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Directive No 1/2004
Directive on License Fees for
Telecommunication and Radiocommunication
Equipments, Radio Frequency Spectrum,
Telecommunication Services Provided by the Private Sector and Others.

As per Article 6 sub-article 10 of Telecommunication Proclamation No. 49/1996 (as amended) and Article 53 Sub Article 2 of Council of Ministers Regulations No. 47/1999, the Ministry of Infrastructure has issued this Directive.

1 Short Title

This Directive may be cited as "Telecommunication License Fee Directive No.1/2004."

2 Definitions

1. The Definitions provided for in the License Directive for Resale and Telecenter in Telecommunication Services No.1/2002 and License Directive for the Installation and Maintenance of Cable, Wireless Local Loop, Exchange and Maintenance of Terminal Equipment in Telecommunication Services No.2/2002 shall apply to this Directive.
2. In this Directive, unless the context requires otherwise:
 - a) "**Evaluation Fee**" means fee payable to the Agency to type approve a telecommunication equipment as per Article 14 sub-article 1 of Telecommunication Proclamation No. 49/1996 (as amended).
 - b) "**Radiocommunication or TVRO Equipment License Fee**" means fee payable to the Agency to license radiocommunication or TVRO equipment or as per Article 14 sub-article 2 of Telecommunication Proclamation No.49/1996 (as amended). It includes fees payable to renew a TVRO license.
 - c) "**Pre-importation Evaluation Fee**" means fee payable to the Agency for technical evaluation of telecommunication equipment on the basis of its manual or similar information prior to the arrival of the telecommunication equipment at Customs station.
 - d) "**License Fees for Telecommunication Services Provided by the Private Sector**" means fee payable to the Agency for licensing as per Article 6 Sub-article 8 and Article 10 Sub-article 3 of Telecommunication Proclamation No. 49/1996 (as amended). It includes fees payable to renew such

license.

e) "**Radio Frequency Spectrum Fee**" means fee payable to the Agency for broadcasting or radiocommunication frequencies as per Article 15 sub-articles 1 and 2 of Telecommunication Proclamation No. 49/1996 (as amended).

3. Payment Rates

1. Evaluation, Radiocommunication or TVRO equipment license fees:

- a. Evaluation or pre-importation evaluation fee shall be as per the list attached with this Directive as Annex 1A.
- b. The license fee to be paid for radiocommunication or TVRO equipments shall be as per the list attached with this Directive as Annex 1B.
- c. The evaluation fee to be paid for telecommunication equipment that arrives at Customs station, for which previously a pre-importation evaluation fee was paid for as per Annex 1A of this Directive, shall be the difference between the evaluation fee and the pre-importation evaluation fee.
- d. The evaluation fee for the same types of models of telecommunication equipment listed in Annex 1A, even where the quantity is more than one, shall be equal to the fee to be paid for only one equipment.
- e. If the models of the telecommunications equipments listed in Annex 1A are different, the evaluation fee which should be charged on each different model shall be equal to the fee to be paid for only one equipment.
- f. No evaluation fee shall be paid on imports of telecommunication equipment in Annex 1A which model are previously type approved by the Agency.

2. License fee for telecommunication services provided by the private sector

License fee and license renewal fee paid for telecommunication services provided by the private sector shall be as per the list attached with this Directive as Annex 2.

3. Radio frequency spectrum fee

Fees payable for radio frequency spectrum shall be paid annually as per the list attached with this Directive as Annex 3A and 3B.

4. Other fees

- a• License fee for Very Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT) usage and for services provided by companies called Reuter and International Maritime Satellite Organization (Inmarsat) shall be as per the list attached with this Directive as Annex 4.
- b• The fee to be paid by a person that requests to be issued with a new license in replacement of the previous license issued for equipment and services indicated under this Directive: for correction of mistakes made on the entries of the license, for reasons of change of address, for loss or damage of the license card or for other similar reasons, shall upon submitting its request with proper evidence to the Agency, be equal to the license renewal fee.
- c• No fee shall be paid under sub-article 4(b) of this Article, if the mistake is committed by the Agency.

4. Period of Payment of Fees

1. License fee shall be paid at the time of issuance of the license.
2. Evaluation fee or pre-importation evaluation fee shall be paid after the technical evaluation of the telecommunication equipment is completed.
3. License renewal fee shall be paid annually within the Government of Ethiopia fiscal year upon renewal of the license.
4. Annual Radio Frequency Spectrum Fee shall be paid annually within the Government of Ethiopia fiscal year.

5. Annexes

The Annexes and the footnotes thereof which are attached with this Directive shall be considered as part of this Directive.

6. Responsibility of the Agency

The Agency shall implement this Directive.

7. Repealed Directives

Directives and practices which were in force in relation to fees shall not be applicable on issues provided for in this Directive.

8. Amendment of the Directive

The Ministry of Infrastructure, when it deems it necessary, may amend or change this Directive.

9. Effective Date

This Directive shall come into force as of the day of _____, 2004.

Done at Addis Ababa on the _____ day of _____, 2004

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Minister of Infrastructure

Annex 1A

Evaluation and Pre-importation

No	Type of the Equipment	Unit	Evaluation fee (in Birr)	Per-importation evaluation fee (in Birr)
1	Fixed telephone box	The fee payable on one equipment as per sub-articles 1(c), 1(d) or 1(e) of Article 3 of this Directive	11 (eleven)	7 (seven)

2	Mobile telephone box	"	28(twenty eight)	13(thirteen)
3	Fax machine	"	35(thirty five)	16(sixteen)
4	PBX/key telephone ¹	"	120(one hundred twenty)	28(twenty eight)
5	Modem pool	"	29(twenty nine)	13(thirteen)
6	IP Devices	"	29(twenty nine)	13(thirteen)
7	Chief and Secretary telephone box	"	17(seventeen)	10(ten)
8	Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite (GMPCS) terminal	"	29(twenty nine)	13(thirteen)

¹ The license fee is not dependent on the number of lines.

