
REGULATIONS

The International Telecommunications Cable Regulations

Annexure A – The ITC Permit Procedures

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A1 Introduction

A1.1 Pursuant to the provisions of the International Telecommunications Cable Regulations, no person other than a Qualified Licensee shall:

1.1.1 install, or cause to be installed, any Terrestrial Telecommunications Cable (TTC) in the UAE; or

1.1.2 install, or cause to be installed, any Submarine Telecommunications Cable (STC) in the Territorial Waters of the UAE; or

1.1.3 operate, maintain, or service any ITC in the UAE and its Territorial Waters; or

1.1.4 land any STC in the UAE; or

1.1.5 amend or wilfully remove, or wilfully cause to be removed, any ITC from the UAE or its Territorial Waters,

without first obtaining the relevant Permit(s) from the TDRA.

A1.2 The ITC Regulations describe two Permits:

A1.2.1 Permit to Install; and

A1.2.2 Permit to Remove.

A1.3 These Regulatory Procedures describe the procedures by which an applicant may prepare and submit a Permit Application to the TDRA.

A2 Definitions and interpretation

A2.1 The terms, words, and phrases used in these Procedures shall have the same meaning as are ascribed to them in the Telecommunications Law, and failing that the Regulatory Framework including in particular the ITC Regulations unless these Procedures expressly provides for otherwise, or the context in which those terms, words and phrases are used in these Procedures requires otherwise.

A2.2 These Procedures may be referred to as “The TDRA’s International Telecommunications Cable Regulations Procedures” or “The ITCR Procedures”.

A3 Permit Application Procedure – Permit to Install

A3.1 Any person wishing to install an ITC in the UAE may apply to the TDRA for the relevant Permit as required by these Regulations in accordance with the Procedure set out herein.

A3.2 All applications shall be in made in writing and addressed to the Director General of the TDRA. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application is supported by all relevant documentation and information as required by the following table.

Type of International Telecommunications Cable (ITC)	Documentation and Information to be submitted
Transit STC to be laid in the Territorial Waters of the UAE	All documents and information listed in section Error! Reference source not found.
STC to be landed in the UAE	All documents and information listed in sections Error! Reference source not found. and A5.2
Transit TTC to be installed in the UAE	All documents and information listed in section A6.1
TTC to be connected to a Terrestrial International Cable Gateway	All documents and information listed in sections A6.1 and A6.2

A3.3 The TDRA will assess the application for completeness and in the event the TDRA considers an application to be incomplete, the TDRA will return the application with appropriate instructions to the applicant.

A3.4 Subject to the TDRA considering an application to be complete and properly submitted, the TDRA will liaise with the relevant security agencies and any other entity the TDRA considers to be relevant.

A3.5 In circumstances where one or more of the above entities responds to the TDRA with an **objection** to the proposal to install the International Telecommunications Cable:

A3.5.1 the TDRA may liaise further with the concerned entity (or entities) in order to determine whether a modified proposal might be acceptable; and

- A3.5.2 the TDRA will revert to the applicant to advise the applicant accordingly- which may be advice to amend and resubmit the application; or an outright refusal to issue a Permit to Install.
- A3.6 In circumstances where **all** relevant entities respond with a '**no objection**' to the proposal to install the International Telecommunications Cable the TDRA will, subject to the payment of the proper fees, issue a Permit to Install which shall be identified with a unique reference number.
- A3.7 The Permit to Install permits the Permit Holder to install the ITC in the UAE exactly in accordance with the information provided in the application and any conditions set out by the TDRA and specified in the Permit.

A4 Permit Application Procedure – Permit to Remove

- A4.1 Any person wishing to remove or decommission an ITC in the UAE may apply to the TDRA for the relevant Permit as required by these Regulations in accordance with the Procedure set out herein.
- A4.2 All applications shall be made in writing and addressed to the Director General of the TDRA. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the application is supported by all relevant documentation and information as set out in section **Error! Reference source not found.** below.
- A4.3 The TDRA will assess the application for completeness and in the event the TDRA considers an application to be incomplete, the TDRA will return the application with appropriate instructions to the applicant.
- A4.4 Subject to the TDRA considering an application to be complete and properly submitted, the TDRA will liaise with such entities and agencies as the TDRA considers to be relevant.
- A4.5 In circumstances where one or more of the relevant entities responds to the TDRA with an **objection** to the proposal to remove/decommission the International Telecommunications Cable:
- A4.5.1 the TDRA may liaise further with the concerned entity (or entities) in order to determine whether a modified proposal might be acceptable; and
- A4.5.2 the TDRA will revert to the applicant to advise the applicant accordingly- which may be advice to amend and resubmit the application; or an outright refusal to issue a Permit to Remove.

