

## **Amendment of the Regulations on Geographic Numbers in Respect to VoIP Developments in Germany**

A public consultation has been initiated by the Regulatory Authority for Telecommunications and Posts (RegTP) regarding the regulations on geographic numbers to accommodate developments in the field of Voice over IP (VoIP). RegTP wants to analyse the possibility for all providers offering access to the public telephone network – including VoIP providers without a network of their own – to file applications for geographic number allocations with RegTP. Thus, their customers would receive a phone number in accordance to their place of residence or business even if they do not have a line from the company.

RegTP notes that the number blocks for allocation could be reduced from 1000 to 100. This would reduce the initial expenditure for companies applying for numbers in all 5200 local network areas.

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