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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.

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Preamble

This Recommendation sets out the general principles and conditions for tariffication to be applied by Administrations for the provision of an international public facsimile service between subscriber stations, using the international public switched telephone network¹⁾ or international Datel network²⁾ (Telefax service)³⁾.

1 General Principles

In determining the tariff principles to be applied in this service, consideration should be given to the structure and level of charges applicable in other international telecommunication services supplied by the Administrations concerned and to the provisions of Recommendation D.5.

2 Charging principles

2.1 In principle, the charges for calls in the international Telefax service shall be based on those applied for the normal use of the network concerned.

2.2 Administrations may apply additional charges for the provision of user facsimile station equipment and/or special facilities.

3 International accounting

3.1 Normally, accounting for calls in the international Telefax service shall be at the same accounting rates and be effected in the same manner as accounting for calls over the international public network utilized. Such calls will form an integral part of the international accounts for that public network and no additional accounting between Administrations should be necessary for such calls.

In the case where different accounting rates are applied for Telefax calls, accounting for those calls should be listed separately.

The same procedures are applicable to refunds.

3.2 Any additional charges applied by an Administration for the provision of user facsimile station equipment and/or special facilities shall be retained by that Administration and shall not be included in the international accounts.

3.3 Collect and transferred account services may be offered subject to bilateral agreement between Administrations and in accordance with appropriate CCITT Recommendations.

4 Service correspondence

4.1 Subject to formal agreement by the Administrations providing the Telefax service, the following shall be free of charge and shall not involve international accounting:

- a) service Telefax calls exchanged between the Administrations concerned;

¹⁾ Some Administrations do not permit the international public switched telephone network to be used for facsimile transmission.

²⁾ The Datel network is a public network composed of special quality voice grade circuits (normally conforming to the specifications of Recommendation M.1020 [1]) or telephone circuits assigned to the Datel service. These circuits enable the Administrations to permit customer transmission of data and/or facsimile documents on an assured basis.

³⁾ See also Recommendation F.160 [2] as well as the Recommendation cited in [3].

- b) service Telefax calls relating to the official business of the ITU, exchanged between Administrations on the one hand, and the Chairman of the Administrative Council of the ITU, the Secretary-General of the ITU, the Director of the CCITT, the Director of the CCIR and the Chairman of the IFRB, on the other hand;
- c) franking privilege Telefax calls where consistent with national law.

4.2 § 4.1 above does not apply to service and franking privilege Telefax calls exchanged over international public telecommunication networks by postal Administrations⁴⁾ except by agreement with the telecommunication Administrations⁴⁾ concerned.

5 Refunds

5.1 Charges for calls in the international Telefax service may be refunded at the discretion of Administrations, when circuit failure or failure of equipment provided by the Administrations prevents satisfactory transmission. However, refund of charges may not be applicable where transmission over a public network is permitted on an “unassured” basis, that is, without guarantee as to transmission speed and/or quality of transmission.

5.2 To obtain a refund, the subscriber shall apply to the Administration responsible for his facsimile service, submitting in support of his claim for a refund the original document and the faulty copy received at the destination point, when such is required.

References

- [1] CCITT Recommendation *Characteristics of special quality international leased circuits with special bandwidth conditioning*, Vol. IV, Rec. M.1020.
- [2] CCITT Recommendation *General operational provisions for the international public facsimile services*, Vol. II, Rec. F.160.
- [3] CCITT Recommendation *General operational provisions for the international public facsimile service between subscriber stations (Telefax)*, Vol. II, Rec. F.180, § 5.

⁴⁾ The terms “postal administration” and “telecommunication administration” are defined as follows:

- **postal Administration:** an Administration, or the part of a combined postal and telecommunication Administration, concerned with the provision of postal services;
- **telecommunication Administration:** an Administration, or the part of a combined postal and telecommunication Administration, concerned with the provision of telecommunication services.

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