

ANNEX D

IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAP

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Implementation Roadmap is to set out the steps the Authority will need to take in order to amend and consolidate the terms and conditions of the Individual and Class Licences, and the potential implementation times.

The implementation of the Revised Licensing Framework constitutes a sensible step towards what a new legislative framework might require. In order to avoid parallel licensing regimes in operation, the Authority proposes to apply the amended and consolidated terms to both existing and new Licensees.

The Implementation Roadmap is set out in Section 2 below. All timeframes noted are approximate and subject to change at the Authority's discretion.

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No.	Step	Timeframe
1.	Public consultation The Authority is to conduct a public consultation of the proposed Revised Licensing Framework, in accordance with the Position Paper on How TRA Consults.	8 weeks
2.	Review of stakeholder feedback from public consultation The Authority will review all submissions received in response to the public consultation. The Authority will consider whether a second round of consultation is required – if so, this may impact the overall implementation timeframe.	6 weeks
3.	Consultation Report and revised Licence templates The Authority will prepare and publish on its website a Consultation Report. This will set out the Authority's assessment of stakeholder responses in the public consultation, including any revised Licence templates if necessary.	4 weeks
4.	Guidelines on Licence Applications and their Requirements The Authority will prepare Guidelines on Licence Applications and their Requirements for the Revised Licensing Framework.	6 weeks
5.	Review of Applicable Legal Instruments The Authority will review and propose amendments to, or prepare new Applicable Legal Instruments as a result of the Revised Licensing Framework.	12-24 months

6.	<p>Announcement in Official Gazette of proposed modification to Class Licences</p> <p>The Authority will publish an announcement in the Official Gazette of its proposal to amend the Class Licences, pursuant to Article 34(a) of the Telecommunications Law, which includes an opportunity for holders of the Class Licences to respond within the notice period specified by the Authority in the announcement (noting that such notice period will reflect the fact that stakeholders have already had a chance to respond to the Authority’s proposed modifications in step 1).</p>	30 days
7.	<p>Modification of Class Licences</p> <p>The Authority will issue an appropriate decision on the modification of the existing Class Licences, and publish an announcement in the Official Gazette, pursuant to Article 34(b) of the Telecommunications Law. The Authority’s decision will specify the date on which the amended Class Licences will take effect.</p>	6-8 weeks
8.	<p>Modification of Individual Licences</p> <p>In order to facilitate an efficient migration from existing Licences to the Revised Licensing Framework, the Authority will engage with Licensees in the groups set out below. The Licensees have been grouped according to the type of Individual Licences they hold, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individual Mobile Telecommunications Licence (“IMTL”) • Internet Exchange (“IEX”) • International Telecommunications Facilities (“IFL”) • International Telecommunications Services (“ISL”) • National Fixed Services (“NFL”) • National Fixed Wireless Telecommunications Services (“NFWL”) • Very Small Aperture Terminal – Individual Licence (“VSAT”). 	6-8 months
	<p>Group A Licensees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bahrain Telecommunications Company (BATELCO) B.S.C • stc Bahrain B.S.C • Zain Bahrain B.S.C <p>All holders of an IMTL, IFL, ISL, NFL (except Zain), VSAT (except stc Bahrain), and NFWL (except BATELCO).</p>	
	<p>Group B Licensees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Etisalcom Bahrain Company W.L.L 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infonas W.L.L • Kalaam Telecom Bahrain Company B.S.C (C) • Nuetel Communications S.P.C • Rapid Telecommunications W.L.L <p>All holders of an IFL, ISL and NFL.</p>	
	<p>Group C Licensees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VIACLOUD W.L.L • Zain Global Communications Services S.P.C (formerly MADA Communication Company S.P.C) • Bahrain Internet Exchange (“BIX”) <p>All holders of an IFL and ISL (except BIX, which instead also holds an IEX).</p>	
	<p>Group D Licensees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ascentech Telecom W.L.L • Bahrain Star Event Management W.L.L • BT Solutions Limited (Bahrain Branch) • Equant Global Network – Foreign Branch (EGN BV) • Gulf Electronic Tawasul Company • IMC Telecom W.L.L • North Star Technology Company W.L.L • Socite International de Telecommunications Areonautiques – SITA • Vodafone Enterprise Bahrain W.L.L (formerly Cable & Wireless Worldwide Bahrain W.L.L) • Zajil Information Technologies International W.L.L <p>All holders of an ISL.</p>	