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Combatting Mobile Counterfeiting and Theft

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Combatting Mobile Counterfeiting & Theft with Regulations & Technology

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- Due to scale of the negative impacts to the ecosystem caused by fraudulent devices, governments and industry are increasingly interested in methods to address this growing problem
- Governments are motivated to implement regulations to assist in controlling a wide range of issues including:

Mobile Theft

Security

Tax Loss

Consumer Privacy

Network Quality

IPR Infringement

Proper regulatory and technical framework can serve as an excellent foundation to controlling the proliferation of counterfeit, illegal, non-compliant & stolen devices.

Effects of Counterfeit Devices on Mobile Networks

Qualcomm study concluded fraudulent and counterfeit devices:

Have suboptimal link performance resulting in lower network capacity

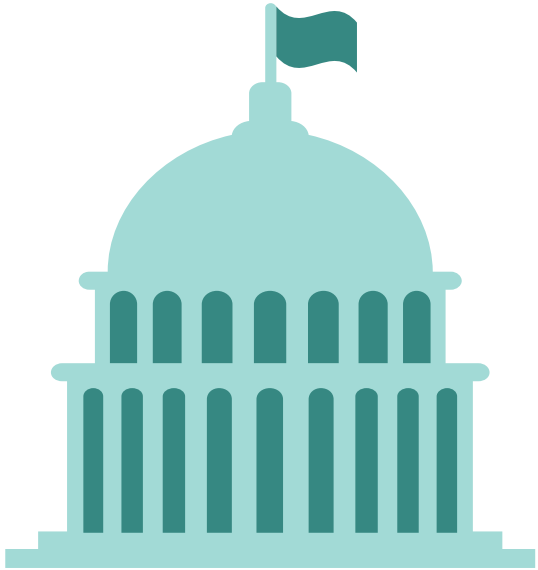
- 23% lower LTE data capacity*
- 6% lower HSPA data capacity*
- 27% lower UMTS voice capacity*

Often lack support for latest LTE features such as LTE-CA, 4x4 MIMO, & 256QAM further degrading network capacity and overall user experience

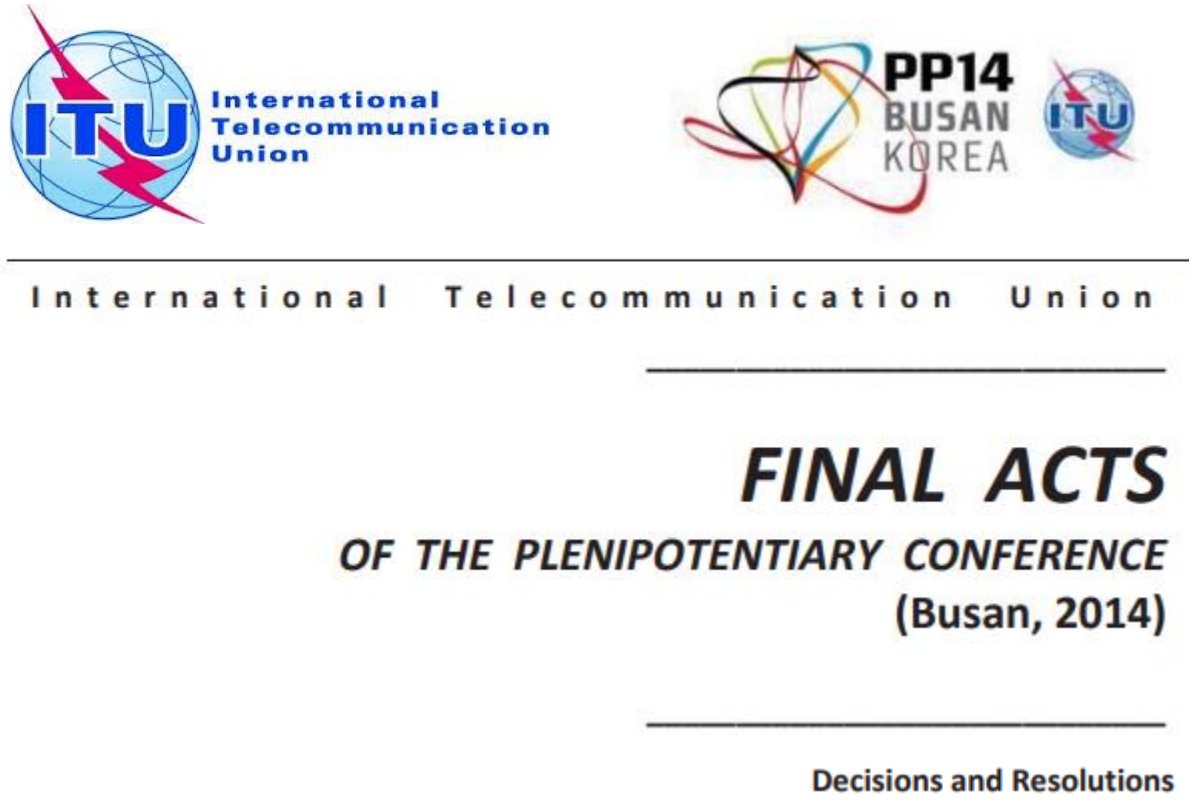
Drive higher network site count requirements with associated capital and operating expenses, negatively impacting the mobile operator's business case

