document stating the number and the reason for wishing to obtain the number.

(Criteria for Approval of Telecommunications Number Usage Plans)

Article 6 (1) The criteria specified by Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications referred to in Article 50-4, item (iii) of the Act are as follows:

(i) if the applicant seeks to obtain designation of a user facility identification number, the user facility identification number sought to be designated is necessary and reasonable for providing telecommunications services;

(ii) if the applicant seeks to obtain designation for a landline telephone number, the fact that a considerable amount of demand is expected for the number of landline telephone numbers for each numbering area specified in the telecommunications numbering plan for which designation is sought, and the plan related to the provision of telecommunications services for that demand is reliable;

(iii) the fact that the particulars stated in Article 50-2, paragraph (1), item (ii), (a) of the Act ensure fairness to users, and are to ensure the efficient use of user facility identification numbers;

(iv) when providing or receiving wholesale telecommunications services, the particulars stated in Article 50-2, paragraph (1), item (ii), (b) of the Act or the particulars specified in Article 4, item (iii), or the particulars specified in item (iv), (b) of that Article are appropriate for administering telecommunications numbers used in providing the services.

(Issuance of Accreditation Certificate)

Article 7 (1) The Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications issues an accreditation certificate when the Minister grants an accreditation referred to in Article 50-2, paragraph (1) of the Act pursuant to the provisions of Article 50-4 of the Act.

(2) In the case referred to in the preceding paragraph, if a user facility identification number has been designated, the user facility identification number is to be notified together with the issuance of the accreditation certificate.

(Designation of Telecommunications Carrier Facility, etc. Identification Numbers)

Article 8 (1) If the Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications has granted the approval referred in Article 50-2, paragraph (1) of the Act regarding the telecommunications number usage plan (limited to when the particulars stated in Article 4, item (iv), (a) are stated), the Minister is to designate the telecommunications carrier facility, etc. identification number pursuant to the provisions of Article 50-11 of the Act and notify that number.

(2) A telecommunications carrier that has been designated with the user facility identification number (excluding the IMSI stated in item (ix) of the Appended Table) is deemed to have been designated with prefixes (meaning the prefixes specified in the telecommunications numbering plan as the telecommunications

carrier facility, etc. identification number).

Chapter III Procedures After Approval of Telecommunications Number Usage Plans

(Application for Approval of Changes)

Article 9 (1) The written application and the telecommunications number usage plan referred to in Article 50-2, paragraph (2) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 50-6, paragraph (2) of the Act are to be prepared using Form No. 3 and Form No. 2, respectively.

(2) The provisions of Article 5, paragraph (2) apply mutatis mutandis to the telecommunications number usage plan under the provisions of the preceding paragraph; provided, however, that among the telecommunications number usage plans that has been prepared for each type of telecommunications number or each content of telecommunications services, submission of those for which changes have not been made may be omitted.

(3) The documents to be attached specified by Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications referred to in Article 50-2, paragraph (2) of the Act as applied mutatis mutandis pursuant to Article 50-6, paragraph (2) of the Act are as follows:

(i) the documents specified in the items of Article 5, paragraph (3);

(ii) when seeking to reduce the number of the designated telecommunications number, a document stating that designated telecommunications number.

(Approval of Changes)

Article 10 The provisions of Article 6 through Article 8 apply mutatis mutandis to the case of seeking the approval of changes pursuant to the provisions of Article 50-6, paragraph (1) of the Act.

(Minor Changes)

Article 11 (1) The minor changes specified by Order of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications referred to in the proviso to Article 50-6, paragraph (1) of the Act are as follows:

(i) a reduction in the number of designated telecommunications numbers (including when the number of all telecommunications numbers that has been designated is reduced, and excluding when a telecommunications number is to be newly designated);

(ii) moving up of the day on which the provision of telecommunications services commences;

(iii) an increase or decrease in the number of other telecommunications carriers with which an agreement has been made if the agreement has been made with

other telecommunications carriers to ensure the conditions for using telecommunications numbers (limited to when there is no change in the content of the agreement).

(iv) among the changes in the particulars related to ensuring the conditions for using telecommunications numbers, a change in the general quality (excluding when that change results in the deterioration of the general quality); or

(v) if additional service identification numbers stated in item (xi) of the Appended Table are used to identify the content of telecommunications services, and the content of the identified telecommunications services is subdivided by the fourth and subsequent digits of the additional service identification numbers, a change in the subdivided particulars (excluding when additional service identification numbers are newly designated).

(Notification of Minor Changes)

Article 12 (1) A person that has filed a notification of a change in name, etc. pursuant to the provisions of Article 7, paragraph (1) or Article 9, paragraph (3) of the Regulations for Enforcement of the Telecommunications Business Act is deemed to have filed a notification related to the change in the particulars stated in Article 50-2, paragraph (2), item (i) of the Act under the provisions of Article 50-6, paragraph (3).

