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**SCCP FORMATS AND CODES**

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## NOTES

- 1 CCITT Recommendation Q.713 was published in Fascicle VI.7 of the *Blue Book*. This file is an extract from the *Blue Book*. While the presentation and layout of the text might be slightly different from the *Blue Book* version, the contents of the file are identical to the *Blue Book* version and copyright conditions remain unchanged (see below).
- 2 In this Recommendation, the expression “Administration” is used for conciseness to indicate both a telecommunication administration and a recognized operating agency.

## Recommendation Q.713

### SCCP FORMATS AND CODES

#### 1 General

The Signalling Connection Control Part (SCCP) messages are carried on the signalling data link by means of Signal Units the format of which is described in Recommendation Q.703, § 2.2.

The Service Information Octet format and coding is described in Recommendation Q.704, § 14.2. The Service Indicator is coded 0011 for the SCCP.

The Signalling Information Field (SIF) of each Message Signal Unit containing an SCCP message consists of an integral number of octets.

A message consists of the following parts (see Figure 1/Q.713):

- the routing label;
- the message type code;
- the mandatory fixed part;
- the mandatory variable part;
- the optional part, which may contain fixed length and variable length fields.

The description of the various parts is contained in the following sections. SCCP Management messages and codes are provided in § 5 of this Recommendation.

##### 1.1 *Routing label*

The standard routing label specified in Recommendation Q.704, § 2.2 is used. The rules for the generation of the signalling link selection (SLS) code are described in Recommendation Q.711, § 2.2.1.

Routing label
Message type code
Mandatory fixed part
Mandatory variable part
Optional part

FIGURE 1/Q.713

#### General layout

##### 1.2 *Message type code*

The message type code consists of a one octet field, and is mandatory for all messages. The message type code uniquely defines the function and format of each SCCP message. The allocation of message type codes, with reference to the appropriate descriptive section of this Recommendation is summarized in Table 1/Q.713. Table 1/Q.713 also contains an indication of the applicability of the various message types to the relevant classes of protocol.

##### 1.3 *Formatting principles*

Each message consists of a number of parameters listed and described in § 3. Each parameter has a “name” which is coded as a single octet (see § 3). The length of a parameter may be fixed or variable, and a “length indicator” of one octet for each parameter may be included as described below.

The detailed format is uniquely defined for each message type as described in § 4.

A general SCCP message format is shown in Figure 2/Q.713.

#### 1.4 *Mandatory fixed part*

Those parameters that are mandatory and of fixed length for a particular message type will be contained in the “mandatory fixed part”. The position, length and order of the parameters is uniquely defined by the message type. Thus the names of the parameters and the length indicators are not included in the message.

#### 1.5 *Mandatory variable part*

Mandatory parameters of variable length will be included in the mandatory variable part. The name of each parameter and the order in which the pointers are sent is implicit in the message type. Parameter names are, therefore, not included in the message. A pointer is used to indicate the beginning of each parameter. Because of this, parameters may be sent in an order different from that of the pointers. Each pointer is encoded as a single octet. The details of how pointers are encoded is found in § 2.3. The number of parameters, and thus the number of pointers is uniquely defined by the message type.

A pointer is also included to indicate the beginning of the optional part. If the message type indicates that no optional part is allowed, then this pointer will not be present. If the message type indicates that an optional part is possible, but there is no optional part included in this particular message, then a pointer field containing all zeros will be used.

All the pointers are sent consecutively at the beginning of the mandatory variable part. Each parameter contains the parameter length indicator followed by the contents of the parameter.