Annex 1B

TVRO or Radiocommunication

Equipment License Fee

No	Type of the Equipment	Unit	Evaluation fee (in Birr)	License renewal fee (in Birr)
1	TVRO	per equipment	89 (eighty nine)	38 (thirty eight)
2	Radiocommunication ¹	"	45(forty five)	No

¹. Radio frequency spectrum fee described in Annex 3B shall be paid with the license fee while the license is issued. Since there is no radiocommunication equipment license renewal fee, the fee payable under sub-article 4(b) of Article 3 of this Directive shall be Birr 20(Twenty).

Annex 2

License fee for Telecommunication Service

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Provided by the Private Sector

No.	Type of the telecommunication service	Unit	License fee (in Birr)	License renewal fee (in Birr)
1	Telecenter	per service provision address	47 (forty seven)	12 (twelve)
2	Internet resale	"	37(thirty seven)	12(twelve)
3	Telephone resale	"	37(thirty seven)	12(twelve)
4	Fax resale	"	37(thirty seven)	12(twelve)
5	In-house/building cable installation	per license applicant	100(one hundred)	29(twenty nine)
6	Outside cable installation : Grade I	"	185(one hundred eighty five)	53(fifty three)
7	Outside cable installation : Grade II	"	131(one hundred thirty one)	37(thirty seven)
8	Exchange Installation: Grade I	"	185(one hundred eighty five)	53(fifty three)
9	Exchange Installation: Grade II	"	131(one hundred thirty one)	37(thirty seven)
10	Terminal Equipment maintenance: Grade I	"	107(one hundred seven)	53(fifty three)
11	Terminal Equipment maintenance: Grade II	"	92(ninety two)	37(thirty seven)
12	GMPCS service ¹	"	2037(two thousand thirty seven)	No

1 . Radio frequency spectrum fee described in Annex 3B shall be paid with the license fee

while the license is issued.

Annex 3 A

Radio Frequency Spectrum Fee for Broadcasting Services

No.	type of service	Annual Radio Frequency Spectrum fee (in Birr)
1	TV Broadcasting	
	1.1) 0-10KW(Kilo Watt) power user per single assigned frequency	3394(three thousand three hundred ninety four)
	1.2) > 10KW power user per single assigned frequency	3822(three thousand eight hundred twenty two)
2	Sound Broadcasting	
	2.1) FM 0-10KW power user per single assigned frequency	1741(one thousand seven hundred forty one)
	2.2) FM >10KW power user per single assigned frequency	1917(one thousand nine hundred seventeen)
	2.3) MW(Medium Wave) <25KW power user per single assigned frequency	1741(one thousand seven hundred forty one)
	2.4) MW 25-100KW power user per single assigned frequency	1817(one thousand eight hundred seventeen)
	2.5) MW >100KW power user per single assigned frequency	2094(two thousand ninety four)
	2.6) SW(Short Wave) per single assigned frequency	1917(one thousand nine hundred seventeen)

Annex 3 B

Radiocommunications Radio Frequency Spectrum Fee

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No.	Type of station	Annual Radio Frequency Spectrum fee
1	Amateur station (as per station)	Birr 275 (two hundred seventy five)
2	Stations < 30 MHz band, per single assigned frequency	Birr 1,579(one thousand five hundred seventy nine)
3	Stations > 30 MHz band, per single assigned frequency	Birr 749(seven hundred forty nine)
4	Radio link stations 4.1) < 1 GHz, per single assigned frequency	Birr 528(five hundred twenty eight)
	4.2) > 1 GHz, assigned frequency band width per MHz	Birr 433(four hundred thirty three)
5	Cellular telephone system (GSM) payable on 31 (thirty one) channels	Birr 419,224(four hundred nineteen thousand two hundred twenty four)
6	Satellite earth station 6.1) Earth station per single assigned frequency	Birr 4,545(four thousand five hundred forty five)
	6.2) fee payable by the telecommunication service provider on the basis of its VSAT hubs or by private VSAT network user on the basis of the License	US Dollar 5000 (five thousand) ¹
7	Satellite terminals 7.1) Inmarsat as per the license	US Dollar 330 (three hundred thirty) ¹
	7.2) GMPCS as per the license	US Dollar 5000 (five thousand) ¹
	7.3) Reuter as per the license	US Dollar 3600 (three thousand six hundred) ¹
8	Wireless Local Loop (WLL) system per single assigned frequency	Birr 3,520 (three thousand

			five hundred twenty)

1 If the payer is Ethiopian Government institution, the fee shall be paid in Birr calculated on the basis of the exchange rate issued by the National Bank of Ethiopia one day before the day of payment.

Annex 4

License Fee for VSAT

Reuter and Inmarsat

No.	Type of the telecommunication equipment	Unit	License fee ¹
1	VSAT	as per each license	US Dollar 500 (five hundred) ²
2	Reuter	per customer	US Dollar 160 (one hundred sixty)
3	Inmarsat	per equipment	US Dollar 160 (one hundred sixty)

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