**Based on fraudulent/counterfeit devices having 10dB worse Total Isotropic Sensitivity relative to legitimate devices per extensive multi-party device testing*

Required Elements to address Counterfeiting & Theft



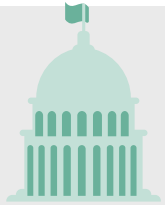
1. Government Regulations & Enforcement
2. Technical Platform



Telecommunication/ICT devices that do not comply with a country's applicable national conformity processes and regulatory requirements or other applicable legal requirements should be considered unauthorized for sale and/or activation on telecommunication networks of that country.

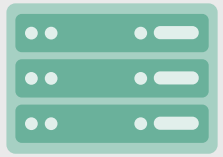
Regulatory Framework for Combatting Counterfeiting & Device Theft

Mandatory Elements in Country's Telecom Regulations



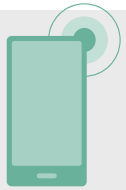
Type Approval

- Ensures device authenticity and Standards conformance



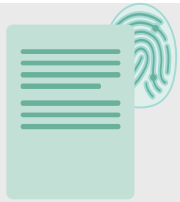
Device Registration

- Ensures IMEI uniqueness; Curbs counterfeiting; Eliminates illegal import



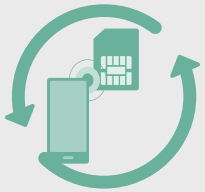
IMEI Tampering Laws

- Laws to criminalize changing or improperly using IMEIs deters counterfeiting and theft



Device Related NW Data

- Regulatory mandate for the operators to provide device related data from the networks



EIR Deployment

- Mandatory requirement for networks to have EIRs for device blocking and granting amnesty

Device Blocking

- Mandate to block non-conforming, illegal and stolen devices using operator EIRs

Stakeholders Roles & Responsibilities

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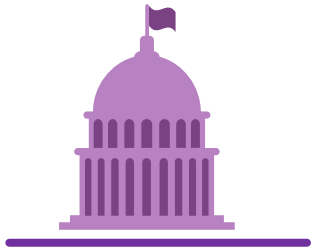
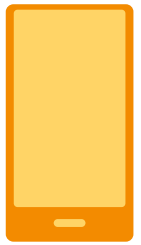


Government

- Develop Regulatory Framework
- Implement Standard Operating Procedure
- Deploy and Administer a technology platform to enforce regulations
- Run an Awareness Campaign



Manufacturers / Importers

- Obtain Device Type Approval from the Government / Regulator
- Register all devices to be imported
- Register all locally manufactured devices

Operators

- Provide Device related Network Data to the government
- Ensure EIRs support Blacklisting of valid/ invalid IMEIs & allow for exceptions
- Notify subscribers of their device status via SMS as required

Consumers

- Verify Device Status via SMS, App, Web Interface
- Register individually imported device(s)
- Report Device Theft to authorities
- Submit proof (invoice) for Genuine Devices, if required

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Technical Framework for Combatting Counterfeiting & Mobile Theft

1. Classify Existing Devices	2. Allow All Existing Devices	3. Register New Devices	4. Detect IMEI Falsification	5. Enable Network Blocking
• Analyze device data from network information • Classify devices by their IMEIs (valid / invalid, unique / duplicate)	• Pair existing fraudulent IMEIs with IMSIs and MSISDNs	• Require Type Approval with unique device identifiers • Register imported & locally produced devices with valid and unique identifiers only	• Analyze network data • Identify devices with fraudulent IMEIs	• Control device access of non-compliant devices / non registered devices - through network control

