
NATIONAL COMMODITY CLEARING LIMITED

Circular to all Clearing Members of the Clearing Corporation

Circular No. : NCCL/MEMBERSHIP- 012/2026

Date : October 15, 2026

Subject : Compliance with TRAI directions and guidelines-II

This is with reference to the communication received from SEBI dated September 25, 2026 in relation to the Point No. 3 of the NCCL Circular no. NCCL/Membership- 009/2026 dated September 22, 2026.

In this regard TRAI has further informed the following:

1. TRAI, vide its Direction dated 18.11.2025 regarding pre-tagging of variable fields in SMS Content Templates, had mandated that variable fields in SMS Content Templates be appropriately pre-tagged and subjected to scrubbing and validation. The objective of the measure is to prevent misuse of registered Content Templates and ensure that the variable portion of an SMS is used only for the purpose for which it has been registered.
2. The variable-field scrubbing mechanism has been operating in logger mode since 1st July, 2026. Under logger mode, the SMS messages with non-compliant Content Templates are presently being allowed to be delivered but an error is generated against such messages. The error codes generated during the process are supposed to be shared by the Telecom Service Providers with the Principal Entities (PEs) for taking corrective action by them. The logger mode has been allowed only as a transitory measure for enabling PEs to make necessary corrections. However, it is not desirable to continue it for longer periods due to its security implications.
3. Accordingly, TRAI has decided to proceed towards activation of blocker mode which will start rejecting non-complaint SMS traffic. Therefore, timely compliance by the concerned Principal Entities (PEs) is essential to avoid disruption of legitimate commercial communications. In this regard, Access Providers have been directed to extend all assistance to the Principal Entities.

In view of the above, TRAI has advised entities to undertake the following activities on priority to:

- Review all SMS Content Templates for compliance but firstly those which have been used during the preceding 90 days, on priority;
- Identify all variable fields in such templates and ensure that each variable field is appropriately pre-tagged in accordance with the prescribed framework;
- Observe closely for any delivery errors and have close co-ordination with the concerned Access Providers (Registrar of SMS template); and
- Complete the aforesaid exercise within 30 days i.e by **17.10.2026**.

Copy of TRAI Directions dated 18.11.2025 is attached as **Annexure 1** for reference.

Clearing Members are requested to take note of the above requirements and ensure compliance with the directions and guidelines issued by TRAI at all times.

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