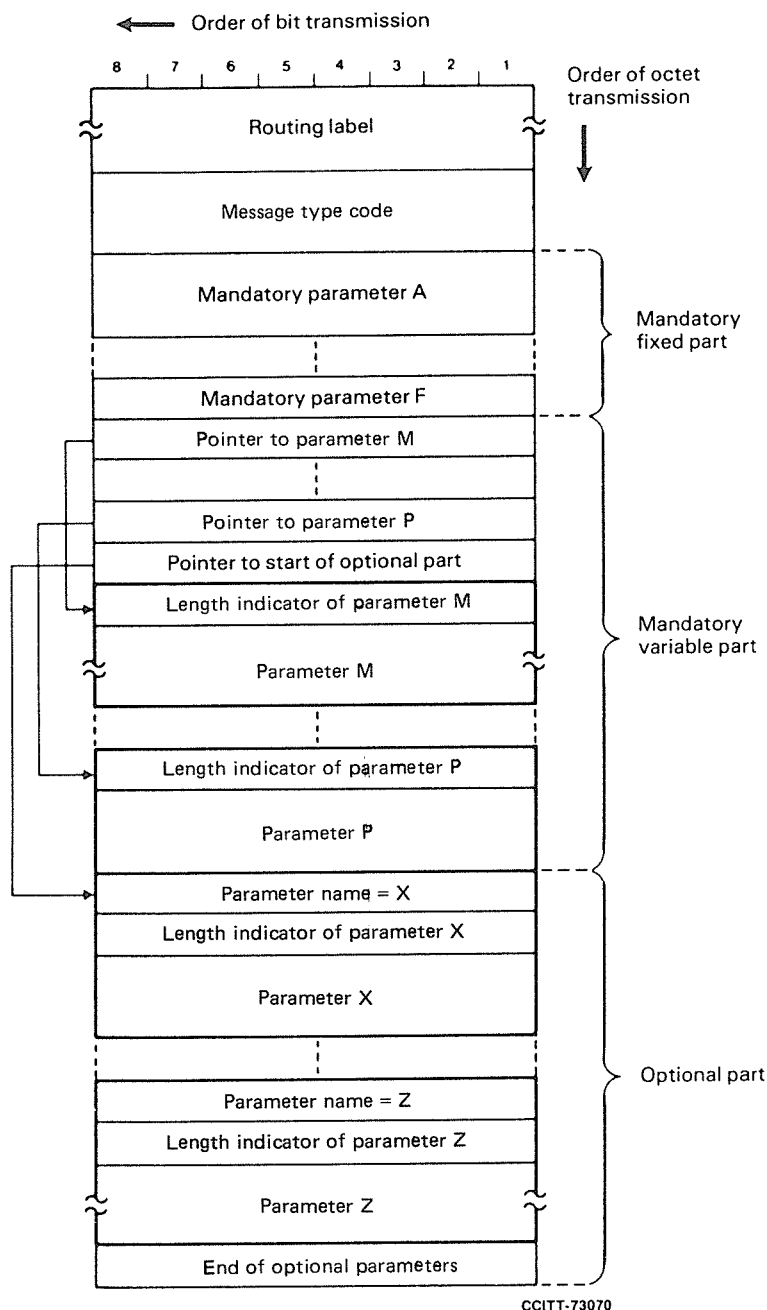


FIGURE 2/Q.713

**General SCCP message format**

1.6 *Optional part*

The optional part consists of parameters that may or may not occur in any particular message type. Both fixed length and variable length parameters may be included. Optional parameters may be transmitted in any order<sup>1)</sup>. Each optional parameter will include the parameter name (one octet) and the length indicator (one octet) followed by the parameter contents.

<sup>1)</sup> It is for further study if any constraint in the order of transmission will be introduced.

### 1.7 *End of optional parameters octet*

After all optional parameters have been sent, an end of optional parameters octet containing all zeroes will be transmitted. This octet is only included if optional parameters are present in the message.

### 1.8 *Order of transmission*

Since all the parameters consist of an integral number of octets, the formats are presented as a stack of octets. The first octet transmitted is the one shown at the top of the stack and the last is the one at the bottom (see Figure 2/Q.713).

Within each octet, the bits are transmitted with the least significant bit first.

### 1.9 *Coding of spare bits*

According to the general rules defined in Rec. Q.700, spare bits are coded 0 unless indicated otherwise at the originating nodes. At intermediate nodes, they are passed transparently. At destination nodes, they need not be examined.

### 1.10 *National message types and parameters*

If message type codes and parameter codes are required for national uses, it is suggested that the codes be selected from the highest code downwards, that is starting at code 11111110. Code 11111111 is reserved for future use.

## **2 Coding of the general parts**

### 2.1 *Coding of the message type*

The coding of the message is shown in Table 1/Q.713.

