

Provisional rules for the allocation of charging reference branches

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1. Scope of allocation

These rules apply to the allocation of charging reference branches.

A charging reference branch is a digit string from which charging reference identifiers can be derived. A charging reference identifier is used according to ETSI Standard ES 201 296 as a unique identifier of a network node for the purpose of generating charging information.

A charging reference identifier has international validity and significance.

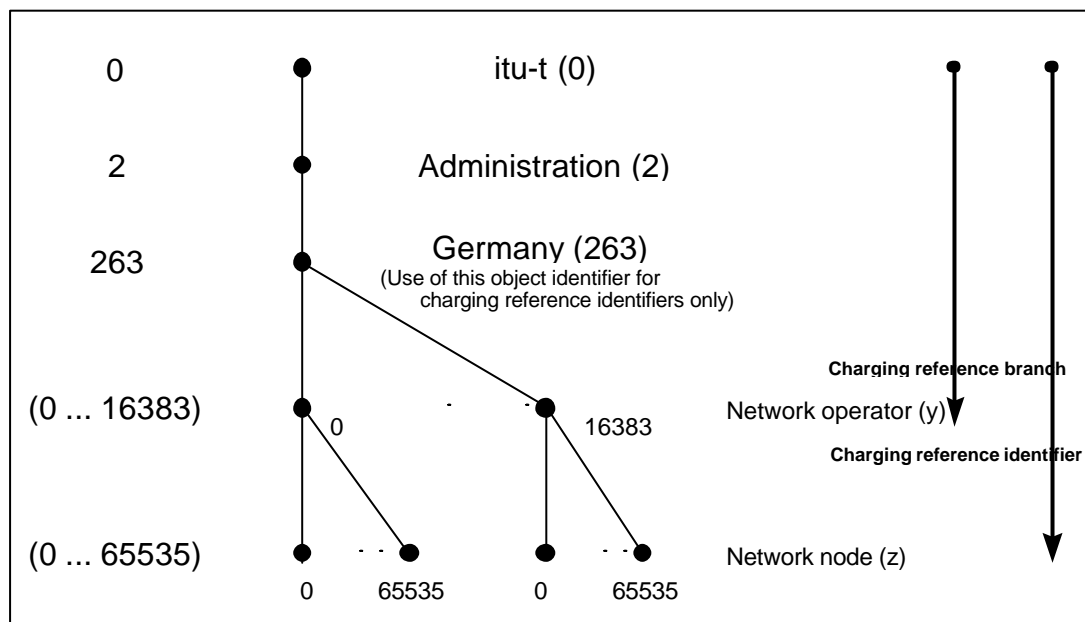
2. Allocable resource

A charging reference branch is an object identifier branch according to ITU-T Recommendation X.660.

A charging reference branch begins with the digit string 0-2-263. "0" stands for the root "itu-t", "2" for "administration", and "263" for "Germany" (data country code according to ITU-T Recommendation X.121). The digit string 0-2-263 is followed by "y", a value between 0 and 16383 which stands for a telecommunications network operator.

A telecommunications network operator can derive charging reference identifiers from a charging reference branch by adding "z", which must have a value between 0 and 65535.

The structure of charging reference branches and charging reference identifiers is therefore as follows:



3. Basis for allocation

Charging reference branches are numbers as defined in Section 3 subparagraph 10 of the Telecommunications Act of 25 July 1996 (Federal Law Gazette I p 1120). Charging reference

branches are allocated under Section 43 of the Telecommunications Act according to these rules.

The Federal Network Agency for Electricity, Gas, Telecommunications, Post and Railway (the Agency) may amend these rules if this proves necessary.

The allocation of a charging reference branch constitutes the right to use the charging reference branch as provided for by the Telecommunications Act and these rules.

4. Criteria for the Eligibility of Applicants:

Eligible to apply is any party who

- a) intends to set up and operate, or has already set up and operates, a public telecommunications network or a telecommunications system with a switching or switching-supporting function, and
- b) intends to exchange charging information according to ETSI Standard ES 201 296 with other eligible parties.

