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REGULATIONS, 2023.

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2023 No. 48.

**The Regulation of Interception of Communications Regulations,  
2023**

*(Under section 16 of the Regulation of Interception of  
Communications Act, 2010)*

**IN EXERCISE** of the powers conferred on the Minister by section 16 of the Regulation of Interception of Communications Act, 2010, these Regulations are made this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023.

PART I—PRELIMINARY

**1. Title**

These Regulations may be cited as the Regulation of Interception of Communications Regulations, 2023.

**2. Interpretation**

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Act” means the Regulation of Interception of Communications Act, 2010;

“asylum seeker” means a person who has made an application for grant of refugee status under section 19 of the Refugee Act, 2006 and is in possession of a valid asylum seeker's certificate issued under the Refugee Act, 2006;

“Commission” means the Uganda Communications Commission established by section 4 of the Uganda Communications Act, 2013;

“committee” means the Monitoring Centre Committee established under regulation 3;

“customer” means—

- (a) a person who has entered into a contract with a service provider for the provision of a telecommunication service to that person, body or organisation; or
- (b) a person to whom a service provider provides a pre-paid, post-paid or free-rated telecommunication service;

“currency point” has the value assigned to it in Schedule 1 to these regulations;

“GPS” means the Global Positioning System;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for security or any other Minister to whom the President may from time to time assign the administration of the Act;

“operator” means any person licenced to provide telecommunication services under the Uganda Communications Act, 2013 or any other law that may be in force from time to time;

“relevant Ministers” means the Cabinet Ministers responsible for—

- (a) defence;
- (b) internal affairs; and
- (c) information and communications technology;

“refugee” means a person who has been forced to leave his or her country in order to escape war, persecution or natural disaster and has been granted refugee status in Uganda in accordance with the Refugee Act, 2006;

“signature” means a mark or sign made by an individual on an instrument or document to signify knowledge, approval, acceptance, or obligation, and includes a thumb print or other electronically administered signature that conforms to the requirements under the Electronic Signatures Act, 2011;

“SIM card” means a Subscriber Identity Module, which is an independent electronically activated device designed for use in conjunction with a mobile telephone to enable the user of a mobile telephone or any communication device to transmit and receive indirect communication by providing access to telecommunications systems and enabling such telecommunication system to identify the particular Subscriber Identity Module and its instalment information and includes an e-SIM;

“subscriber” means a person who receives an application service or a content service under an agreement with or pursuant to terms and conditions set by the telecommunication service provider;

“telecommunication service” means a service consisting of conveyance or reception of any sounds, signals, signs, writing, images by wire, optical or other electronically guided media systems whether or not the signs, signals, writing, images, sounds or intelligence have been subjected to rearrangement, computation or other process by any means in the course of their transmission, emission or reception.

## PART II—MONITORING CENTRE COMMITTEE

### 3. Establishment of Monitoring Centre

- (1) There is established a centre to be known as the Monitoring Centre.

(2) The Minister shall, in consultation with the relevant Ministers—

- (a) equip, operate and maintain the Monitoring Centre;
- (b) acquire, install and maintain connections between telecommunications systems and the Monitoring Centre; and
- (c) administer the Monitoring Centre.

#### 4. Monitoring Centre committee

(1) For the purposes of administering the Monitoring Centre, there is constituted a Committee known as the Monitoring Centre Committee which shall consist of—

- (a) the Minister who shall be the chairperson;
- (b) the Minister responsible for defence;
- (c) the Minister responsible for internal affairs;
- (d) the Minister responsible for information and communications technology;
- (e) the Executive Director Uganda Communications Commission or his or her nominee;
- (f) the Director General of the External Security Organisation or his or her nominee;
- (g) the Director General of the Internal Security Organisation or his or her nominee; and
- (h) any other person appointed by the Minister.

(2) The Minister shall designate one of the employees of the Ministry of Security to be the Secretary to the Committee on such terms and conditions as shall be deemed necessary.

#### 5. Duties of committee

The duties of the committee shall include—

- (a) recommending and implementing policies for the administration of the Monitoring Centre; and
- (b) monitoring and evaluating activities of the Monitoring Centre.

