

## Bangladesh Telecommunication Regulatory Commission

IEB Bhaban, Ramna, Dhaka-1000, Bangladesh.

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## Directives on Converting Existing CDMA 800 MHz Band Spectrum into Technology Neutral Spectrum

- Ref: 1. Regulatory and Licensing Guidelines for Invitation of Proposals/Offers for Issuing License for Establishing, Operating and Maintaining 4G/LTE Cellular Mobile Phone Services in Bangladesh bearing No.-14.32.0000.007.51.081.17.1592, Dated: 04-12-2017.
  - Letter of Ministry of Post, Telecommunication and Information Technology bearing No.- 14.005.006.00.00.032.2011-15, Dated: 14-01-2018.
  - Directives on Converting Existing E-GSM/900/1800 MHz Band Spectrum into Technology Neutral Spectrum bearing No.-14.32,0000.500.32.003.14.002172276, Dated: 24-01-2018.
- (1) With reference to the above-mentioned guidelines and approval from the Government, the existing Cellular Mobile Phone Service Operators in Bangladesh may convert its existing CDMA 800 MHz spectrum (full/partial) into technology neutral spectrum by paying a conversion fee as well as applicable VAT to the Commission.
- (2) As per the approval from the Government, the Cellular Mobile Phone Service Operators in Bangladesh may convert all of its existing spectrum in 800 MHz band into technology neutral spectrum by paying the conversion fees as follows:
  - (i) For full conversion of spectrum, the conversion fee shall be 4 (four) million USD per MHz for 15 (fifteen) years.
  - (ii) For partial conversion of spectrum, the conversion fee shall be 7.5 (seven points five) million USD per MHz for 15 (fifteen) years.
  - (iii) The Cellular Mobile Phone Service Operators have to pay the conversion fee at a 'Pro-rate' basis i.e. until the expiry date of that particular spectrum assignment.

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- (iv) The Cellular Mobile Phone Service Operators shall have to pay 100% of the total payable amount as well as VAT within 30 (thirty) Gregorian calendar days from receiving the notification from the Commission.
- (v) The Cellular Mobile Phone Service Operators are required to apply for converting the existing CDMA 800 MHz band by 20-05-2018 to the Commission. The above mentioned conversion rate shall be valid for this time limit. After expiry of this time limit the Government reserves the right to revise the conversion rate.
- (3) The existing Cellular Mobile Phone Services Operators are required to apply by 20-05-2018 in their letterhead pad by filling up the following table and duly signed& sealed by appropriate authority:

St No	Frequency Band	Frequency to be Converted into Technology Neutral (MHz) in CDMA 800 MHz			Rate of Conversion per MHz (in USD) for 15 years (put *V* mark as applicable)		Total Amount (in Million USD) for 15 years	Total Amount in Million USD for 1 (one)	Remaining Years (till Expiry Date)	Total Amount for Remaining Years in	Remarks
		From	To	Bandwidth (Amount of Spectrum)	Full Spectrum @ 4 million USD	Partial Spectrum @ 7.5 million USD	13 years	year		Million USD	
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)= (c)-(b)	(c)	(f)	(g)= (e)x(d) or, (g)= (f)x(d)	(h)= (g)/15	(1)	(j)= (i)x(h)	(k)
	CDMA 800 MHz										

(4) These directives are issued with approval of the competent authority.

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