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## NOTES

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

## **Recommendation D.45**

### **CHARGING AND ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TELEMESAGE SERVICE**

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#### **Preamble**

This Recommendation sets out the general principles for charging and international accounting to be applied by Administrations for the provision of the international telemesage service. (See also Recommendation F.50.)

#### **1 General principles**

In determining tariff principles to be applied to this service, consideration should be given to the provisions of Recommendation D.5 and the fact that collection charges are a national matter.

#### **2 Collection charges**

2.1 The collection charges established by Administrations shall be based on either:

- a) per message, or
- b) per block of 50 words

according to the policy of the origin Administration.

2.2 Special facilities such as greeting cards and express delivery (§ 9 of Recommendation F.50) are for further study.

#### **3 International accounting**

3.1 Administrations should, by agreement, establish the overall accounting rate applicable in a given relation and divide that rate into terminal shares payable to the Administrations of the terminal countries and, where appropriate, into transit shares payable to the transit Administration. The same accounting rate should apply in both directions of a given relation.

3.2 In principle, the accounting rate between Administrations should be on a per message basis (message as defined in Recommendation F.50).

3.3 Where the international transmission is achieved over the international public network, Administrations may, by bilateral agreement, account only for delivery costs, on a per message basis, the use of the international public network being accounted for in the normal manner for the international public network used.

#### **3.4 *Special facilities***

Accounting for special facilities such as greeting cards and express delivery cards is for further study.

#### **4 Refunds**

4.1 Refund of collection charges for international telemesages may be permitted at the discretion of the originating Administration if it can be established that the message was undelivered through no fault of the sender and/or the sender's agent.

4.2 All claims for refunds of charges must be presented within three months of the date of input of the telemesage. Normally such claims will require appropriate documentation of the sender's or addressee's claim.

#### **5 Service messages**

Subject to formal agreement of the Administration, service messages relating to the international telemesage service shall be free of charge and shall not involve international accounting.





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