#### 6. Application for warrant of interception

(1) An application for a warrant of interception under section 4 (2) of the Act shall be made in Form 1 prescribed in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

(2) A warrant of interception issued by a designated judge shall be in Form 2 prescribed in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

### PART III—REGISTRATION OF SIM CARDS

#### 7. Duty of telecommunication service provider to register customers

(1) A telecommunication service provider shall, before entering into a contract with any person for the provision of a telecommunication service, obtain the person's full name, a clear passport size photograph in case of a natural person, the residential address, business address, postal address and where the person is—

- (a) a Ugandan national; require him or her to provide his or her original National Identification Card;
- (b) a foreigner; require him or her to provide his or her Aliens Identification Number or passport and a copy of his or her valid Ugandan visa or residence permit;
- (c) a refugee living in Uganda; require him or her to provide an original valid refugee identification card or attestation letter issued by the Office of the Prime Minister;
- (d) an asylum seeker in Uganda; require him or her to provide an original valid asylum seeker's certificate issued by the Office of the Prime Minister;
- (e) a business organisation, trust or cooperative; provide its business name, address and a certified copy of the documents confirming its incorporation or registration;

- (f) a Non-Governmental Organisation; a certified copy of the Non-Governmental Organisation's permit and letter of good standing from the Non-Governmental Organisation Bureau;
  - (g) a government agency, ministry or department of government; an official letter with a unique reference identifier on the institution's official letter head signed by the institution's responsible officer confirming the particulars of the entity;
  - (h) a foreign mission, regional or international organisation with diplomatic immunity in Uganda; a recommendation letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs;
  - (i) a diplomat in Uganda; a diplomatic identity card and recommendation letter from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and
  - (j) a regional or international organisation; an official letter on the institution's official letter head signed by the officer authorised to act on behalf of that institution.
- (2) A telecommunication service provider shall ensure that a SIM card registered and sold to a foreigner in accordance with subregulation (1) (b) is only active and usable during the validity period of the foreigner's visa or resident permit in Uganda.
- (3) A telecommunication service provider shall ensure that before a SIM card is sold to any person, the SIM card is duly registered in the customer's name in accordance with these Regulations.
- (4) The details required under sub regulation (1) shall be obtained using Form 3 prescribed in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

(5) For avoidance of doubt, the information contained in Form 3 may be captured in physical or electronic format provided that—

- (a) the telecommunication service provider shall be able to retrieve the information when it is required; and
- (b) the format used shall allow for authentication of the information obtained from the customer by ensuring that the customer either physically or electronically signs on the form.

(6) A telecommunication service provider shall provide the Commission with a list of all its designated SIM card sales and registration points bearing the GPS coordinates and a unique identifying code or number for each point.

(7) A telecommunication service provider shall ensure that every SIM card sale and registration point has a functional electronic biometric card reader machine or any other equipment required to enable the sales person capture and verify the details required in subregulation (1).

(8) Where a new point is designated, the telecommunication service provider shall update the list at the Commission within five working days after the designation.

(9) Unless the contrary is proved, it shall be presumed that a person selling, offering for sale, issuing or activating any telecommunication service provider's SIM card is an authorised agent of that telecommunication service provider, and it shall be the responsibility of the telecommunication service provider to ensure that its SIM cards are sold in accordance with these Regulations.

(10) A person who sells, offers for sale, issues, or activates SIM cards without the authority of a telecommunication service provider commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding fifty currency points or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or to both.

(11) A telecommunication service provider that contravenes this regulation shall pay to the Commission a civil penalty of two hundred and fifty currency points for every SIM Card on its network that is not registered in accordance with this regulation.

#### **8. SIM card registration requirements for companies**

(1) A person applying for SIM card registration on behalf of a company shall attach the following documents to the application—

- (a) a certified copy of the company's certificate of incorporation;
- (b) a certified copy of the particulars of the directors of the company;
- (c) a certified copy of the form showing the registered location or place of business of the company;
- (d) a copy of the company's Taxpayer Identification Number Certificate issued by the Uganda Revenue Authority;
- (e) a copy of the National Identity Card of the managing director or chief executive officer of the company, if a Ugandan citizen, or a copy of a valid passport for a foreign managing director or chief executive officer;
- (f) a letter with the company's registration number, signed by the managing director or chief executive officer authorising the purchase of the subject SIM card by the company, and the purpose for which the SIM card is being purchased; and
- (g) a legal undertaking signed by the Chief Executive Officer, Managing Director or the designated responsible officer of the company committing to be held jointly and severally liable for any misuse of the SIM card registered in the name of the company.