### 2.2 *Coding of the length indicator*

The length indicator field is binary coded to indicate the number of octets in the parameter content field. The length indicator does not include the parameter name octet or the length indicator octet.

### 2.3 *Coding of the pointers*

The pointer value (in binary) gives the number of octets between the pointer itself (included) and the first octet (not included) of the parameter associated with that pointer<sup>2)</sup>.

The pointer value all zeros is used to indicate that, in the case of optional parameters, no optional parameter is present.

## **3 SCCP parameters**

The parameter name codes are given in Table 2/Q.713 with reference to the subsections in which they are described.

### 3.1 *End of optional parameters*

The “end of optional parameters” parameter field consists of a single octet containing all zeros.

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<sup>2)</sup> For example, a pointer value of “00000001” indicates that the associated parameter begins in the octet immediately following the pointer. A pointer value of “00001010” indicates that nine octets of information exist between the pointer octet and the first octet of the parameter associated with that pointer.

3.2 *Destination local reference*

The “destination local reference” parameter field is a three-octet field containing a reference number which, in outgoing messages, has been allocated to the connection section by the remote node.

The coding “all ones” is reserved, its use is for further study.

TABLE 1/Q.713

**SCCP message types**

Message type	Classes				§	Code
	0	1	2	3		
CR Connection Request			X	X	4.2	0000 0001
CC Connection Confirm			X	X	4.3	0000 0010
CREF Connection Refused			X	X	4.4	0000 0011
RLSD Released			X	X	4.5	0000 0100
RLC Release Complete			X	X	4.6	0000 0101
DT1 Data Form 1			X		4.7	0000 0110
DT2 Data Form 2				X	4.8	0000 0111
AK Data Acknowledgement				X	4.9	0000 1000
UDT Unitdata	X	X			4.10	0000 1001
UDTS Unitdata Service	X	X			4.11	0000 1010
ED Expedited Data				X	4.12	0000 1011
EA Expedited Data Acknowledgement				X	4.13	0000 1100
RSR Reset Request				X	4.14	0000 1101
RSC Reset Confirm				X	4.15	0000 1110
ERR Protocol Data Unit Error			X	X	4.16	0000 1111
IT Inactivity Test			X	X	4.17	0001 0000

X Type of message in this protocol class.

TABLE 2/Q.713

**SCCP parameter name codes**

Parameter name	§	Parameter name code 8765 4321
End of optional parameters	3.1	0000 0000
Destination local reference	3.2	0000 0001
Source local reference	3.3	0000 0010
Called party address	3.4	0000 0011
Calling party address	3.5	0000 0100
Protocol class	3.6	0000 0101
Segmenting/reassembling	3.7	0000 0110
Receive sequence number	3.8	0000 0111
Sequencing/segmenting	3.9	0000 1000
Credit	3.10	0000 1001
Release cause	3.11	0000 1010
Return cause	3.12	0000 1011
Reset cause	3.13	0000 1100
Error cause	3.14	0000 1101
Refusal cause	3.15	0000 1110
Data	3.16	0000 1111

3.3 *Source local reference*

The “source local reference” parameter field is a three-octet field containing a reference number which is generated and used by the local node to identify the connection section.

The coding “all ones” is reserved, its use is for further study.

3.4 *Called party address*

The “called party address” is a variable length parameter. Its structure is shown in Figure 3/Q.713.

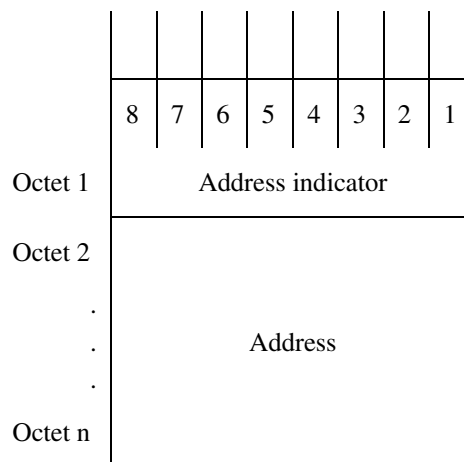


FIGURE 3/Q.713

**Called/Calling party address**



### 3.4.1 Address indicator

The “address indicator” indicates the type of address information contained in the address field (see Figure 4/Q.713). The address consists of one or any combination of the following elements:

- signalling point code;
- global title (for instance, dialled digits);
- subsystem number.

