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All service providers must register every interconnect agreement they are party to, and every change to it, through a portal TRAI sets up for the purpose. An agreement in force on January 1, 2027 must be submitted within fifteen days of that date, and any other agreement or change within fifteen days of being signed or changed. With it, providers file a text-searchable electronic copy in PDF, and in any other form TRAI specifies. TRAI's explanatory memorandum says the old rule asked for two printed copies and a soft copy on a 3.5 inch floppy disk in Microsoft Word, with a thirty-day timeline set when filing was on paper.

TRAI may specify formats for disaggregated information from the agreements, on technical standards, quality of service, fault handling, downtimes, access charges, port charges, revenue sharing, area of operation and user-related information, and providers must supply it in that format and time. The register now also records the "telecommunication service authorisation specified under the interconnect agreements". TRAI may also allow applications to inspect the register, access to Part III of it, and copies or extracts through the portal, in place of the website.

The fee to inspect the register rises from Rs 50 an hour to Rs 1,500 for each hour or part of an hour. The charge for copies of extracts rises from Rs 20 to Rs 500 a page. The explanatory memorandum says the new fees are broadly in line with TRAI's (Access to Information) Regulation, 2005.

Late or missing filings now carry financial disincentives. Breaking regulation 7 (the disaggregated information) costs up to Rs 50,000 a day for the first fifteen days and up to Rs 1 lakh a day after that, capped at Rs 25 lakh per Service Area for each instance. Breaking regulation 5 or 6 (registration and the PDF copy) costs up to Rs 1 lakh a day, then up to Rs 2 lakh a day, capped at Rs 1 crore. TRAI must hear the provider first, and an unpaid disincentive carries simple interest at 2% above State Bank of India's one-year MCLR after twenty-one days.

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Dated	November 5, 2026
Published	TRAI copy marked to be published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4
Amends	Register of Interconnect Agreements Regulations, 1999 (2 of 1999)
Takes effect	January 1, 2027
Registration	Through TRAI's portal, within fifteen days of signing or changing an agreement
Agreements in force on January 1, 2027	Within fifteen days of that date
Copy to file	Text-searchable PDF of each agreement and each change
Inspection fee	Rs 1,500 for each hour or part of an hour (was Rs 50 an hour)
Copies of extracts	Rs 500 a page (was Rs 20)
Financial disincentives	Regulation 7: up to Rs 25 lakh; regulations 5 and 6: up to Rs 1 crore; per Service Area for each instance
Legal basis	Section 36, read with sub-clauses (vii) and (viii) of section 11(1)(b), Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997
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Schedule-I: financial disincentives

Contravention	First fifteen days of delay	Each day after fifteen days	Cap per Service Area, each instance
Regulation 7 (disaggregated information)	Up to Rs 50,000 a day	Up to Rs 1 lakh a day	Rs 25 lakh
Regulation 5 or regulation 6 (registration and PDF copy)	Up to Rs 1 lakh a day	Up to Rs 2 lakh a day	Rs 1 crore

The notification (regulations) (PDF, 9.4 MB)

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