International Telecommunication Union

Regional Profile

The Americas

Countries with a separate Regulatory Authority

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Argentina(1)	Secretaría de Comunicaciones					
		Yes	Annual report to the Sector Ministry	La Ley de Ministerios Nº 22.520, sus modificatorios; y el Decreto Nº 1.142/2003 que establecen los objetivos y funciones de la Secretaría de Comunicaciones. Por otra parte, el Decreto 1620/96 determina la estructura organizativa y objetivos de la SECOM, y el Decreto 1626/96 determina lo propio para la CNC. Por último, la Ley 23.696 sobre Reforma del Estado y los decretos 136/92 y 167/03 que establecen la intervención de la CNT en principio y luego de la CNC.	Other; Source: Ingresos no tributarios distribuídos en el Presupuesto Nacional ; percentage: 100 %	No

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Bahamas	Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA)					
	2009	Yes	Other: Annual report to be published	The Utilities Regulation and Competition Authority (URCA)	Regulatory fees; percentage: 10% (approx) Contributions from regulated telecom operators based on turnover; percentage: 83% (approx) ; percentage of operator revenue (turnover): 1.472% of annual relevant turnover Financial income (e.g. Investment/Deposit); percentage: 4% (Approx) Other; Source: Miscellaneous ; percentage: 3% (Approx)	Yes 4 Members
Barbados(1)	Fair Trading Commission					
		Yes	Report to other Ministry	Fair Trading Commission Act	Government appropriation; percentage: Govt. drawdown Other; Source: Levies on regulated operators ; percentage:	Yes Members
Belize(1)	Public Utilities Commission					
		Yes	Annual report to the Sector Ministry	Public Utilities Commission Act	Licence fees; percentage: Spectrum fees; percentage:	Yes 6 Members
Bolivia(2)	Superintendencia de Telecomunicaciones					
	1995	Yes		Ley 1600 (Ley SIRESE)	Spectrum fees; percentage: 100%	No
Brazil(1)	Agência Nacional de Telecomunicações - Anatel					
	1997	Yes	Report to Legislature Annual report to the Sector Ministry Other: Report to the Congress, through the President of the Republic	General telecommunications Law - Law 9.472/1997	Government appropriation; percentage: The regulators budget comes from the central government and is not directly related to the fees it charges	Yes 5 Members

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Canada	Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission					
	1968	Yes	Report to Legislature Annual report to the Sector Ministry	Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission Act	Regulatory fees; percentage: 100%	Yes 13 Members
Chile(1)	Subsecretaría de Telecomunicaciones					
	1978	No Decisions approved by: Sector Minister Head of State	Other: Informe constante al Ministro		Other; Source: Presupuesto de la Nación ; percentage: 100%	No
Colombia(1)						
	2009	No Decisions approved by: Other: Sesión de Comisión: Está conformada por los 3 comisionados, el Ministro y el Director del Departamento Nacional de Planeación o el Subdirector como su delegado	Other: Informe Anual de Gestión	Ley 1341 de 2009	Contributions from regulated telecom operators based on turnover; percentage: 100% ; percentage of operator revenue (turnover): 0,1% como máximo	Yes 3 Members
Costa Rica	Superintendencia de Telecomunicaciones (SUTEL)					
	2008	Yes	Report to Legislature Annual report to the Sector Ministry Report to other Ministry	Ley 8642, 2008 Crea la Superintendencia de Telecomunicaciones (SUTEL), Decreto Nº 31681-MICIT-P, 2004, Crea la Comisión Nacional de Tecnologías de la Información y la Comunicación (CONATIC)	Award/auction of mobile licence; percentage: 93.5% Licence fees; percentage: 0.85% Regulatory fees; percentage: 5.65%	Yes 3 Members

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Dominica	National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission					
		No Decisions approved by: Other: Eastern Caribbean Regulatory Authority	Annual report to the Sector Ministry			Yes 5 Members
Dominican Rep.	Instituto Dominicano de las Telecomunicaciones					
	1998	Yes	Other: a Presidencia (Poder Ejecutivo)	Ley General de Telecomunicaciones No. 153-98, de fecha 27 de mayo de 1998.	Spectrum fees; percentage: Fines/penalties; percentage: Contributions from regulated telecom operators based on turnover; percentage: ; percentage of operator revenue (turnover): 1% Financial income (e.g. Investment/Deposit); percentage:	Yes 6 Members
Ecuador(2)	Consejo Nacional de Telecomunicaciones					
	1995	Yes	No reporting requirements	Ley Especial de Telecomunicaciones Reformada	Award/auction of mobile licence; percentage: 46% Spectrum fees; percentage: 54%	Yes 7 Members
El Salvador(2)	SIGET					
	1996	Yes	Annual report to the Sector Ministry	Ley de creación de la SIGET	Award/auction of mobile licence; percentage: Award/auction of other licence; percentage: Licence fees; percentage: Spectrum fees; percentage: Financial income (e.g. Investment/Deposit); percentage: Other; Source: ; percentage:	Yes 5 Members