This Framework Curbs Counterfeits, Mobile Theft and Illegal Imports (Smuggling) and Benefits the Entire Ecosystem

Considerations for Technical System Implementation

- Convenient for all stakeholders, especially the consumers
- Standalone system alleviating the need for mobile network integration and interoperability that cause unnecessary cost, capacity constraint and resource burden on the operators
- Not requiring strict binding of every single device to a given customer
- Flexible/Configurable to adapt to local country regulations without the need for any customization
- Provides tools for users to check device validity before purchase

Qualcomm Technologies Inc., has Developed and Shared its Technology Platform via Open Source to Address the Issues

DIRBS: Device Identification, Registration, and Blocking System

DIRBS addresses fraudulent IMEIs, illegal and stolen devices

- Allows for identification of all devices
- Captures installed base of devices
- Monitors all new device activations
- Addresses illegal and counterfeit devices
- Addresses mobile theft
- Allows for exceptions/amnesty

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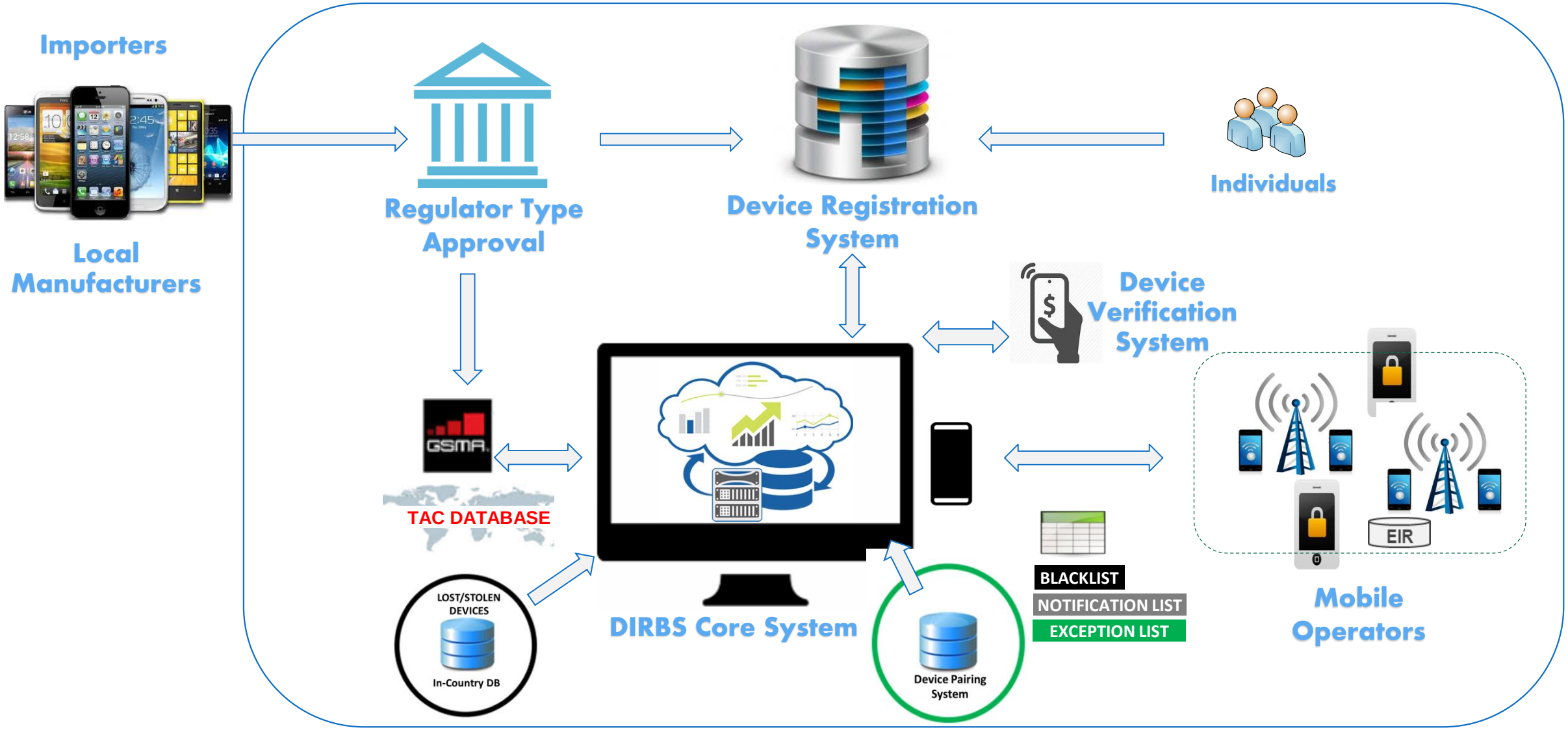