(2) A person that seeks to give a notification of minor changes referred to in the proviso to Article 50-6, paragraph (1) of the Act under the provisions of paragraph (3) of that Article must submit a written notification that is prepared using Form No. 4, by attaching a telecommunications number usage plan that is prepared using Form No. 2 (among the plans prepared for each type of telecommunications numbers or by content of telecommunications services, those for which changes have not been made, and including documents stating the telecommunications numbers if the number of designated telecommunications numbers is sought to be reduced).

(3) A person that seeks to give a notification indicating that they have become a telecommunications carrier that no longer uses telecommunications numbers under the provisions of Article 50-6, paragraph (3) of the Act must submit a written notification prepared using Form No. 5.

(4) When submitting the notification referred to in the preceding paragraph, the certificate related to the approval referred to in Article 50-2, paragraph (1) of the Act and the approval of changes referred to in Article 50-6, paragraph (1) of the Act must be returned to the Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications at the same time.

(5) If an existing telecommunications number usage plan (limited to when the particulars stated in Article 4, item (iv), (a) have been entered) is changed to the same plan as the standard telecommunications number usage plan (excluding

when the approval of changes referred to in Article 50-6, paragraph (1) of the Act is to be obtained), the provisions of paragraph (2) apply mutatis mutandis to that change as a minor change referred to in item (i) of the preceding Article.

(Succession of Administration of User Facility Identification Numbers)

Article 13 (1) A telecommunications carrier that has obtained a designation of a user facility identification number may notify the Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications of the telecommunications carrier that is to take over the administration of the user facility identification number (limited to a person who has obtained the certification referred to in Article 50-2, paragraph (1) of the Act; referred to as the "number administrator" below in this Article) when the designation expires, etc. (meaning the expiration of the designation specified in Article 50-10, item (i) of the Act or the revocation of the designation specified in item (ii) of that Article; the same applies below in this Article) in advance.

(2) In the case referred to in paragraph (1), if the designation of a user facility identification number has expired, etc., the number administrator is deemed to have obtained a designation referred to in Article 50-2, paragraph (1) of the Act for the user facility identification number until the day on which 30 days have passed from the day on which the designation expired, etc. When the number administrator applies for the approval for change referred to in Article 50-6, paragraph (1) of the Act during that period, and that period has elapsed, the same applies until a disposition to approve or refuse the application is rendered.

(3) If a notification referred to in paragraph (1) has been given, the Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications is to promptly notify the number administrator of that fact.

(4) If the number administrator that has received the notice referred to in the preceding paragraph from the Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications does not consent to the transfer of the administration of user facility identification numbers, the provisions of paragraph (2) do not apply.

(5) Notwithstanding the provisions of the preceding four paragraphs, if the designation of a user facility identification number has expired, and a telecommunications carrier other than the carrier that has obtained a designation is using the user facility identification number with number portability, the user facility identification number being used with number portability may be used in accordance with prior laws until 30 days have passed from the date of expiration, etc. (if the user facility identification number is newly designated during that period, until the date of the designation).

(Revocation of Telecommunications Carrier Facility, etc. Identification Numbers)

Article 14 (1) Pursuant to the provisions of Article 50-11 of the Act, if the approval of the telecommunications number usage plan under the provisions of Article 50-8

of the Act (limited to the plan related to the telecommunications carrier facility, etc. identification numbers) lapses, the Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications is to revoke the designation of the telecommunications carrier facility, etc. identification numbers.

(2) Pursuant to the provisions of Article 50-11 of the Act, if a telecommunications carrier (limited to a person that has obtained designation of a telecommunications carrier facility, etc. identification number) falls under any of the items of Article 50-9 of the Act, the Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications may revoke the designation of all or part of the telecommunications carrier facility, etc. identification numbers.

(Telecommunications Numbers Whose Validity Period Has Expired)

Article 15 (1) The designation of telecommunications numbers (limited to those for which the last day for use is stated in the telecommunications numbering plan) ceases to have effect once that day has passed.

(2) In the case referred to in the preceding paragraph, the telecommunications carrier that has obtained designation of a telecommunications number must change the telecommunications number usage plan pursuant to the provisions of Article 50-6 of the Act without delay; provided, however, that this does not apply when the carrier falls under any of the items of Article 50-8 of the Act.

Chapter IV Miscellaneous Provisions

(Public Notice)

Article 16 (1) The public notice of the telecommunications numbering plan under the provisions of Article 50, paragraph (2) of the Act (excluding those included pursuant to the provisions of Article 50-12 of the Act) is issued by giving notice in the Official Gazette.

