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| Subject: | **Approval of new Recommendation ITU-T E.108** | | | |

Dear Sir/Madam,

1 Further to TSB Circular 153 of 18 May 2015, I hereby inform you that Member States participating in the last meeting of Study Group 2 **approved** the text of the draft new Recommendation ITU-T E.108 during its Plenary session held on 29 January 2016. The summary of this Recommendation is in Annex 1.

2 The title of the new Recommendation ITU-T E.108 that was approved is:

**ITU-T E.108: "Requirements for a Disaster Relief Mobile Message Service"**

3 Available patent information can be accessed on‑line via the ITU‑T Website.

4 The text of the pre-published Recommendation will soon be available on the ITU‑T Website.

5 The text of this Recommendation will be published by ITU as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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Director of the Telecommunication  
Standardization Bureau

Annex: 1

ANNEX 1  
(to TSB Circular 197)

**Summary of new Recommendation ITU-T E.108**

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Recommendation ITU-T E.108 describes the requirements for a disaster relief mobile message service. In the aftermath of a disaster, communication facilities are often overloaded due to many users attempting to contact friends or relatives to determine the safety of people who may have been affected by disasters. As a result, communication attempts often fail. The intent of a disaster messaging service is to allow an alternate method to communicate safety status information. Two approaches are presented. The first is a text-based messaging system, and the second is a voice-based messaging system.

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