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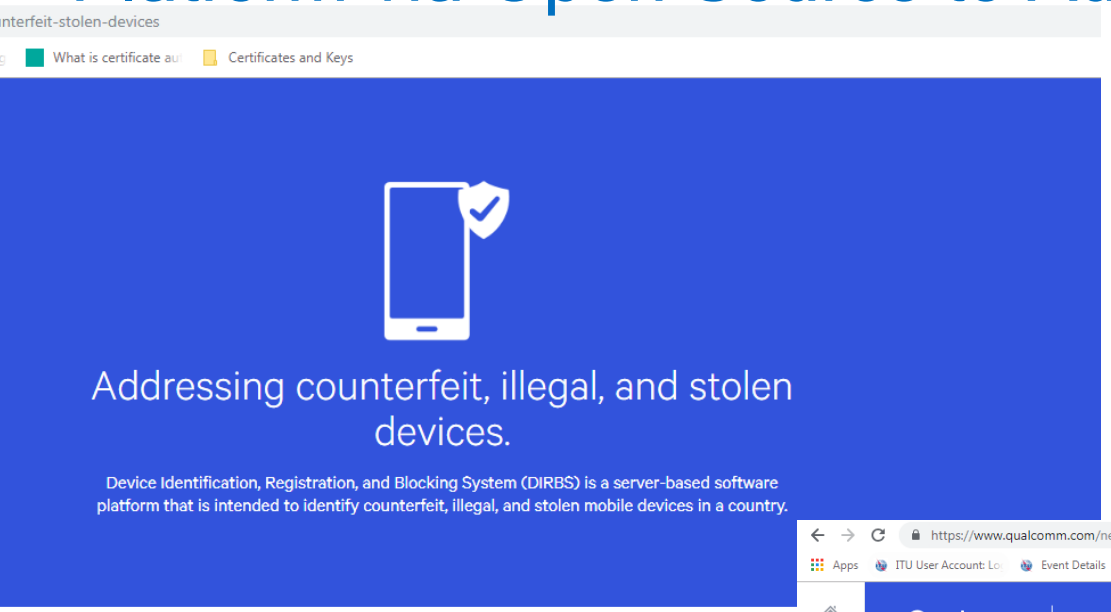

