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GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN

**PAKISTAN ELECTRONIC MEDIA REGULATORY AUTHORITY
(PEMRA)**

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 17th January, 2022

Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Distribution Service Operations) Regulations, 2011, as amended in 2022

S. R. O. 1599—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (3) of section 4 read with all other enabling provisions of PEMRA (Ordinance No. XIII of 2002), the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA) is pleased to notify the following amendments in the Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Distribution Service Operations) Regulations, 2011, as amended in 2022.

1. **Short title and commencement.**—These Regulations shall be called “Pakistan Electronic Media Regulatory Authority (Distribution Service Operations) Regulations, 2011, as amended in 2022.”

(2) It shall come into force at immediate effect.

(3671)

Price : Rs. 5.00

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8. **General Licence terms & conditions.**— In the said Regulations, in regulation 8, in sub-regulation (3), for the words “other dues”, the words “5% of Gross Advertisement Revenue of In-House channels on an annual basis” shall be substituted.

29. **Upgradation of a licence.**—The existing regulation 29, shall be numbered, as sub-regulation (1), and thereafter, the following new sub-regulation 2, shall be inserted, namely:—

(2) “The Authority or the Chairman, as the case may be, on an application from the licensee, may down-grade the licence to a lower category, subject to the following conditions:

- i. Only a licensee with an operational head-end may be permitted to down-grade its licence;
- ii. Licence category may be downgraded only once during the validity of a licence;
- iii. Surrendering of proportionate licensed area to the satisfaction of the Authority;
- iv. A licence category cannot be down-graded below its initial category at the time of issuance of licence;
- v. Payment of all outstanding dues;
- vi. Affidavit from the licensee regarding number of subscribers;
- vii. Field verification report indicating operational status and approximate number of subscribers;
- viii. Recommendation of Regional General Manager concerned:

Provided that down-gradation cannot be claimed as a right. It is subject to satisfaction of the Authority.

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