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Reserved for national use	Rtg indicator	Global title indicator				SSN indicator	Point code indicator

FIGURE 4/Q.713

#### Address indicator encoding

A “1” in bit 1 indicates that the address contains a signalling point code.

A “1” in bit 2 indicates that the address contains a subsystem number.

Bits 3-6 of the address indicator octet contain the global title indicator, which is encoded as follows:

Bits	6 5 4 3	
	0 0 0 0	No global title included
	0 0 0 1	Global title includes nature of address indicator only
	0 0 1 0	Global title includes translation type only <sup>3)</sup>
	0 0 1 1	Global title includes translation type, numbering plan and encoding scheme <sup>3)</sup>
	0 1 0 0	Global title includes translation type, numbering plan, encoding scheme and nature of address indicator
	0 1 0 1	}
	to	
	0 1 1 1	
	1 0 0 0	}
	to	
	1 1 1 0	
	1 1 1 1	Reserved for extension.

When a global title is used in the called party address, it is suggested that the called party address contain a subsystem number. This serves to simplify message reformatting following global title translation. The subsystem number should be encoded “00000000” when the subsystem number is not known, e.g., before translation.

Bit 7 of the address indicator octet contains routing information identifying which address element should be used for routing.

A “0” in bit 7 indicates that routing should be based on the global title in the address.

A “1” in bit 7 indicates that routing should be based on the destination point code in the MTP routing label and the subsystem number information in the called party address.

Bit 8 of the address indicator octet is designated for national use.

<sup>3)</sup> Full E.164 numbering plan address is used in these two cases for Recommendation E.164 based global titles.

3.4.2 *Address*

The various elements, when provided, occur in the order: point code, subsystem number, global title, as shown in Figure 5/Q.713.

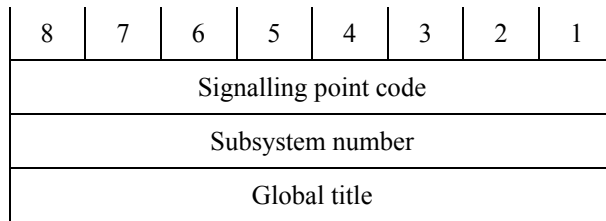


FIGURE 5/Q.713

**Ordering of address elements**

3.4.2.1 *Signalling point code*

The signalling point code, when provided, is represented by two octets. Bits 7 and 8 in the second octet are set to zero (see Figure 6/Q.713).

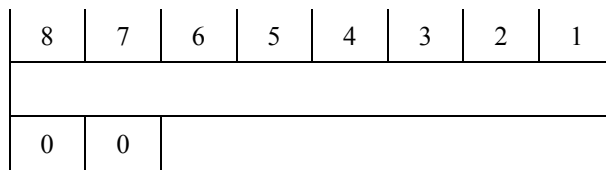


FIGURE 6/Q.713

**Signalling point code encoding**

3.4.2.2 *Subsystem number*

The subsystem number (SSN) identifies an SCCP user function and, when provided, consists of one octet coded as follows:

Bits	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	
	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	SSN not known/not used
	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1	SCCP management
	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0	Reserved for CCITT allocation
	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1	ISDN user part
	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0	OMAP
	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1	MAP (Mobile Application Part)
	0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0	}
	to	
	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 0	Spare
	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	Reserved for expansion.

Network specific subsystem numbers should be assigned in descending order starting with “11111110”.

### 3.4.2.3 Global title<sup>4)</sup>

The format of the global title is of variable length. Figure 7/Q.713, Figure 9/Q.713, Figure 10/Q.713 and Figure 11/Q.713 show four possible formats for global title.

#### 3.4.2.3.1 Global title indicator = 0001

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
O/E	Nature of address indicator							Octet 1
Address information							Octet 2 and further	

FIGURE 7/Q.713

#### Global title format for indicator 0001

Bits 1 to 7 of octet 1 contain the nature of address indicator and are coded as follows:

Bits	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Spare
	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	Subscriber number
	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	Reserved for national use
	0	0	0	0	1	1		National significant number
	0	0	0	1	0	0		International number
	0	0	0	1	0	1		} Spare
	to							
	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	

Bit 8 of octet 1 contains the odd/even indicator and is coded as follows:

Bit	8	
	0	even number of address signals
	1	odd number of address signals

The octets 2 and further contain a number of address signals and possibly a filler as shown in Figure 8/Q.713.