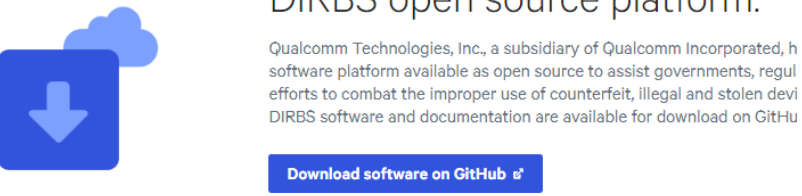

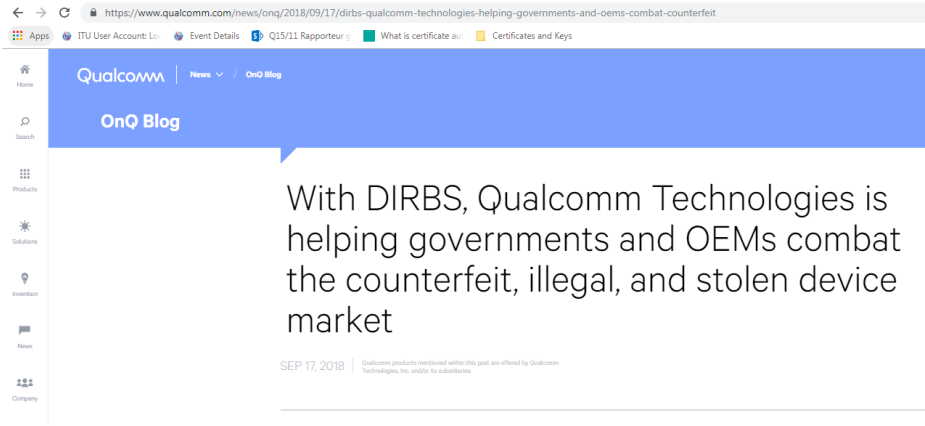

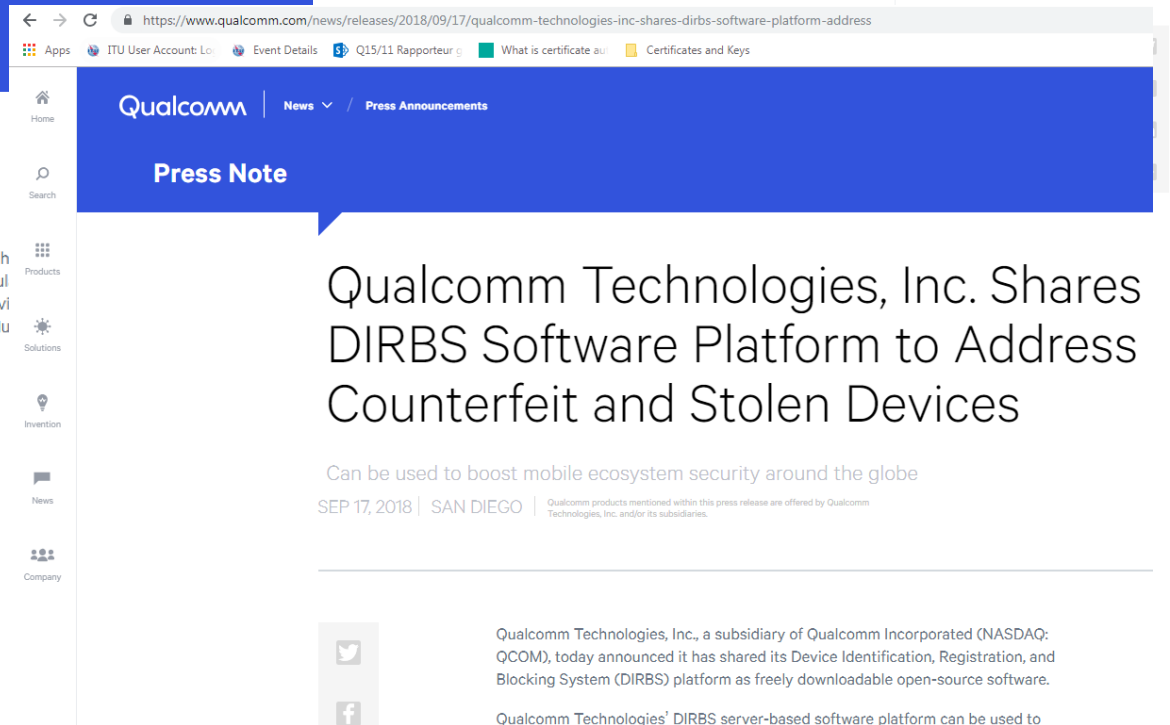

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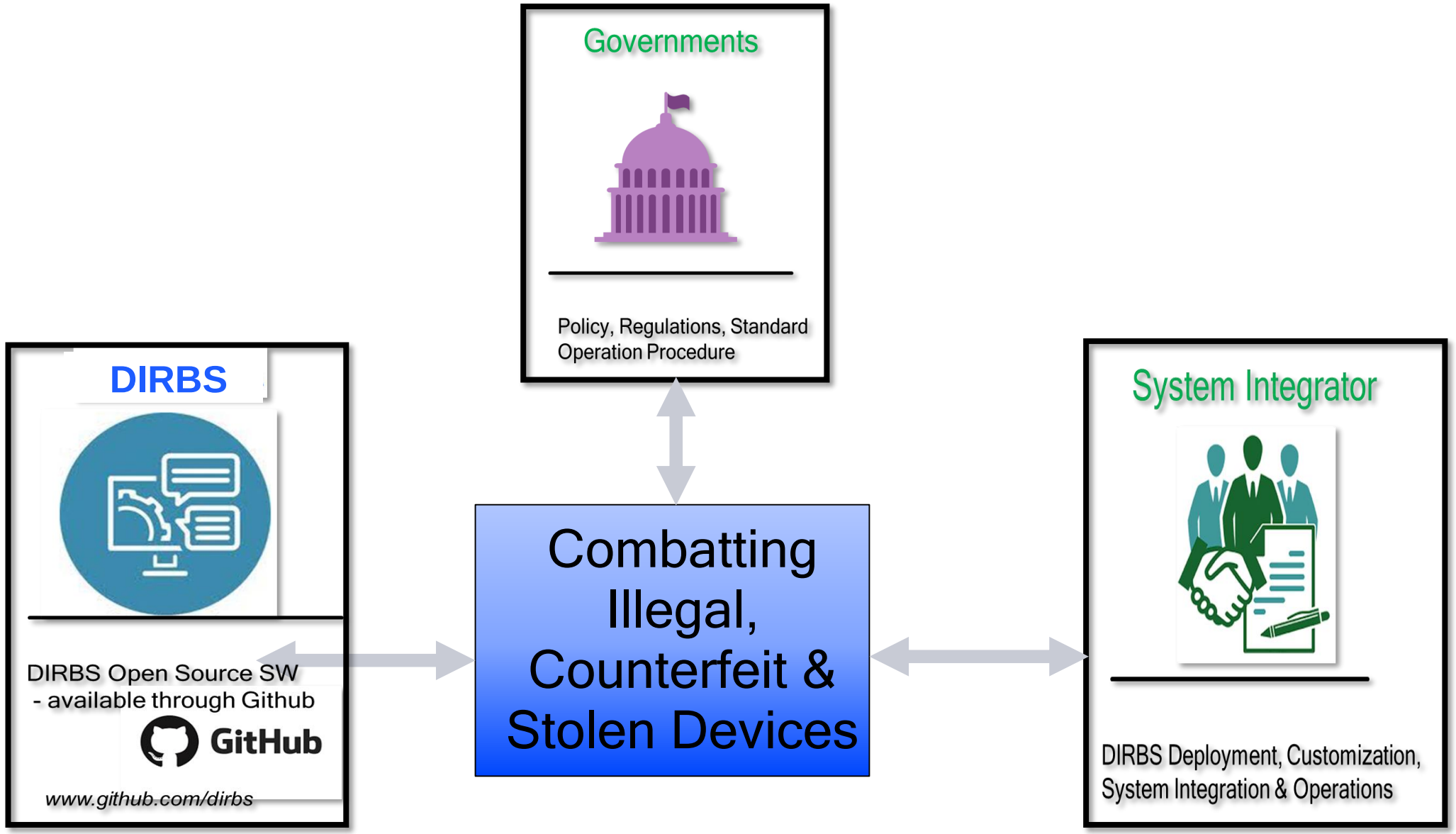
DIRBS Open Source Platform Deployment



Summary of Device Legislation and Regulation in Pakistan

Since 2006