(2) The public notice of the telecommunications numbering plan (limited to the plan to be entered pursuant to the provisions of Article 50-12 of the Act) under the provisions of Article 50, paragraph (2) of the Act is issued by using the internet or other appropriate means.

(Submission of Documents)

Article 17 A document to be submitted to the Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications pursuant to the provisions of this Ministerial Order may be submitted through the Director-General of the Regional Bureau of Telecommunications (including the Director-General of Okinawa Office of Telecommunications) who has jurisdiction over the service area of telecommunications carriers (if the service area of a telecommunications carrier extends over the jurisdictional district of two or more Regional Bureaus of

Telecommunications (including the Okinawa Office of Telecommunications), the carrier's main service area).

(Submission by Electronic or Magnetic Means)

Article 18 (1) The submission of documents under the provisions of this Ministerial Order may be made by electronic or magnetic means (meaning a means using an electronic data processing system or a means using other information and communications technology; the same applies in the following paragraph) if the documents have been prepared as an electronic or magnetic record.

(2) If the documents have been submitted by electronic or magnetic means pursuant to the provisions of the preceding paragraph, the documents are deemed to have reached the person who is to receive the submission of the documents when the documents have been recorded in a file stored on the computer used by that person.

Supplementary Provisions

(Effective Date)

Article 1 This Ministerial Order comes into effect on the date on which the provisions stated in Article 1, item (ii) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Act Partially Amending the Telecommunications Business Act and the Act on the National Institute of Information and Communications Technology, National Research and Development Agency (Act No. 24 of 2018; referred to below as "the Amendment Act") come into effect.

(Repeal of the Telecommunications Numbering Regulations)

Article 2 The Telecommunications Numbering Regulations (Order of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications No. 82 of 1997; referred to below as the "former Regulations") are repealed.

(Transitional Measures)

Article 3 If a person who continues to use the telecommunications number in accordance with prior laws pursuant to the provisions of Article 3, paragraph (2) of the Supplementary Provisions of the Amendment Act obtains a designation referred to in Article 50-2, paragraph (1) or Article 50-11 of the Act, the person is deemed to have filed a notification pursuant to the provisions of Article 18 of the former Regulations for the telecommunications number (limited to the number for which the designation has been obtained).

Appended Table Classification of Telecommunications Numbers (Re.: Article 5, paragraph (2))

(i) landline telephone number;
(ii) additional service telephone number;
(iii) cellular telephone number for data transmission;
(iv) cellular telephone number for voice transmission;
(v) radio paging number;
(vi) specified IP telephone number;
(vii) FMC telephone number;
(viii) telephone number for specified connection;
(ix) IMSI;
(x) telecommunications carrier facility, etc. identification number;
(xi) additional service identification number;
(xii) emergency call number;
(xiii) international signaling point code;
(xiv) identification code for data communication facilities; and
(xv) identification code for message exchange equipment.

Remarks: In this Table, the meanings of the terms stated below are as follows:

(i) landline telephone number: a landline telephone number specified as a user facility identification number in the telecommunications numbering plan;

(ii) additional service telephone number: an additional service telephone number specified as a user facility identification number in the telecommunications numbering plan;

(iii) cellular telephone number for data transmission: a cellular telephone number for date transmission specified as a user facility identification number in the telecommunications numbering plan;

(iv) cellular telephone number for voice transmission: a cellular telephone number for voice transmission specified as a user facility identification number in the telecommunications numbering plan;

(v) radio paging number: a radio paging number specified as a user facility identification number in the telecommunications numbering plan;

(vi) specified IP telephone number: specified IP telephone numbers specified as user facility identification numbers in the telecommunications numbering plan;

(vii) FMC telephone number: FMC telephone numbers specified as user facility identification numbers in the telecommunications numbering plan;

(viii) telephone number for specified connection: a telephone number for specified connection specified as a user facility identification number in the telecommunications numbering plan;

(ix) IMSI: IMSI specified as a user facility identification number in the telecommunications numbering plan;

(x) telecommunications carrier facility identification number: a telecommunications carrier facility identification number specified as the

telecommunications carrier facility, etc. identification number in the telecommunications numbering plan;

(xi) additional service identification number: an additional service identification number specified as the telecommunications carrier facility, etc. identification number in the telecommunications number plan;

(xii) emergency call number: emergency call numbers specified as the telecommunications carrier facility, etc. identification number in the telecommunications numbering plan;

(xiii) international signaling point code: an international signaling point code specified as the telecommunications carrier facility, etc. identification number in the telecommunications numbering plan;

(xiv) identification code for data communication facilities: data-based telecommunications facility identification numbers specified in the telecommunications numbering plan as the telecommunications carrier facility, etc. identification number;

(xv) message exchange facility identification number: the message exchange facility identification number specified in the telecommunications numbering plan as the telecommunications carrier facility, etc. identification number.