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
2nd address signal				1st address signal				Octet 2
4th address signal				3rd address signal				Octet 3
...								
Filler (if necessary)				nth address signal				Octet m

FIGURE 8/Q.713

#### Address information

<sup>4)</sup> Incorporation of NSAP address in the SCCP global title is for further study.

Each address signal is coded as follows:

The application of these codes in actual networks is for further study.

0000	digit 0
0001	digit 1
0010	digit 2
0011	digit 3
0100	digit 4
0101	digit 5
0110	digit 6
0111	digit 7
1000	digit 8
1001	digit 9
1010	spare
1011	code 11 <sup>5)</sup>
1100	code 12 <sup>5)</sup>
1101	spare
1110	spare
1111	ST <sup>5)</sup>

In case of an odd number of address signals, a filler code 0000 is inserted after the last address signal.

#### 3.4.2.3.2 Global title indicator = 0010

Figure 9/Q.713 shows the format of the global title, if the global title indicator equals “0010”.

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Translation type								Octet 1
Address information								Octet 2 and further

FIGURE 9/Q.713

#### Global title format for indicator 0010

The translation type is a one-octet field that is used to direct the message to the appropriate global title translation function.<sup>6)</sup> Thus, it may be possible for the address information to be translated into different values for and different combinations of DPCs, SSNs and GTs.

This octet will be coded “00000000” when not used. Translation types for internetwork services will be assigned in ascending order starting with 00000001”. Translation types for network specific services will be assigned in descending order starting with “11111110”. The code “11111111” is reserved for expansion. However, the exact coding of translation types in the international network is for further study. Additional requirements may be placed on this field as a result of further work on Transaction Capabilities and the ISDN User Part.

In the case of this global title format (0010), the translation type may also imply the encoding scheme, used to encode the address information, and the numbering plan.

<sup>5)</sup> The application of these codes in actual networks is for further study.

<sup>6)</sup> A translation type may for instance imply a specific service to be provided by the SCCP user, such as free phone number translation, or identify the category of service to be provided, for example, dialed number screening, password validation or transmission of digits to telephone network address.

3.4.2.3.3 Global title indicator = 0011

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Translation type								Octet 1
Numbering plan				Encoding scheme				Octet 2
Address information								Octet 3 and further

FIGURE 10/Q.713

**Global title format for indicator 0011**

The translation type is as described in § 3.4.2.3.2.

The numbering plan is encoded as follows<sup>7)</sup>:

Bits	8 7 6 5	
	0 0 0 0	Unknown
	0 0 0 1	ISDN/Telephony Numbering Plan (Recommendations E.163 and E.164)
	0 0 1 0	Spare
	0 0 1 1	Data Numbering Plan (Recommendation X.121)
	0 1 0 0	Telex Numbering Plan (Recommendation F.69)
	0 1 0 1	Maritime Mobile Numbering Plan (Recommendations E.210, 211)
	0 1 1 0	Land Mobile Numbering Plan (Recommendation E.212)
	0 1 1 1	ISDN/Mobile numbering plan (Recommendation E.214)
	1 0 0 0	}
	to	
	1 1 1 0	
	1 1 1 1	Reserved

The encoding scheme is encoded as follows:

Bits	4 3 2 1	
	0 0 0 0	Unknown
	0 0 0 1	BCD, odd number of digits
	0 0 1 0	BCD, even number of digits
	0 0 1 1	}
	to	
	1 1 1 0	Spare
	1 1 1 1	Reserved

If the encoding scheme is binary coded decimal, the global title value, starting from octet 3, is encoded as shown in Figure 8/Q.713.

<sup>7)</sup> The support of all numbering plans is not mandatory.