IMEI Network Blocking of lost or stolen mobile devices has been in place in Pakistan

June 2016

Consultation Document issued by the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) on a proposed Device Identification, Registration and Blocking System (DIRBS)

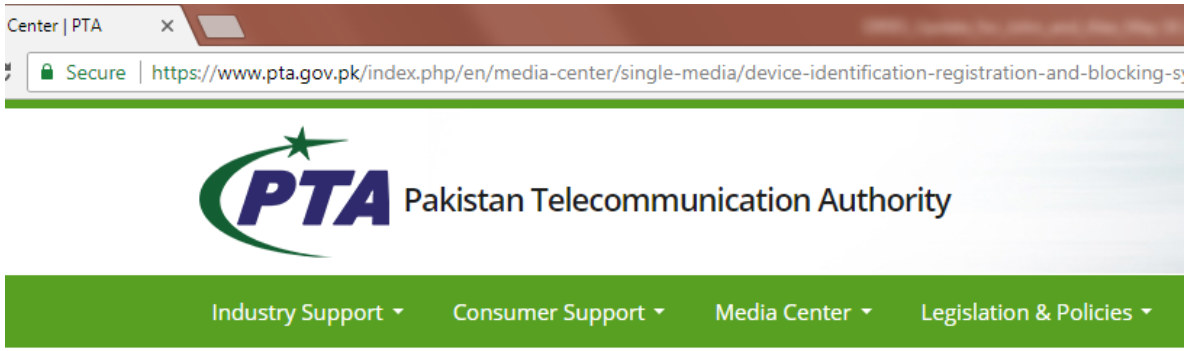
Mobile Device Identification, Registration and Blocking Regulation has been in place

