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Committee on Import Licensing

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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 TO 5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT¹

KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

The following notification, of which the first draft was received on 15 October 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

	Category	Notification details																								
1	Notifying Member	Kingdom of Bahrain																								
2	Title of new legislation/procedure	The Telecommunications Law of The Kingdom of Bahrain																								
3	Date of Publication	23 October 2002																								
4	Date of entry into force	23 October 2002																								
5	Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure	https://tra-website-prod-01.s3-me-south-1.amazonaws.com/Media/mediafiles/document/THE%20TELECOMMUNICATIONS%20LAW.pdf																								
6	Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat	[X] Yes. <i>(Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.)</i> [] No.																								
7	Type of notification	[X] (a) New licensing regulation/procedure ² ; (please answer question 8 to 14) [] (b) Changes to a regulation/procedure which has been previously notified in document: _____; <i>(please answer question 15 and 16)</i>																								
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¹ It is understood that the notifying Member has also completed its notification obligations under Article 1.4(a) and Article 8.2(b) regarding the relevant law/regulation/procedure notified for by filling this form in a full and complete manner.

² "New licensing regulation/procedure" is understood to refer to any newly introduced law, regulation or procedure, and those which are in force but being notified for the first time to the Committee.

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9	Nature of licensing	Automatic: [] Non-Automatic: [X]
10	Administrative purpose/measure being implemented	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect public morals; (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect human, animal or plant life and health; protect environment; (c) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collect trade statistics or market surveillance; (d) <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices; (e) <input type="checkbox"/> Pursue obligations under the UN Charter and other international treaties (i.e. CITES, Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention, UNSC Resolutions etc.) (f) <input type="checkbox"/> Quota (including TRQ) administration; (g) <input type="checkbox"/> Regulate imports of arms, ammunition or fissionable materials and safeguard national security; (h) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify)
11	Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications	Ministry/authority and Department: Telecommunications Regulatory Authority - TRA Address: 5 th Floor, Building No. 852, Road No. 3618, Seef 436 Website: www.tra.org.bh Telephone: +973 17520000 E-Mail: typeapproval@tra.org.bh
12	Contact point for information on eligibility	Ministry/authority and Department: Spectrum Management Department – Technical and Operations Directorate - TRA Address: 5 th Floor, Building No. 852, Road No. 3618, Seef 436 Website: www.tra.org.bh Telephone: +973 17520000 E-Mail: typeapproval@tra.org.bh
13	Expected duration of licensing procedure	Ongoing
14	A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages	The provisions of this law attached hereto gives the TRA legal powers to govern all telecommunications except the radio frequency spectrum, telecommunications networks and services used by the Bahrain Defence Forces and all security organs in the Kingdom. Every contrary provision shall be superseded by the provisions of the attached Law. This Law shall be construed in accordance with the provisions of the relevant international agreements applicable in the Kingdom and the regulations of any international body or commission or organisation operating in the field of telecommunications of which the Kingdom is a member.

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15	In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)	<p>(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Termination</p> <p>(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension</p> <p>(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Modification of specific details in existing procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Product coverage; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative purpose; <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic or Non-automatic; <input type="checkbox"/> Duration of licensing; <input type="checkbox"/> Change the nature of quantity/value restriction; <input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility of applicants; <input type="checkbox"/> Contact information on eligibility; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) for submission of application; <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation requirements (including application form); <input type="checkbox"/> Period for Application; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) to issue licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Processing time for issuing licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Licence fee/administrative charge; <input type="checkbox"/> Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions; <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal regulations/procedures; <input type="checkbox"/> Validity of licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.); <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign exchange requirements; <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify).
16	Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the WTO official languages)	