



PUBLIC NOTICE

TOP-UP THEFT

Freetown, 14 May, 2014... The National Telecommunications Commission (NATCOM) was established by an Act of Parliament in 2006 amended in 2009, with a mandate to regulate the telecommunications sector and encourage its development in Sierra Leone.

It has come to the unpleasant notice of the Commission that some unscrupulous individuals engaged in criminal activities are using the name of the Commission to defraud subscribers of telecommunications services huge quantum of recharge cards (top-up units) through fake raffle draws purportedly organized by NATCOM.

The Commission takes serious exception to this unlawful enterprise by these fraudsters and calls on the public to support the Commission in its efforts to nip this ugly trend in the bud by reporting such incidents and individuals to the police.

The Commission wishes to dissociate itself from this criminal act and to remind members of the public that NATCOM is neither engaged in the business of doing raffle of any sort, nor in the sale of telecommunications products and or the provision of telecommunication services other than regulating and licensing Service Providers; and protecting consumer interest.

The Commission is determined to bring to book any individual or group of individuals caught in the act of using the Commission's name to defraud unsuspecting members of the public through fake raffle draws.

We also call on all telecommunications service providers to assist the Commission in whatever way possible to arrest the situation at all cost.