(2) A telecommunication service provider shall carry out a company search at the Uganda Registration Service Bureau at the cost of the applicant, to certify the authenticity of the company documents provided by the applicant before issuing the SIM card.

#### **9. SIM card registration requirements for Non-Governmental Organisations**

(1) A person applying for SIM card registration on behalf of a Non-Governmental Organisation shall attach the following documents to the application—

- (a) a certified copy of the Non-Governmental Organisation's permit and a letter of good standing from the Non-Governmental Organisation Bureau;
- (b) a letter signed by the executive head of the Non-Governmental Organisation addressed to a specific telecommunications operator requesting to acquire SIM card and specifying the purpose for which the SIM card is being purchased;
- (c) a copy of the Non-Governmental Organisation's Taxpayer Identification Number Certificate issued by the Uganda Revenue Authority;
- (d) a copy of the National Identity Card of the executive head of the Non-Governmental Organisation, for Ugandan citizens, or a copy of a valid Passport and visa for a foreigner; and
- (e) a legal undertaking signed by the chief executive officer, managing director or the designated responsible officer of the Non-Governmental Organisation committing to be held jointly and severally liable for any misuse of the SIM card registered in the name of the Non-Governmental Organisation.

(2) The telecommunication service provider shall carry out a search at the Non-Governmental Organisation Bureau at the cost of the applicant, to certify the authenticity of documents submitted before issuing the SIM cards.

#### 10. SIM card registration requirements for trusts

(1) A person applying for SIM card registration on behalf of a trust shall attach the following documents to the application—

- (a) a certified copy of the certificate of incorporation of the trust issued by the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development;
- (b) a certified copy of the trust deed or constitution of the trust;
- (c) a letter signed by the responsible officer or administrator of the trust addressed to the telecommunication service provider requesting to acquire a SIM card and specifying the purpose for which the SIM card is being purchased;
- (d) a copy of the trust's Taxpayer Identification Number issued by the Uganda Revenue Authority;
- (e) a copy of the National Identity Card of the responsible officer or administrator of the trust, for Ugandan citizens, or a copy of a valid passport and visa for a foreigner; and
- (f) a legal undertaking signed by the chief executive officer, managing director or the designated responsible officer of the Trust in Uganda committing to be held jointly and severally liable for any misuse of the SIM card registered in the name of the trust.

(2) The telecommunication service provider shall, at the cost of the applicant, carry out a search at the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development or the Uganda Registration Service Bureau to confirm the authenticity of the documents submitted, before issuing the SIM card.

#### 11. SIM card registration requirements for cooperative societies

(1) A person applying for SIM card registration on behalf of a cooperative society shall attach the following documents to the application—

- (a) a certified copy of the cooperative's certificate of registration;
- (b) a certified copy of the particulars of the directors of the cooperative society;
- (c) a certified copy of the form showing the registered location/ place of business of the cooperative society;
- (d) a copy of the cooperative society's Taxpayer Identification Number Certificate issued by the Uganda Revenue Authority;
- (e) a copy of the National Identity Card of the managing director or chief executive officer of the cooperative society; for Ugandan citizens, or a copy of a valid passport and visa for a foreigner;
- (f) a letter on the cooperative society's letterhead signed by the managing director or chief executive officer, authorising the purchase of the subject SIM card by the cooperative society, and the purpose for which the SIM card is being purchased; and
- (g) a legal undertaking signed by the chief executive officer, managing director or designated responsible officer of the cooperative society committing to be held jointly and severally liable for any misuse of any SIM card registered in the name of the cooperative society.

(2) The telecommunication service provider shall, at the cost of the applicant, carry out a search at the Registrar of Cooperative Societies to certify the authenticity of the documents provided by the applicant for a corporate SIM card, before issuing the SIM card.

