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ICASA postpones the implementation date of the handset subsidy regulation

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JOHANNESBURG – The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) hereby announces the postponement of the implementation date of the handset subsidy regulation. The regulations were supposed to come into effect on Sunday, 17 August 2008 but will now be implemented on 01 February 2009.

The reason for the postponement is due to Vodacom having instituted a legal review process of the handset subsidy regulation. ICASA will not blink in its mandate of promoting and protecting the interests of vulnerable consumers.

Operators should in the meantime be gearing their systems for implementation by 01 February 2009.

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