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**ALARMS FOR TECHNICAL STAFF AND  
ARRANGEMENTS IN CASE OF FAULTS**

**ITU-T Recommendation Q.117**

(Extract from the *Blue Book*)

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## NOTES

1 ITU-T Recommendation Q.117 was published in Fascicle VI.1 of the *Blue Book*. This file is an extract from the *Blue Book*. While the presentation and layout of the text might be slightly different from the *Blue Book* version, the contents of the file are identical to the *Blue Book* version and copyright conditions remain unchanged (see below).

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

## **Recommendation Q.117**

### **4.2 ALARMS FOR TECHNICAL STAFF AND ARRANGEMENTS IN CASE OF FAULTS**

4.2.1 In general, when an abnormal condition is recognized as being possibly due to a fault, an alarm must be given to indicate this condition and, if possible, any other necessary operation must be carried out to avoid circuits being put out of service unnecessarily and to facilitate fault tracing.

4.2.2 There will be the usual alarm and fault indication arrangements for such items as blown fuses, disconnected heat coils, faulty signalling equipment, failures of power supplies, failures of common control equipment, etc., as provided under the specifications of each Administration.

4.2.3 The occupation of each item of equipment such as line circuit equipment, link circuit, operators' calling equipment, selectors, registers, etc., can be indicated by the lighting of a lamp near to the equipment concerned, or by other suitable means, as may be available, e.g. in exchanges with stored-programme control.

4.2.4 It can be arranged for the progress of a call to be followed, in particular the sending or reception of digits or successive numerical signals. In this respect, each Administration will decide the arrangements it desires to install, taking account of the practice which it normally follows in this matter.