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Grenada	National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (Grenada)					
	2000	No Decisions approved by: Sector Minister	Report to Legislature Annual report to the Sector Ministry	Telecommunications Act 31 of 2000	Spectrum fees; percentage: 100%	Yes 5 Members
Guatemala(2)	Superintendencia de Telecomunicaciones					
	1996	Yes		Ley General de Telecomunicaciones (Decreto 94-96 del Congreso de la República)	Award/auction of mobile licence; percentage: 10% Other; Source: Fines, 3%; bank interest, 81%; administrative charges, 6% ; percentage: 90%	No
Guyana(2)	Public Utilities Commission					
	1990	Yes	Report to Legislature Annual report to the Sector Ministry Report to other Ministry	Public Utilities Commission Act, 1990, NFMU Order 1990, Telecommunications Act, 1990	Regulatory fees; percentage: PUC- 100	Yes 3 Members
Haiti	CONSEIL NATIONAL DES TELECOMMUNICATIONS (CONATEL)					
	1969	Yes	Other: Fait rapport au Ministère de tutelle	Décret du 27 Septembre 1969	Award/auction of other licence; percentage: Licence fees; percentage: Government appropriation; percentage: Numbering fees; percentage: Spectrum fees; percentage: Regulatory fees; percentage:	No
Honduras(1)	Comision Nacional de Telecomunicaciones, CONATEL.					
		Yes	Annual report to the Sector Ministry Report to other Ministry		Government appropriation; percentage: 100%	Yes 5 Members
Jamaica(1)	Office of Utilities Regulation (OUR)					
	1995	Yes	Report to Legislature	Office of Utilities Regulation Act	Licence fees; percentage: Regulatory fees; percentage:	Yes 3 Members

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Mexico(1)						
		No				Yes Members
Nicaragua(2)	Instituto Nicaraguense de Telecomunicaciones y Correos (TELCOR)					
	1982	Yes	No reporting requirements	Ley Orgánica del Instituto Nicaraguense de Telecomunicaciones y Correos. Decreto No. 1053		No
Panama(2)	AUTORIDAD NACIONAL DE LOS SERVICIOS PUBLICOS - ASEP					
	1996	Yes	Annual report to the Sector Ministry	Ley 26 de 29 de enero de 1996, modificada por el Decreto Ley 10 de febrero de 2006	Contributions from regulated telecom operators based on turnover; percentage: Hasta el 1% ; percentage of operator revenue (turnover):	No
Paraguay	Comisión Nacional de Telecomunicaciones - CONATEL					
	1995	Yes	Report to Government (or Prime Minister) Annual report to the Sector Ministry Report to other Ministry	Ley 642/95 de Telecomunicaciones	Licence fees; percentage: Numbering fees; percentage: Spectrum fees; percentage: Regulatory fees; percentage: Fines/penalties; percentage: Financial income (e.g. Investment/Deposit); percentage:	Yes 5 Members
Peru	OSIPTEL					
	1994	Yes		Decreto Legislativo 702		Yes Members
St. Lucia	National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (NTRC)					
	2000	Yes	Annual report to the Sector Ministry	Telecommunications Act 2000 for Telecommunications ICT-Ministry of Public Service	Spectrum fees; percentage: 100%	Yes 4 Members

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St. Vincent and the Grenadines (1)	National Telecommunications Regulatory Commission (St. Vincent)					
	2001	Yes	Annual report to the Sector Ministry	Telecommunications Act No.1 2001	Numbering fees; percentage: 3% Spectrum fees; percentage: 87% Other; Source: Application fees, interest revenue and other (misc) ; percentage: 10%	Yes 5 Members
Suriname	Telecommunicatie Autoriteit Suriname					
	1998	Yes	Other: Board of Directors		Licence fees; percentage: Numbering fees; percentage: Spectrum fees; percentage: Regulatory fees; percentage:	No
Trinidad & Tobago	Telecommunications Authority of Trinidad and Tobago					
	2004	Yes	Report to Legislature Annual report to the Sector Ministry Other: Advise Sector Minister on policy matters and make recommendations	The Telecommunications Act, 2001	Numbering fees; percentage: .76% Spectrum fees; percentage: 63.54% Contributions from regulated telecom operators based on turnover; percentage: 35.6% ; percentage of operator revenue (turnover): Financial income (e.g. Investment/Deposit); percentage: .1%	Yes 11 Members
United States	Federal Communications Commission (FCC)					
	1934	Yes	Other: It is independent with Congressional oversight and budget control.	The Communications Act of 1934	Regulatory fees; percentage: 100%	Yes 5 Members

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Uruguay(1)	URSEC					
	2001	Yes	No reporting requirements	ley 17296	Spectrum fees; percentage: 63.05% Fines/penalties; percentage: 1.18% Contributions from regulated telecom operators based on turnover; percentage: 28.25% ; percentage of operator revenue (turnover): Other; Source: Servicio Móvil Terrestre celular ; percentage: 4.55%	Yes 3 Members
Venezuela(2)	Comisión Nacional de Telecomunicaciones					
	2000	Yes	Annual report to the Sector Ministry	Ley Orgánica de Telecomuniaciones, publicada en la Gaceta Oficial de la República Bolivariana de Venezuela Nro. 36.970 del 12/06/2000		Yes Members

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