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### **Time-scale for settlement of accounts for international telecommunication services**

#### **Summary**

Recommendation ITU-T D.195 sets out the general guidelines on the time-scale to be adopted in the settlement of accounts for international telecommunication services.

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## Recommendation ITU-T D.195

### Time-scale for settlement of accounts for international telecommunication services

The ITU-T,

*recognizing*

a) that, in today's dynamic commercial environment, the existing settlement period is too long and unrealistic for some parties, and that it would be beneficial to many parties to modify the existing settlements process;

b) that in order to improve the settlements process and shorten the time period for settlements, it would be more efficient and time-saving to establish generally acceptable procedures that can be used as a guideline for bilateral agreements,

*recognizing further*

a) that administrations and ROAs may establish provisions for bilateral accounting and settlements in accordance with Article 1 of the ITRs, by mutual agreement;

b) should there be any conflict regarding the time-scale in this Recommendation and those stated in Appendix 1 of the International Telecommunication Regulations, then the latter prevail,

*considering*

a) that the current settlement period tends to be longer than some commercial transactions;

b) that more well-balanced treatment could be brought about between debtor carriers and creditor carriers by shortening the settlement period,

*recommends*

a) that monthly accounts for traffic on direct circuits and direct-settled transit<sup>1</sup> traffic should normally be sent within 30 days following the end of the month to which they relate and, if parties bilaterally agree, may be within 50 days;

b) that questioning a monthly account should normally be made within 30 days after the receipt of the account and, if parties bilaterally agree, may be within 50 days;

c) that taking into consideration the periods required by a) and b), a monthly settlement statement showing the balances of the monthly accounts for the period to which it relates may be prepared by the creditor administration or ROA, unless otherwise agreed between the carriers;

d) that payment of the balances of account on the undisputed amounts will normally be paid within 40 days of its arrival of the settlement statement<sup>2</sup>. To ensure prompt delivery, the creditor carrier will send a statement by facsimile or by electronic means;

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<sup>1</sup> Cascade settlement will not be included.

<sup>2</sup> The arrival of the settlement statement can be ascertained by the following ways:

- In case of exchange of the settlement statement by electronic data interchange (EDI): automatically by the system.
- In case of exchange of the settlement statement by fax: by the request of a confirmation of receipt via return fax.
- In case of exchange of the settlement statement by mail: by return receipt request process.

- e)* that when remitting payment, a statement indicating the service period, the type of service, the invoice number, the amount paid, the currency and its conversion factor, the dispute details, and the contact name and contact information will accompany the payment;
- f)* that beyond the period in *d)* above, the creditor carrier may, subject to prior notification in the form of the final demand for payment, and unless otherwise agreed, charge interest at a rate of 6% per annum on undisputed amounts, commencing from the day following the date of expiry of the said period;
- g)* that any interest applicable for direct-settled transit traffic will be borne by the originating administration;
- h)* that parties may, upon mutual agreement, vary the provisions laid out herein.



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