3.4.2.3.4 *Global title indicator = 0100*

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Translation type								Octet 1
Numbering plan				Encoding scheme				Octet 2
Spare	Nature of address indicator							Octet 3
Address information								Octet 4 and further

FIGURE 11/Q.713

**Global title format for indicator 0100**

The field “translation type” is as described in § 3.4.2.3.2. The fields “numbering plan” and “encoding scheme” are as described in § 3.4.2.3.3. The field “nature of address indicator” is as described in § 3.4.2.3.1.

If the encoding scheme is binary coded decimal, the global title value, starting from octet 4, is encoded as shown in Figure 8/Q.713.

3.5 *Calling party address*

The “calling party address” is a variable length parameter. Its structure is the same as the “called party address”.

When the calling party address is a mandatory parameter but is not available or must not be sent, the calling party address parameter only consists of the address indicator octet, where bits 1 to 7 are coded all zeros.

3.6 *Protocol class*

The “protocol class” parameter field is a four bit field containing the protocol class.

Bits 1-4 are coded as follows:

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0000	class 0
0001	class 1
0010	class 2
0011	class 3

When bits 1-4 are coded to indicate a connection-oriented-protocol class (class 2, class 3), bits 5-8 are spare.

When bits 1-4 are coded to indicate a connectionless protocol class (class 0, class 1), bits 5-8 are used to specify message handling as follows:

Bits	8	7	6	5	
	0	0	0	0	No special options
	0	0	0	1	} Spare
	to				
	0	1	1	1	
	1	0	0	0	Return message on error
	0	0	0	1	} Spare
	to				
	1	1	1	1	

3.7 *Segmenting/reassembling*

The “segmenting/reassembling” parameter field is a one octet field and is structured as follows:

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Reserve							M

Bits 8-2 are spare.

Bit 1 is used for the More Data indication and is coded as follows:

0 = no more data

1 = more data

3.8 *Receive sequence number*

The “receive sequence number” parameter field is a one octet field and is structured as follows:

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
P(R)							/

Bits 8-2 contain the receive sequence number P(R) used to indicate the sequence number of the next expected message. P(R) is binary coded and bit 2 is the LSB.

Bit 1 is spare.

3.9 *Sequencing/segmenting*

The sequencing/segmenting parameter field consists of two octets and is structured as follows:

	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Octet 1	P(S)							/
Octet 2	P(R)							M

Bits 8-2 of octet 1 are used for indicating the send sequence number P(S). P(S) is binary coded and bit 2 is the LSB.

Bit 1 of octet 1 is spare.

Bits 8-2 of octet 2 are used for indicating the receive sequence number P(R). P(R) is binary coded and bit 2 is the LSB.

Bit 1 of octet 2 is used for the More Data indication and is coded as follows:

0 = no more data

1 = more data

The sequencing/segmenting parameter field is used exclusively in protocol class 3.

3.10 *Credit*

The “credit” parameter field is a one-octet field used in the protocol classes which include flow control functions. It contains the window size value coded in pure binary.

### 3.11 Release cause

The release cause parameter field is a one-octet field containing the reason for the release of the connection.

The coding of the release cause field is as follows:

Bits	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	
	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	End user originated
	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1	End user congestion
	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0	End user failure
	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1	SCCP user originated
	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0	Remote procedure error
	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1	Inconsistent connection data
	0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0	Access failure
	0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1	Access congestion
	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0	Subsystem failure
	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1	Subsystem congestion <sup>8)</sup>
	0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0	Network failure
	0 0 0 0 1 0 1 1	Network congestion
	0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0	Expiration of reset timer
	0 0 0 0 1 1 0 1	Expiration of receive inactivity timer
	0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0	Not obtainable
	0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1	Unqualified
	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0	} Spare
	to	
	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	

*Note* – A more comprehensive list of causes covering X.96 call progress information is for further study.

### 3.12 Return cause

In the *Unitdata Service* message, the «return cause» parameter field is a one octet field containing the reason for message return. Bits 1-8 are coded as follows:

Bits	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	
	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	No translation for an address of such nature
	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1	No translation for this specific address
	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0	Subsystem congestion <sup>9)</sup>
	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1	Subsystem failure
	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0	Unequipped user
	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1	Network failure
	0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0	Network congestion
	0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1	Unqualified
	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0	} Spare
	to	
	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	

<sup>8)</sup> Subsystem congestion control procedure is for further study.