To prove their eligibility, applicants are required to submit the following documents:

- a description of the relevant public telecommunications network as defined in Section 3 no 12 of the Telecommunications Act (or the implementation concept for the public telecommunications network to be operated, including commercial, technical and operational planning aspects);
- proof of functions control of the network as defined in Section 3 no 2 of the Telecommunications Act;
- agreement on the network's interconnection with other public telecommunications networks (or a declaration, signed by two parties, of the intention to interconnect the network with other networks).

5. Application procedure

5.1 Form and address for applications

Applications for the allocation of a charging reference branch should be sent to the

Bundesnetzagentur für Elektrizität, Gas,
Telekommunikation, Post und Eisenbahnen
Nummernverwaltung 118
Außenstelle Saarbrücken
Talstr. 34-42
D-66119 Saarbrücken
Germany

or

Bundesnetzagentur für Elektrizität, Gas,
Telekommunikation, Post und Eisenbahnen
Nummernverwaltung 118
Außenstelle Saarbrücken

Postfach 10 04 43
D-66004 Saarbrücken
Germany.

Applications should be made using the form in the annex. Applications may not be made more than 180 calendar days prior to the planned in-service date of the allocation.

5.2 Application processing

Each applicant is only allocated one charging reference branch. Applicants do not have a claim to the allocation of a particular charging reference branch. Applications are processed in order of receipt (as stamped by the Agency on receipt).

5.3 Turnaround time

The allocation of a charging reference branch is made as a rule within 7 calendar days from receipt of the application.

6. Conditions

6.1 Use of the charging reference branch

- a) The holder of the allocation must bring the charging reference branch into use within 180 calendar days from the in-service date of the allocation. The use of the charging reference branch for test purposes is sufficient until 1 February 2000.
- b) The holder of the allocation may only use the allocated charging reference branch for the purpose defined in Section 1.
- c) The holder of the allocation may not transfer the right to use the allocated charging reference branch to third parties. A notification of allocation may be amended upon written application to the Agency in the case of a company takeover.

6.2 Provision of information

The holder of the allocation must provide the Agency with information on the use of the charging reference branch on request.

6.3 Obligation to return the charging reference branch

The holder of the allocation must return the charging reference branch immediately if it is no longer required.

7. Number changes

Section 43(4) of the Telecommunications Act regulates number changes.

8. Withdrawals

The Agency may withdraw the allocation of a charging reference branch if the holder of the allocation

- a) violates the conditions according to Section 6,
- b) remains in debt for the fee payable under Section 10, or
- c) was allocated the charging reference branch on the basis of false information.

It will consult with the holder before it withdraws the allocation.

9. Reuse of recovered charging reference branches

The Agency may reallocate charging reference branches which have been returned, withdrawn or recovered following changes as a rule after a minimum of one year.

10. Fees

The allocation of a charging reference branch is subject to a fee charged under an ordinance having the force of law issued by virtue of Section 43(3) of the Telecommunications Act.

The fee will be specified in a separate notice.

Annex: Application form

Application for the allocation of a charging reference branch

I. Applicant details

 Name (company) Customer no (if known)

 Street

 Postcode, town

 Name of contact person

 Telephone Fax E-mail (optional)

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 Telekommunikation, Post und Eisenbahnen
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 Außenstelle Saarbrücken
 Postfach 10 04 43
 D-66004 Saarbrücken
 Germany

II. Application

We hereby apply for a charging reference branch.

The planned in-service date of the charging reference branch allocation is _____.

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 Place Date Signed (applicant/authorised signatory)

III. Note according to Sections 13 and 14 of the Federal Data Protection Act

The data gathered will be stored to process your application. The data will be processed automatically and communicated to the financial institution responsible for payment collection (the Bundeskasse).

Enclosures:

- Description of the relevant public telecommunications network as defined in Section 3 no 12 of the Telecommunications Act (or implementation concept for the public telecommunications network to be operated, including commercial, technical and operational planning aspects);
- Proof of functions control of the network as defined in Section 3 no 2 of the Telecommunications Act;
- Agreement on the network's interconnection with other public telecommunications networks (or a declaration, signed by two parties, of the intention to interconnect the network with other networks).