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Government of Pakistan

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(DEFENCE DIVISION)

NOTIFICATION

Rawalpindi, the _____

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 23 of the Surveying and Mapping Act, 2014 (I of 2014), the Defence Division being the concerned Division is pleased to direct that the following amendments shall be made in the Surveying and Mapping Rules, 2015, namely:-

In the aforesaid Rules,–

(1) in the preamble, for the word “Federal Government”, the expression “the Concerned Division, being the Defence Division”, shall be substituted;

(2) in rule 2,–

(a) after clause (xvii), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:–

(xviii) “official map” or “Pakistan political” means the map as the Federal Government may approve and notify in the official Gazette;” and

(b) after clause (xxii), the following new clause shall be inserted, namely:–

“(xxiia) “thematic map” means the map representing different themes that is to say road map, administrative map, etc. and all thematic maps and atlases shall be based on official map of Pakistan;”;

(3) in rule 3, after sub-rule (3), the following new sub-rule shall be added, namely:—

“(4) The research work shall not contain incorrect and unofficial version of map of Pakistan or any part thereof in hard or digital form.”;

(4) in rule 10, in sub-rule (4), after clause (f), the following new clause shall be added, namely,—

“(g) **Base map:** All stakeholders shall use version of official map of Pakistan as a base map to develop their geospatial datasets.”;

(5) In rule 15,—

(a) for the marginal heading, the following shall be substituted namely: —
“Assessment of gravity of offences”; and

(b) after sub-rule (3), the following new sub-rule shall be added, namely:—

“(4) For the purpose of blocking incorrect and unofficial version of map of Pakistan or any part thereof, the SoP may make a complaint to the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority in accordance with the Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, 2016 (XL of 2016) and the rules made thereunder.”.

(6) in rule 16,—

(a) the existing provision shall be numbered as sub-rule (1) thereof; and

(b) after sub-rule (1), numbered as aforesaid, the following new sub-rules shall be added, namely:

(2) Subject to the provisions of the Act and the rules made thereunder, no person shall print, publish, broadcast, display, disseminate, circulate or convey by any means incorrect and unofficial version of map of Pakistan or any part thereof in hard or digital form or otherwise.

(3) No person, individual, firm, organization or department shall print, publish, broadcast, disseminate, circulate or convey by any means general purpose maps and atlases of Pakistan or any part thereof except in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the rules made thereunder and after obtaining prior written approval of the Surveyor General of Pakistan in the form of a licence issued according to the following procedure specified by SoP, namely: –

- i. Any applicant interested in obtaining licence shall apply to SoP in the form of a request or application on its letterhead;
- ii. The applicant shall submit its products as mentioned in the table, in column (2) of Annex-III for vetting or evaluation;
- iii. The request shall enclose bank draft or pay order, against the prescribed fee required for evaluation and processing of the products, as mentioned in column (3) of Annex-III.
- iv. Before issuance of licence, SoP may obtain clearance of the applicant from national security agencies, as deemed appropriate.
- v. The licence shall be issued for a period as mentioned in clause iv of item No. 12 of Annex-II subject to the submission of prescribed fee as mentioned in clause iii hereinabove, which shall be charged on each new edition or number of copies. Further, the applicant shall abide by the copy right rules and SoP has the right to change rules and terms of licence at any time by giving written notice to licensee or applicant.
- vi. SoP shall scrutinize, evaluate and recommend for approval of grant of licence. Upon such recommendations, the Surveyor General of Pakistan shall accord approval for licence or otherwise.

(4) For the purpose of sub-rule (3), the maps or atlases requiring prior written approval of the Surveyor General of Pakistan shall be based on official map of Pakistan available at www.sop.gov.pk.

(5) For the purpose of obtaining prior written approval under sub-rule (3), an application shall be made on the format as set out in Annex-II to the vetting cell, along with prescribed fee as per Annex-III, which may be amended by SoP from time to time; and

- (7) after Annex-I and appendixes thereto, the following new Annex-II and Annex-III shall be added, namely:–



Annex-II
[see rule 16(5)]

**APPLICATION FORM FOR OBTAINING PRIOR WRITTEN
APPROVAL OF THE SURVEYOR GENERAL OF PAKISTAN TO
PRINT, PUBLISH, BROADCAST, DISPLAY, DISSEMINATE, OR
CONVEY BY ANY MEANS VERSION OF MAP OF PAKISTAN OR
ANY PART THEREOF IN HARD OR DIGITAL FORM OR
OTHERWISE**

1. **Applicant Name:** _____

2. **CNIC No:** _____

3. **Occupation:** _____

4. **Organization:** _____

5. **Mailing Address:**

6. **Contact No:** _____

7. **Email ID:** _____

8. **Format of Map:** _____

(GDB/Shp/PDF etc)

9. **Scale of Map:** _____

10. **Period of Intended Use (Months):** _____

11. **Propose of vetting Map of Pakistan:**

12. **Rules and Regulation:**

- i. Purpose of map vetting must be clearly narrated
- ii. Attach an attested copy of CNIC
- iii. The vetting fee will be Rs. 2000/- for the period of 1 year.
- iv. Permission will be required to use the already vetted map for the period of maximum 05 years without any additional charges.
- v. After 05 years, map need to be vetted again. Rs. 1000/- will be charged if same map is vetted.
- vi. If map is modified at any stage, fresh vetting will be required against a fee of Rs.1000/-



Annex-III

[see rule 16(5)]

**FEE FOR OBTAINING PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE
SURVEYOR GENERAL OF PAKISTAN TO PRINT, PUBLISH,
BROADCAST, DISPLAY, DISSEMINATE, CIRCULATE OR CONVEY
BY ANY MEANS VERSION OF MAP OF PAKISTAN OR ANY PART
THEREOF IN HARD OR DIGITAL FORM OR OTHERWISE**

Sr No.	Category or specification of map	Fee in Pak Rupees per map
(1)	(2)	(3)
1.	Maps for text books (Govt. Publisher)	1000
2.	Maps for text books (Private Publisher)	2000
3.	Maps for International Publications	5000
4.	Maps for National Publications	3000
5.	Maps for School Atlas	1000
6.	Maps for General and Commercial Atlas	2000
7.	Maps for Govt. Websites	1000
8.	Maps for Private Websites	2000

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