<sup>9)</sup> Subsystem congestion control procedure is for further study.



3.13 *Reset cause*

The “reset cause” parameter field is a one octet field containing the reason for the resetting of the connection.

The coding of the reset cause field is as follows:

Bits	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	
	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	End user originated
	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1	SCCP user originated
	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0	Message out of order – Incorrect P(S)
	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1	Message out of order – Incorrect P(R)
	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0	Remote procedure error – Message out of window
	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1	Remote procedure error – Incorrect P(S) after (re)initialization
	0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0	Remote procedure error – General
	0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1	Remote end user operational
	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0	Access operational
	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1	Network congestion
	0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0	Not obtainable
	0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0	Unqualified
	0 0 0 0 1 1 0 1	} Spare
	to	
	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	

3.14 *Error cause*

The “error cause” parameter field is a one octet field containing the indication of the exact protocol error.

The coding of the error cause field is as follows:

Bits	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	
	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	Local reference number (LRN) mismatch – Unassigned destination LRN
	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1	Local reference number (LRN) mismatch – Inconsistent source LRN
	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0	Point code mismatch <sup>10)</sup>
	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1	Service class mismatch
	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0	Unqualified
	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1	} Spare
	to	
	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	

<sup>10)</sup> National option.

### 3.15 Refusal cause

The refusal cause parameter field is a one octet field containing the reason for the refusal of the connection.

The coding of the refusal cause field is as follows:

Bits	8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1	
	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	End user originated
	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1	End user congestion
	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0	End user failure
	0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1	SCCP user originated
	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0	Destination address unknown
	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1	Destination inaccessible
	0 0 0 0 0 1 1 0	Network resource – QOS not available/non-transient
	0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1	Network resource – QOS not available/transient
	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0	Access failure
	0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1	Access congestion
	0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0	Subsystem failure
	0 0 0 0 1 0 1 1	Subsystem congestion <sup>11)</sup>
	0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0	Expiration of the connection establishment timer
	0 0 0 0 1 1 0 1	Incompatible user data
	0 0 0 0 1 1 1 0	Not obtainable
	0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1	Unqualified
	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0	} Spare
	to	
	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	

*Note 1* – The inclusion of the routing failure causes as specified for the “return cause” parameter in Recommendation Q.713, § 3.12, is for further study.

*Note 2* – A more comprehensive list of causes covering CCITT Recommendation X.96 call progress information is for further study.

### 3.16 Data

The “data” parameter field is a variable length field containing SCCP-user data to be transferred transparently between the SCCP user functions.

## 4 SCCP messages and codes

### 4.1 General

4.1.1 In the following sections, the format and coding of the SCCP messages is specified.

For each message a list of the relevant parameters is given in a tabular form.

4.1.2 For each parameter the table also includes:

- *a reference* to the section where the formatting and coding of the parameter content is specified;
- *the type* of the parameter. The following types are used in the tables:
  - F = mandatory fixed length parameter;
  - V = mandatory variable length parameter;
  - O = optional parameter of fixed or variable length;
- *the length* of the parameter. The value in the table includes:
  - *for type F parameters* the length, in octets, of the parameter content;

<sup>11)</sup> Subsystem congestion control procedure is for further study.

- for type *V* parameters the length, in octets, of the length indicator and of the parameter content; (*The minimum and the maximum length are indicated.*)
- for type *O* parameters the length, in octets, of the parameter name, length indicator and parameter content. (*For variable length parameters the minimum and maximum length is indicated.*)

4.1.3 For each message the number of pointers included is also specified.

4.1.4 For each message type, type F parameters and the pointers for the type V parameters must be sent in the order specified in the following tables.

4.2 *Connection request (CR)*

The CR message contains:

- the routing label,
- 2 pointers,
- the parameters indicated in Table 3/Q.713.

4.3 *Connection confirm (CC)*

The CC message contains:

- the routing label,
- 1 pointer,
- the parameters indicated in Table 4/Q.713.

4.4 *Connection refused (CREF)*

The message contains:

- the routing label,
- 1 pointer,
- the parameters indicated in Table 5/Q.713.

