



FCC Cuts Off Mexico IP Phone for Violating Robocall Rules

Bringing Total Number of Providers Kicked Out to More Than 1,400

WASHINGTON, October 16, 2026—Today, the Federal Communications Commission prohibited a voice service provider from connecting to U.S. networks for failing to comply with FCC robocall rules. Mexico IP Phone and its CEO, Hemant Kumar Bharti, came to the FCC’s attention for seeking direct phone numbering access by filing a forged Commission document and failing to disclose in its Robocall Mitigation Database (RMD) certification that it was the subject of a State Attorneys General Task Force anti-robocalling investigation. Today’s action mandates that U.S. voice service providers and intermediate providers block calls from Mexico IP Phone. The Commission also removed the company from the RMD. All providers operating on U.S. networks have two days to begin blocking all traffic from this company, in compliance with the Commission’s RMD and call blocking rules.

The FCC is cracking down on the scourge of illegal robocalls by tackling the problem at every stage of a call’s lifecycle. Since January 2025, the Commission has removed more than 1,400 companies from the RMD for failing to comply with Commission rules. The Commission also continues to strengthen its numbering rules in order to provide a critical defense against bad actors seeking to access United States numbering resources, most recently in [December 2025](#) by taking action to extend the anti-robocalling and other compliance requirements to VoIP providers with existing direct access to numbers.

Hunter Deeley, Chief of the FCC’s Enforcement Bureau, issued the following statement:

“Numbering resources are a critical front in the fight against illegal robocalls. The FCC continues to work to tighten the rules to keep bad actors from having direct access to U.S. phone numbers. And in this case, we’re taking action against a company who went to remarkable and illegal lengths to circumvent the process that allows legitimate providers to access phone numbers. Today’s removal effectively cuts off this bad actor from transmitting calls to U.S. consumers.”

Additional Background Information:

The FCC’s Robocall Mitigation Database was established to promote transparency and effective robocall mitigation. This database is a critical tool through which the agency ensures providers are actively combatting robocalls and implementing STIR/SHAKEN caller ID authentication. Providers are required to certify that they have implemented STIR/SHAKEN on all IP-based portions of their networks. All providers must also submit robocall mitigation plans. Failure to meet these obligations can result in removal from the database and blocking of the provider’s traffic.

The Commission has exclusive jurisdiction over those portions of the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) related to the United States. The NANP Administrator (NANPA) is the impartial, non-government entity that administers number resources in accordance with Commission rules and

regulations. A provider seeking direct access to numbers from the NANPA must first obtain Commission authorization.

Today's action follows the Enforcement Bureau's [June 11, 2026 Show Cause Order](#) directed Mexico IP to explain why the company's certification should not be removed from the RMD for willful violations of the Commission's anti-robocalling rules. The company's RMD filings were found to be deficient and inaccurate. In particular, Mexico IP submitted a falsified Public Notice to the NANPA seeking authority to obtain direct access to numbers. Additionally, it failed to disclose in its RMD certification that it was the subject of a State Attorneys General Task Force anti-robocalling investigation.

Despite Mexico IP's CEO Hemant Kumar Bharti certifying that the company had not run afoul of federal regulators, in truth, the company had been flagged in August 2025 by the Anti-Robocall Multistate Litigation Task Force as having "accepted and transmitted high-volume illegal and/or suspicious call traffic—which has reached U.S. consumers and, presumably, generated revenue for Mexico IP—from providers that have failed to respond to traceback requests in contravention of the FCC's mandates." Not only did the company certify to the contrary after the Task Force letter, but the FCC found in December 2025 that the company was "closely affiliated" with [SK Teleco](#) "in transmitting Walmart impersonation robocalls."

Mexico IP's response, submitted by company CEO Hemant Bharti, blamed a freelancer, "Lance Lee," for filing the false numbering application but submitted no evidence of "Lee's" existence. Commission and NANPA records show that Bharti himself personally submitted both the deficient RMD certification and the falsified Public Notice. After a thorough investigation, through today's action, Mexico IP Phone has been removed from the RMD.

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