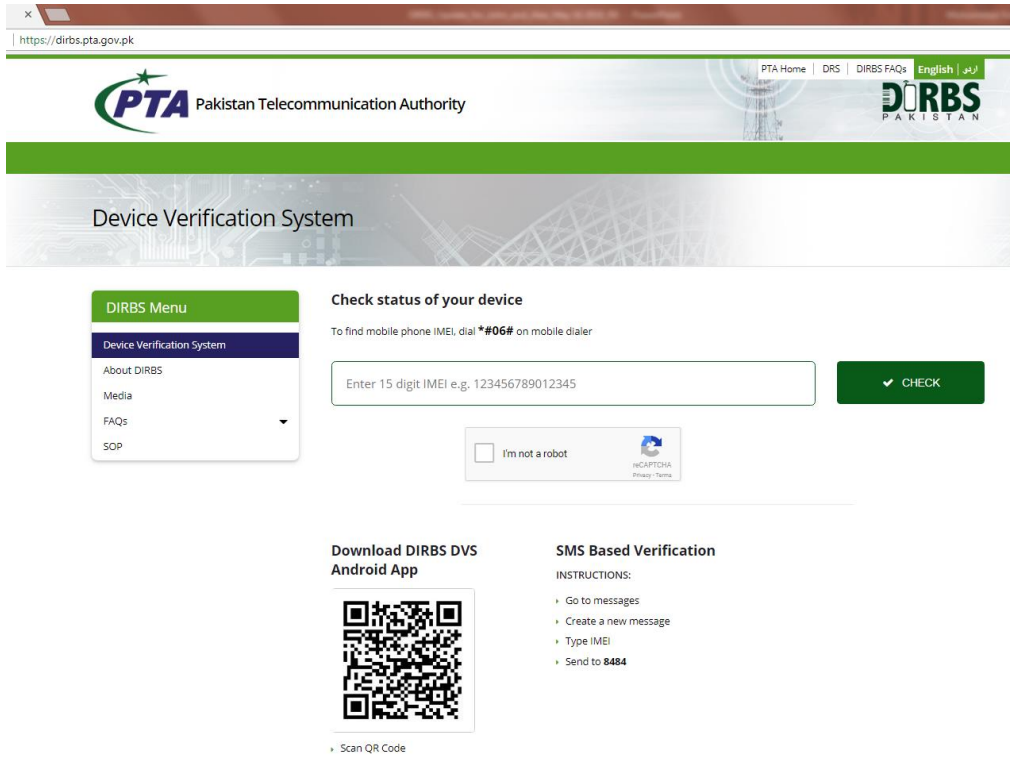
Since 24th August 2017

Scope and Applicability of the Regulations:

- Apply to all MNO(s), Type Approval Holders; Authorized Distributors and OEM/ODM for registration and maintenance of accurate data of mobile device(s) and IMEI(s),to ensure the sale, purchase and provision of mobile communication service(s) to Compliant Mobile Device(s) only, through DIRBS System
- All Type approval holders/authorized distributors/OEM/ODM and Mobile Network Operators(MNOs) shall co-operate with the Authority to ensure that non-compliant mobile devices are not imported, sold, marketed or connected with the mobile operators' networks.
- Mobile devices reported as stolen, blocked or bearing a duplicate or non-standard IMEI shall be blocked by MNO(s)

DIRBS OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED IN PAKISTAN!





Press Release

May 10, 2018

DEVICE IDENTIFICATION REGISTRATION AND BLOCKING SYSTEM (DIRBS) LAUNCHED AT PTA

Islamabad: In line with the Telecom Policy 2015, Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA) launched Device Identification, Registration and Blocking System (DIRBS) in collaboration with 3G Technologies today here at PTA Headquarters Islamabad. Chairman PTA Mr. Mohammad Naveed was the chief guest while Mr. Abdul Samad, Member Compliance and Enforcement PTA, Executive Director, 3G Technologies, IT and telecom industry experts, CEOs of telecom companies, representatives from FBR and media community attended the event. Member Compliance & Enforcement gave presentation on DIRBS during the event.

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