**12. SIM registration for MDA's and local governments**

(1) A person who applies for a SIM card in the name of a ministry, department or agency of Government, a statutory body or local government shall provide the following documents to the telecommunication service provider—

- (a) letter signed by the accounting officer of the ministry, department, agency, statutory body or local government; authorising him or her to register a SIM card in the name of the ministry, department or agency of Government, a statutory body or local government;
- (b) a copy of the National Identification Card of the accounting officer of the ministry, department, statutory body or local government.

(2) The telecommunication service provider shall, at the cost of the applicant, conduct a due diligence on the information provided under sub regulation (1) and authenticate the same with the accounting officer of the responsible agency, before issuing the SIM card.

**13. SIM CARD registration requirements for political parties and organisations**

(1) A person applying for SIM card registration on behalf of a Political party or organisation shall attach the following documents to the application—

- (a) a certified copy of the certificate of registration of the political party or organisation;
- (b) a certified copy of the particulars of the members of the executive or governing council of the political party or organisation;
- (c) a certified copy of the form showing the registered location or place of business of the political party or organisation;

- (d) a copy of the national identity card of the president or chairperson or accounting officer of the political party or organisation;
- (e) a letter on the letterhead of the political party or organisation signed by the accounting officer authorising the purchase of the SIM card in the name of the political party or organisation; and
- (f) a legal undertaking signed by the accounting officer of the political party or organisation committing to be held jointly and severally liable for any misuse of the SIM card registered in the name of the political party or organisation.

(2) A telecommunication service provider shall, at the cost of the applicant, carry out a search at Electoral Commission to certify the authenticity of the documents provided by the applicant before the SIM card is issued.

**14. Presumption of authority**

(1) Unless the contrary is proved, it shall be presumed that a person registering or activating any telecommunication service provider's SIM card is an authorised agent of such telecommunication service provider, and it shall be the responsibility of a telecommunications service provider to ensure that its SIM cards are sold in accordance with these Regulations.

(2) A person, whether acting as an agent or employee of an operator who registers or activates a SIM card without the authority of the telecommunication service provider commits an offence and is on conviction liable to a fine not exceeding fifty currency points or a term of imprisonment not exceeding five years or both for each SIM Card registered or activated contrary to these Regulations.



#### **15. Replacement, swapping, editing or upgrade of SIM cards**

(1) A SIM card replacement, edit, swap or upgrade shall be done at customer service centers manned and directly operated by the telecom operators, or at designated agent shops operated and manned by an agent expressly authorised by the operator to undertake this process.

(2) An applicant for replacement, edit, swap or upgrade of a SIM card shall physically appear at the telecom operators' customer service center or at the designed agent's shop.

(3) The SIM card replaced, swapped or upgraded shall be issued in the names of the person in whose name the SIM card was registered at the time of the loss, damage or other circumstance that may have necessitated the replacement, swap or upgrade.

(4) Every operator shall ensure that the officers or agents who are authorised to undertake SIM card replacement, swapping, editing or upgrading sign a formal undertaking to be personally held criminally and civilly liable for any loss that may be suffered by a third party as a result of any irregular SIM Card replacement, swap, edit or upgrade.

#### **16. Duty of telecommunication service customers to provide information**

(1) A person shall, before purchase of a SIM card provide the telecommunication service provider or its agent with all the information specified in regulation 7 (1) for purposes of registration of the SIM card.

(2) A person seeking to obtain or buy a SIM card shall ensure that all the information provided to the telecommunication service provider or its agent is accurate.

(3) Any person who provides inaccurate or otherwise false information for purposes of these Regulations commits an offence and

is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding one hundred currency points or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both.

#### **17. Change of registration details**

(1) A telecommunication service customer shall, whenever there is a change in the registration details provided at the time of registering for a telecommunication service, notify the telecommunication service provider, within ten working days from the date of the change.

(2) A telecommunication service provider shall, upon receipt of a notification of change of registration details from a customer, immediately update the customer's registration details.

(3) A telecommunication service customer who fails to comply with sub regulation (1) commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding fifty currency points or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both.

