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Summary

This amendment was produced to meet the need for the implementation of the International Emergency Preference Scheme (IEPS) for disaster recovery operations as specified in ITU-T Rec. E.106. It contains the modifications to ITU-T Rec. Q.761 (1999) in order to accommodate these needs. This amendment should be read in conjunction with Amendment 3 to ITU-T Rec. Q.762, Amendment 4 to ITU-T Rec. Q.763, and Amendment 4 to ITU-T Rec. Q.764. This amendment incorporates Amendment 2 to ITU-T Rec. Q.761 and provides enhancements.

Source

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1) Clause 1.1 – Scope

Insert the following paragraph at the end of this clause (below the Note):

The International Emergency Preference Scheme is described in ITU-T Rec. E.106, *International Emergency Preference Scheme (IEPS) for Disaster Relief Operations* [12]. The associated ISUP functional descriptions, formats and codes, and procedures are to be found in ITU-T Recs Q.762 [6], Q.763 [7], and Q.764 [8].

2) Clause 1.2 – References

Add the following new references:

- [12] ITU-T Recommendation E.106 (2003), *International Emergency Preference Scheme (IEPS) for disaster relief operations*.
- [13] ITU-T Recommendation E.412 (2003), *Network management controls*.
- [14] ITU-T Recommendation Q.767 (1991), *Application of the ISDN User Part of CCITT signalling system No. 7 for international ISDN interconnections*.
- [15] ITU-T Recommendation Q.1902.x series (2001), *Bearer Independent Call Control protocol (Capability Set 2)*.

3) Clause 1.3 – Terms and definitions

Add the following new definitions:

- 1.3.6 ISUP'97:** 1997 release of ISUP Recommendations.
- 1.3.7 ISUP 2000:** 1999 release of ISUP Recommendations.

4) Clause 2.4.1 – ISUP Interworking

Insert the appropriate reference number [14] after each appearance of ITU-T Rec. Q.767.

5) Clause 3 – Capabilities supported by the ISDN user part

Insert the following new entry and Note into Table 1/Q.761:

Table 1/Q.761

Function/service	National use	International
International Emergency Preference Scheme	√ (Note)	√
NOTE – The procedures specified here for the international signalling network can be applied in national networks also. It is essential that the call is set up in the originating and destination national networks with utmost priority.		

6) New Appendix II

Insert the following new Appendix II:

Appendix II

ISUP enhancements to support IEPS

II.1 Introduction

There is an urgent need for enhancements to ISUP implementations in support of the International Emergency Preference Scheme (IEPS) as specified in ITU-T Rec. E.106 [12]. The intent is to increase the probability of call completion in congested network situations for authorized callers. These enhancements only apply to the international interface. Administrations and network operators are encouraged to support these or similar capabilities in their domestic networks.

II.2 Scope

This appendix provides an overview of the signalling needed to support IEPS. The ISUP enhancements to the other ITU-T Recommendations of this series relating to basic call are provided in corresponding amendments to ITU-T Recs Q.762, Q.763, and Q.764. To provide a viable IEPS capability, it is required to implement all the amendments to the ITU-T Recommendations of this series.

II.3 Approach

The implementation of IEPS support may take place in a phased approach in a forward compatible manner. This phased approach facilitates and expedites the introduction of IEPS and allows its support by different ISUP versions. The phases are:

- a) The minimum implementation relies on the transfer in ISUP of a specific IEPS call marking in the forward direction for preferential call set-up in the international network. In an international exchange, any call attempt with this IEPS call marking shall bypass restrictive call handling procedures (for example network management controls as specified in ITU-T Rec. E.412 [13]).
- b) An improved implementation provides the generation of an early ACM. The aim of this mechanism is to reduce call set-up failures due to timer expiration caused by, for example, queuing delays for trunk allocation on congested routes.

- c) An additional information transfer mechanism, based on a new parameter in conjunction with the IEPS call marking, is used to facilitate enhancements of IEPS in the areas of identification and priority levels.

II.4 ISUP versions and ISUP-based protocols

As the ISUP'2000 specifications [6], [7], [8] are published in different ITU-T Recommendations, these amendments to ISUP provide all necessary information for support of IEPS in international exchanges. IEPS can be implemented on the previous versions ISUP'92 and ISUP'97 by the identical amendments made for ISUP'2000. In support of IEPS, ITU-T Recs Q.767 [14] and Q.1902.x series [15] are also being amended.

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