- A4.6 In circumstances where **all** relevant entities respond with a ‘**no objection**’ to the proposal to remove/decommission the International Telecommunications Cable the TDRA will, subject to the payment of the proper fees, issue a Permit to Remove which shall be identified with a unique reference number.
- A4.7 The Permit to Remove permits the Permit Holder to remove or decommission the ITC exactly in accordance with the information provided in the application and any conditions set out by the TDRA and specified in the Permit.

A5 Application requirements for Permit to Install Submarine Telecommunications Cables (STC)

- A5.1 Requirements for all STC that are to be laid in the Territorial Waters of the UAE:
- A5.1.1 The name and contact details of the applicant;
 - A5.1.2 The name of, and a point of contact for, the cable owner(s);
 - A5.1.3 The name and contact details of any local agent or partner;
 - A5.1.4 the name (or unique identifier) of the concerned cable;
 - A5.1.5 the geographic route of the cable including a map/illustration of the cable and a list of all countries in which the concerned cable or spurs thereof lands or are planned to land and in the case of planned landings, the planned date(s) thereof;
 - A5.1.6 the planned date(s) of installation; and
 - A5.1.7 declarations of ‘No Objection’ issued by:
 - A5.1.7.1 The Municipalities of the relevant Emirate;
 - A5.1.7.2 The Ports Authorities in the UAE;
 - A5.1.7.3 Oilfield Operators.
- A5.2 Additional requirements for STC to be landed the UAE:
- A5.2.1 The point of landing;
 - A5.2.2 The name and location of the Licensed Cable Landing Station;
 - A5.2.3 A declaration of ‘No Objection’ issued by the concerned

Licensee(s) operating the concerned Cable Landing Station(s);
and

A5.2.4 a list of all those UAE based telecommunications networks with which the concerned Submarine Telecommunications Cable is planned to directly interconnect.

A6 Application Requirements for Permit to Install Terrestrial Telecommunications Cables (TTC)

A6.1 Requirements for all TTC to be installed in the UAE:

A6.1.1 The name and contact details of the applicant;

A6.1.2 The name and contact details of the cable owner(s);

A6.1.3 The name and contact details of any local agent or partner;

A6.1.4 the name (or unique identifier) of the concerned cable;

A6.1.5 the geographic route of the cable including a map/illustration of the cable and a list of all countries in which the concerned cable or spurs thereof enter or are planned to enter the planned date(s) thereof;

A6.1.6 the planned date(s) of installation; and

A6.1.7 declarations of 'No Objection' issued by:

A6.1.7.1 The Municipalities of the relevant Emirate(s); and

A6.1.7.2 Oilfield Operators.

A6.2 Additional requirements for TTC to be connected to a Terrestrial International Cable Gateway in the UAE:

A6.2.1 The name and location of the Terrestrial International Cable Gateway; and

A6.2.2 A declaration of 'No Objection' issued by the concerned Licensee(s) operating the concerned Terrestrial International Cable Gateway(s); and

A6.2.3 A list of all those UAE based telecommunications networks with

which the concerned Terrestrial Telecommunications Cable is planned to directly interconnect.

A7 Application Requirements for Permit to Remove

A7.1 Requirements for all ITC:

- A7.1.1 The name and contact details of the applicant;
- A7.1.2 The name and contact details of the Permit Holder;
- A7.1.3 The name and contact details of any local agent or partner;
- A7.1.4 the name (or unique identifier) of the concerned cable;
- A7.1.5 The unique reference number of the Permit to Install;
- A7.1.6 A complete and detailed description of the planned works including:
 - A7.1.6.1 the name(s) and contact details of the person(s) who will conduct the works; and
 - A7.1.6.2 maps and diagrams as may be required; and
 - A7.1.6.3 the date(s) on which it is intended to conduct the works.

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