(4) A telecommunication service provider that fails to comply with sub regulation (2), shall pay to the Commission a civil penalty of two hundred and fifty currency points for each SIM card in default.

(5) Subject to sub regulation (1), where a SIM card is registered in names other than the names of the applicant for change of registration, the applicant shall—

(a) physically appear in person at the operator's customer service centre with the person in whose name the subject SIM card is registered; and

(b) present to the operator, his or her original National Identification Card.

(6) The person in whose name the SIM card is sought to be changed shall, consent to the request for removal of his or her name, before the change can be effected by the telecom operator.

(7) Notwithstanding sub regulation (5), where the person who seeks to be registered as the user of a previously registered SIM card can prove, by way of a statutory declaration, that he or she is in physical possession and use of the SIM card, but it was either mistakenly registered in the name of another person who is not known to him or her, or whose physical appearance at the customer service centre cannot be procured without undue difficulty, the operator may approve the request for change in the name of the SIM card user.

(8) Before effecting the change in name of a registered SIM card user, the operator shall ensure that the new user is registered in accordance with the procedure applicable to the registration of a new SIM card.

#### **18. Regularisation of registration details**

(1) A person who had, prior to the coming into force of these Regulations, registered his or her SIM card or telecommunication device with an in-built SIM card using an identification document or a procedure different from that provided under these Regulations shall, within one hundred and eighty days of the coming into force of these Regulations, regularise his or her registration status in accordance with these Regulations.

(2) A person who does not regularise his or her registration details in accordance with these Regulations shall have his or her telecommunication service suspended until he or she complies with the requirements of these Regulations.

(3) A telecommunication service provider that contravenes this regulation shall pay to the Commission a civil penalty of two hundred and fifty currency points for every SIM Card on its network that is not regularised in accordance with subregulation (1).

#### **19. Suspension of irregularly registered telecommunication service customers**

(1) A telecommunication service provider shall, within one hundred and eighty days after the coming into force of these

Regulations, suspend the provision of all telecommunication services to every consumer who shall not have registered or regularised his or her registration in accordance with these Regulations.

(2) A telecommunication service customer whose SIM card has been suspended for non-compliance with these Regulations may within three months from the date of suspension, submit the required details or documents to the telecommunication service provider for restoration of service.

(3) A telecommunication service provider that fails to suspend an irregularly registered customer from its network shall pay to the Commission a civil penalty of two hundred and fifty currency points for every SIM Card on its network that is not suspended in accordance with subregulation (1).

#### **20. Restriction on ownership of SIM cards**

(1) A telecommunication operator shall not register more than ten SIM Cards in the name of a natural person, or more than one hundred SIM Cards in name of a corporate body or other non-natural customer on its network.

(2) Every telecommunication operator shall, at its cost, create a system through which all its SIM card selling officers can verify and confirm the number of SIM Cards registered in each customer's name in order to avoid breach of the restriction in sub regulation (1).

(3) A telecommunication service provider that contravenes sub regulation (1) shall pay to the Commission a civil penalty of two hundred and fifty currency points for every SIM Card on its network that is in excess of the maximum number set under this regulation.

(4) Notwithstanding sub regulation (1), the Commission may, in exceptional circumstances, authorise a telecommunication operator to register SIM Cards in excess of the number prescribed in sub regulation (1) for corporate bodies and other non-individual customers,

where the corporate body or non-individual customer proves that the additional SIM Cards are necessary for purposes of facilitating its unique business needs and that it has sufficient mechanisms to guard against misuse of the SIM Cards registered in its name.

#### **21. Presumption of ownership**

Except where the contrary is proved, the person in whose name a SIM card is registered shall be presumed to be the owner and user of the SIM card in question at all times.

#### **22. Duty to report loss of SIM card**

- (1) A person who loses his or her SIM card shall—
  - (a) immediately inform the telecommunications service provider of the loss; and
  - (b) report the loss to the nearest police station and furnish the telecommunication service provider with the police reference number and police letter verifying the loss.
- (2) A telecommunication service provider shall immediately on receipt of the notification of loss of a SIM card from the registered owner, suspend all services to the number or SIM card.
- (3) A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding twenty currency points or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both.

