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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.

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ACCOUNTING IN THE INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC TELEGRAM SERVICE

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1 General Provisions

1.1 Unless otherwise agreed upon, the origin Administration shall prepare the account of the accounting rates in respect of all telegrams that it has transmitted and forward the account to each of the Administrations concerned.

1.1.1 In direct relations the origin Administration shall credit the destination Administration and transit Administration(s), if any, with the share of the accounting rates accruing to each of them.

1.1.2 In indirect relations the origin Administration shall credit the transit Administration, with the shares of the overall accounting rates accruing to it and the destination Administration. The transit Administration shall credit the destination Administration with the share of the accounting rates accruing to the latter.

1.1.3 When two or more transit Administrations are involved, each transit Administration shall credit the next Administration with the total share of the accounting rates accruing to the latter and all the Administrations beyond its territory.

1.1.4 In the case of telegrams exchanged between countries within the same continental system, the origin Administration may, by agreement with all Administrations concerned, prepare the account of the accounting rates due in respect of all sections of the route to the destination, indicating separately the share that accrues to each Administration.

1.2 The Administration of the Member country of the Union in direct relation with the Administration of a country that is not a Member of the Union shall settle the accounts between the latter and the other contracting Administrations to which it has been intermediary in transmission.

2 Establishment of accounts

2.1 The accounts should normally be based on the number of telegrams and/or words transmitted during the month, distinction being made between the various classes of telegram, and account being taken:

2.1.1 when necessary, of certain special charges (detailed in § 2.5);

2.1.2 of the minimum accounting rate(s) applicable to certain classes of telegram.

2.2 The accounting rates applicable to telegrams transmitted with the charges to be collected on delivery or through operation of the transferred account telegram and telematic service provided for in Recommendation D.41 and D.98, should be entered into the accounts in the regular manner.

2.3 The accounting rate that serves as the basis for division between Administrations should be that which results from the ordinary application of the accounting rates arranged between the Administrations concerned, without regard to errors in charging which may have occurred.

2.4 The number of telegrams and/or chargeable words indicated by the office of origin should serve as the basis for the application of the accounting rate, except in cases where, following an error in transmission, a correction has been made by agreement between the office of origin and the office with which it is in correspondence.

2.5 Accessory charges and charges not recovered by the office of destination and collected by any other office, should be excluded from the accounts. Charges relative to paid service advices and to **SVH** telegrams for which the charges have not been collected by the office of origin as well as the surcharges for de luxe forms and any charges made for supplying copies of telegrams or for cancelling a telegram before transmission, shall also be excluded from the accounts.

2.6 When the transmission diverges from the route established by agreement in accordance with Recommendation D.40, §§ 3.6.2, the accounting rates shall be determined as follows:

2.6.1 The terminal shares shall not be less than those applying over the normal route.

2.6.2 The transit shares of Administration that have not previously agreed to the diversion shall not be less than their normal declared transit rates.

2.6.3 Any additional accounting rate costs arising from the diversion shall be borne by the Administration that effected the diversion.

2.6.4 Alternatively, the Administrations that have cooperated in the transmission of the telegram may agree to accept a reduction in their normal shares such that the sum of these shares is equal to the overall accounting rate over the normal route.

2.6.5 Telegrams transmitted exceptionally by telephone or telex shall be accounted for as telegrams.

2.7 *Interruption of transmission*

2.7.1 If, through interruption of a telegraph channel, a second transmission is made by a route other than that used originally (see Recommendation F.1, A170), only the accounting rate shares for the second transmission shall be entered in the international accounts.

2.7.2 The cost of forwarding, other than that of telegraphic transmission arising from the interruption of a telegraph channel and borne by the office having made use of this methods of forwarding (see Recommendation F.1, A171), shall not be entered in the international accounts.

2.8 Administrations may, by agreement of all parties involved, establish the accounts on the basis of a statistical or any other formula.

3 **Exchange and verification of accounts**

3.1 Unless otherwise agreed upon, the Administration responsible for collecting the charges shall establish a monthly account showing all the amounts owed and forward it to the Administrations concerned.

3.2 The accounts shall be sent as promptly as possible but in any case before the end of the third month following that to which they relate.

3.3 In principle, an account shall be considered as accepted without the need for specific notification of acceptance to the Administration that sent it.

3.4 Nevertheless, any Administration shall have the right to query the data in question during a period of two months after the receipt of the account but only to the extent necessary to bring any differences within mutually agreed limits.

3.5 In the absence of a specific agreement, it is recommended that enquiries related to monthly accounts should not be made unless the differences involved exceed those shown in Table 1/D.42. As soon as the difference involved no longer exceeds these limits, the revision should be stopped

TABLE 1/D.42

	Amount of the creditor's account	Difference exceeding
Account in SDRs	less than 3000 SDRs	30 SDRs
	from 3000 to 100 000 SDRs	1% of the total of the creditor's account
	more than 100 000 SDRs	1000 SDRs
Accounts in gold francs	less than 10 000 gold francs	100 gold francs
	from 10 000 to 300 000 gold francs	1% of the total of the creditor's account
	more than 300 000 gold francs	3000 gold francs

3.6 However, to avoid repetition of differences that are too small to entail a revision of the accounts, an Administration may draw the attention of the corresponding Administration, which has prepared the monthly account, to obvious errors and the latter Administration must take action on this information as soon as practicable to avoid similar errors occurring in the future.

3.7 In relations where specific agreements do not exist, a quarterly settlement statement showing the balances from the monthly accounts for the period to which it relates shall be prepared as quickly as possible by the creditor Administration and be forwarded in duplicate to the debtor Administration which, after verification, shall return one of the copies endorsed with its acceptance.

4 Payment of balances of accounts

Payment of balances shall be made in accordance with Article 11 and Appendix 1 of the *Telegraph Regulations* [1].

References

[1] *Final Acts of the World Administrative Telephone and Telegraph Conference (Geneva, 1973) – Telegraph Regulations – Telephone Regulations*, ITU, Geneva, 1973. (See also the Preliminary Note No. 3, page XIV.)