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**MONITORING FOR CHARGING  
PURPOSES, RELEASING**

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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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### **MONITORING FOR CHARGING PURPOSES, RELEASING**

The monitoring of an international sound-programme transmission for charging purposes is carried out at the terminal ISPC of the international sound-programme link.

The technical staff of the designated ISPCs should come to an arrangement among themselves so that at the end of the sound-programme transmission they have accurate knowledge of:

- a) the time of handing over the sound-programme link to the broadcasting organization (beginning of chargeable duration);
- b) the time at which the sound-programme link is released by the broadcasting organization (end of chargeable duration);
- c) where appropriate, the times and duration of every interruption or incident which may have occurred (in order to allow the operating services to determine whether a rebate is due, and if so, its amount).

The times of the beginning and of the end of the chargeable duration, as well as the times of occurrence and duration of any breakdowns which may occur, are entered on a daily report. This daily report is sent on the same day to the service responsible for coordinating all the details necessary for the establishment of the international accounts.

The conditions governing charging for sound-programme circuits and control circuits are given in Recommendation D.180 [1].

#### **Reference**

- [1] CCITT Recommendation *Occasional provision of circuits for International sound- and television-programme transmissions*, Vol. II, Rec. D.180.