#### **23. None use of SIM card**

- (1) A SIM card that has not been active or has not made any revenue generating activity or has not made any transaction or communication for a continuous period of three months shall be deactivated by the telecommunication service provider.
- (2) After deactivation of a SIM card, an operator may assign its attendant number to another customer.

- (3) Subject to sub regulation (1), a telecom service provider shall, before deactivating a SIM card, give notice of at least fourteen days to the person in whose name it is registered informing him or her that unless the SIM card is re-activated before the expiry of the three months period, it shall be deactivated and be eligible for assignment to another customer.

- (4) For the purposes of this regulation—

- (a) a SIM card is inactive if it does not register any revenue generating activity for a continuous period of three months; and
- (b) a revenue generating activity occurs when a SIM card is used to originate or receive a call, roam, send a message, purchase or receive data or airtime, used for account subscription for oneself or for another customer or used for any other outgoing or incoming event which generates revenue to the operator.

- (5) Notwithstanding the provisions of this regulation, a SIM card connected to an electronic money account with an electronic money balance shall be deemed to be inactive after the expiry of the period specified in section 57 of the National Payment Systems Act, 2020.

#### **24. Disclosure of information**

- (1) A telecommunication service provider, agent or employee, shall not unlawfully disclose or procure the disclosure to any person, of information obtained from a customer for purposes of these Regulations.
- (2) A telecommunication service provider may disclose information about a customer where the disclosure is authorised pursuant to a court order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction in Uganda or for purposes of complying with regulatory obligations under the laws of Uganda.

(3) A disclosure under this regulation shall be in Form 4 prescribed in the Schedule to these Regulations.

#### **25. Duty to report death of a registered SIM card owner**

(1) Upon the death of a registered user or a registered owner of a SIM card, the deceased's next of kin or person legally permitted to administer the affairs of the deceased shall within a period not exceeding thirty days from date of death of the customer notify the telecommunication service provider of the death of its customer.

(2) Upon receipt of the notification of death, the telecommunication service provider shall immediately suspend all services to the reported SIM card until a legally appointed administrator of the deceased's estate applies for reactivation or otherwise.

(3) A person shall not, for any purpose, use a deceased person's SIM card, except as specified in this regulation.

(4) A person who uses a deceased person's SIM card in contravention of this regulation commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding fifty currency points or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both.

### **PART IV—MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **26. Offences relating to identification documents**

A person who—

(a) uses another person's national identification card, alien's identification card or any other identification document for purposes of registration of a SIM card; or

(b) permits another person to use his or her national identification card, alien's identification card or any other identification document for purposes of registration of a SIM card,

commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding fifty currency points or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or to both.

#### **27. Failure to comply with Regulations**

An operator who—

(a) registers, swaps, re-registers or otherwise makes any changes to the registration details of a SIM card contrary to the procedure and requirements specified in these Regulations;

(b) fails to effectively supervise and restrain its employees, agents or third parties from selling, swapping or otherwise facilitate irregular acquisition of SIM Cards in Uganda; or

(c) fails to comply with a directive issued by the Commission with respect to SIM Card registration,

shall pay to the Commission a civil penalty of two hundred and fifty currency points for each SIM card on its network contrary to these Regulations.

#### **28. Offence of illegal SIM Card registration**

A person who, being an operator, employee of an operator, agent of an operator or a third party contractor who registers, sales, authorises or otherwise facilitates the registration of a SIM card for a customer without following the procedure and requirements specified in these Regulations, commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding one hundred currency points or imprisonment for a period not exceeding five years or both.

#### **29. Prohibition of using another person's SIM card**

(1) A person who uses a SIM card registered in another person's name for any illegal purpose commits an offence and is on conviction liable to a fine not exceeding fifty currency points or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three years or both.

(2) For purposes of this regulation, every user of a SIM card has a duty to ensure that the SIM card he or she uses is registered in his or her name, and a user of a SIM card is deemed to know the person in whose name it is registered.

