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FOREWORD

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NOTE

In this Recommendation, the expression "Administration" is used for conciseness to indicate both a telecommunication administration and a recognized operating agency.

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Recommendation D.116

CHARGING AND ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES RELATING TO THE HOME COUNTRY DIRECT TELEPHONE SERVICE

(Geneva 1992; revised 1996)

Preamble

This Recommendation provides charging and accounting principles for the provision of services via direct access to an operator function¹ in the country of destination (Home Country Direct service) which is described in Recommendation E.153 including Home Country Beyond.

The ITU-T,

considering that Home Country Direct service

- (a) is a service offered in conjunction with credit card and reverse charge services, covered under an existing E- or D-Series Recommendation;
- (b) utilizes the operator function in the country of the Home Country Direct service provider only;
- (c) utilizes a unique access in the country of call origin;
- (d) requires the Home Country Direct Service provider to identify separately Home Country Direct traffic, and that these records may be shared for traffic management purposes with both the Service Access provider and the Service Delivery provider in accordance with the bilateral agreement concluded,

recommends that

1 Collection charges

The service is charged:

- a) on the basis of the service used by the calling user (credit card, reversed charging);
- b) according to the Home Country Direct tariffs established by the Home Country Direct service provider.

2 International accounting

2.1 Accounting rate

In principle, the accounting rate for the Home Country Direct service should be that of the international automatic telephone service. However, as international telephone accounting rates become cost orientated in accordance with Recommendation D.140, Administrations may bilaterally agree to apply, when appropriate, different accounting arrangements which may be of a per call nature or duration related, to take account of the specific costs incurred in providing the Home Country Direct service.

¹ This may be an operator or an automated function.

2.2 Accounting procedures

2.2.1 The accounting procedures applied should be based on a Home Country Direct call being processed as an incoming call by the Administration of call origin (service access provider) and as an outgoing call by the billing (Home Country Direct) Administration.

2.2.2 To avoid double accounting, the Administration of call origin must exclude any Home Country Direct traffic from its outgoing account.

2.2.3 The Home Country Direct Administration will need to identify home country direct traffic separately, in order to draw up accounts with the Administration of call origin.

2.2.4 Where Home Country Direct service is used to access the Home Country Beyond facility as described in Recommendation E.153, the second call from the Home Country to a third country will be included in the accounts between the Home Country Administration and the third country in the normal manner.

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