**30. Offences by corporate bodies**

Where an offence under these Regulations is committed by a corporate body, a director, secretary or principal officer of the corporate body or a partner in the firm who is proved to have participated in the commission of the offence shall be taken to have committed the offence and is liable, to the penalty prescribed for an individual who commits the offence.

**31. Application for retention order**

An application for a retention order under section 13 of the Act shall be in Form 5 prescribed in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

**32. Revocation of S.I. No. 42 of 2011**

The Regulation of Interception of Communications Regulations, 2011 are revoked.

**SCHEDULE 1**

**CURRENCY POINT**

A currency point is equal to twenty thousand Shillings

**SCHEDULE 2**

**FORMS**

**FORM 1**

*Regulation 6(1)*

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA.

THE REGULATION OF INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS  
ACT, 2010

THE REGULATION OF INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS  
REGULATIONS, 2023.

**APPLICATION FOR WARRANT OF INTERCEPTION.**

1. (a) Full name of authorised person \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Address of authorised person \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. (a) Name of subject whose communication is sought to be intercepted \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Address of interception subject (if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Any other information on interception subject \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Reason/facts/circumstances/ in support of application for issuance of warrant of interception \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Name of telecommunications service provider required to intercept communication \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Period for which warrant of interception is required \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Any other information in support of application for warrant of interception \_\_\_\_\_  
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I declare that the particulars given above are to the best of my knowledge and belief, true.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

Name and signature of authorised person

FORM 2

Regulation 6(2)

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA.

THE REGULATION OF INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS ACT, 2010

THE REGULATION OF INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS REGULATIONS, 2023

WARRANT OF INTERCEPTION

I ..... (name of designated judge) hereby issue this warrant of interception to.....(name of authorised person) authorising the interception of communications of ..... (name of interception subject, (if known) of..... (address of interception subject, (if known) for a period of.....

The interception shall be carried out by ..... (name of telecommunications service provider) which is hereby ordered to strictly comply with this warrant of interception.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

Name and signature of designated Judge

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FORM 3

Regulation 7(4)

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA.

THE REGULATION OF INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS ACT, 2010

THE REGULATION OF INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS REGULATIONS, 2023.

DETAILS OF PERSON OBTAINING TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICE.

- 1. Full name of person (if person is a business organisation, state name of business organisation) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Residential address of person \_\_\_\_\_
3. Postal address of person (if any) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Business address of person (if any) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Identity document details (Passport/ national identity card, work permit, driver's licence, student identity card/ certificate of incorporation etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
6. Nature of telecommunications service required (detailed description of service) \_\_\_\_\_
7. Serial Number of Equipment (Sim card/ Satellite Phone etc) \_\_\_\_\_

8. Subscriber Number Equipment \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. Any other information \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Name and signature of subscriber

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Name and signature of person taking details

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THE REGULATION OF INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS  
ACT, 2010

THE REGULATION OF INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS  
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**NOTICE OF DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED INFORMATION.**

1. Full name of person \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Residential address of person \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Postal address of person *(if any)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Business address of person *(if any)* \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Nature of protected information or disclosure required \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

6. Manner in which disclosure is to be made \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Time within which to comply with this notice by person \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8. Reason necessitating disclosure of the protected information \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Name and signature of authorised person

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FORM 5

Regulation 31.

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA.

THE REGULATION OF INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS  
ACT, 2010

THE REGULATION OF INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS  
REGULATIONS, 2023.

**APPLICATION FOR RETENTION ORDER.**

1. (a) Full name of authorised person \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Address of authorised person \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. (a) Name of subject whose postal article is sought to be retained \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Address of subject whose postal article is sought to be retained  
(if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (c) Any other information on subject whose postal article is sought  
to be retained \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Reason/facts/circumstances/ in support of application for issuance  
of retention order \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. (a) Name of postal service provider required to retain article \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- (b) Nature and location of facilities from which, or the place  
at which, the postal article is to be retained (if known)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Manner of retention \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Period for which retention order is required \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Any other information in support of application for retention order \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I declare that the particulars given above are, to the best of my knowledge  
and

Belief, true.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

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*Name and signature of authorised person*

HON. GEN. JIM MUHWEZI (MP)  
*Minister of Security.*