4.5 *Released (RLSD)*

The RLSD message contains:

- the routing label,
- 1 pointer,
- the parameters indicated in Table 6/Q.713.

4.6 *Release complete (RLC)*

The RLC message contains:

- the routing label,
- no pointers,
- the parameters indicated in Table 7/Q.713.

4.7 *Data form 1 (DT1)*

The DT1 message contains:

- the routing label,
- 1 pointer,
- the parameters indicated in Table 8/Q.713.

4.8 *Data form 2 (DT2)*

The DT2 message contains:

- the routing label,
- 1 pointer,
- the parameters indicated in Table 9/Q.713.

TABLE 3/Q.713

**Message type: Connection request**

Parameter	§	Type (F V O)	Length (octets)
Message type code	2.1	F	1
Source local reference	3.3	F	3
Protocol class	3.6	F	1
Called party address	3.4	V	3 minimum
Credit	3.10	O	3
Calling party address	3.5	O	4 minimum
Data	3.16	O	3 – 130
End of optional parameters	3.1	O	1

TABLE 4/Q.713

**Message type: Connection confirm**

Parameter	§	Type (F V O)	Length (octets)
Message type	2.1	F	1
Destination local reference	3.2	F	3
Source local reference	3.3	F	3
Protocol class	3.6	F	1
Credit	3.10	O	3
Called party address	3.4	O	4 minimum
Data	3.16	O	3 – 130
End of optional parameter	3.1	O	1

TABLE 5/Q.713

**Message type: Connection refused**

Parameter	§	Type (F V O)	Length (octets)
Message type	2.1	F	1
Destination local reference	3.2	F	3
Refusal cause	3.15	F	1
Called party address	3.4	O	4 minimum
Data	3.16	O	3 – 130
End of optional parameter	3.1	O	1

TABLE 6/Q.713

**Message type: Released**

Parameter	§	Type (F V O)	Length (octets)
Message type	2.1	F	1
Destination local reference	3.2	F	3
Source local reference	3.3	F	3
Release cause	3.11	F	1
Data	3.16	O	3 – 130
End of optional parameter	3.1	O	1

TABLE 7/Q.713

**Message type: Release complete**

Parameter	§	Type (F V O)	Length (octets)
Message type	2.1	F	1
Destination local reference	3.2	F	3
Source local reference	3.3	F	3

TABLE 8/Q.713

**Message type: Data form 1**

Parameter	§	Type (F V O)	Length (octets)
Message type	2.1	F	1
Destination local reference	3.2	F	3
Segmenting/reassembling	3.7	F	1
Data	3.16	V	2 – 256

TABLE 9/Q.713

**Message type: Data form 2**

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>Type (F V O)</b>	<b>Length (octets)</b>
Message type	2.1	F	1
Destination local reference	3.2	F	3
Sequencing/Segmenting	3.9	F	2
Data	3.16	V	2 – 256

4.9 *Data acknowledgement (AK)*

The AK message contains:

- the routing label,
- no pointers,
- the parameters indicated in Table 10/Q.713.

TABLE 10/Q.713

**Message type: Data acknowledgement**

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>§</b>	<b>Type (F V O)</b>	<b>Length (octets)</b>
Message type	2.1	F	1
Destination local reference	3.2	F	3
Receive sequence number	3.8	F	1
Credit	3.10	F	1

4.10 *Unitdata (UDT)*

The UDT message contains:

- the routing label,
- 3 pointers,
- the parameters indicated in Table 11/Q.713.

TABLE 11/Q.713

**Message type: Unitdata**

Parameter	§	Type (F V O)	Length (octets)
Message type	2.1	F	1
Protocol class	3.6	F	1
Called party address	3.4	V	3 minimum
Calling party address	3.5	V	2 minimum
Data	3.16	V	2 – X <sup>a)</sup>

<sup>a)</sup> Due to the ongoing studies on the SCCP called and calling party address, the maximum length of this parameter needs further study. It is also noted that the transfer of up to 255 octets of user data is allowed when the SCCP called and calling party address do not include global title.

4.11 *Unitdata service (UDTS)*

The UDTS message contains:

- the routing label,
- 3 pointers,
- the parameters indicated in Table 12/Q.713.

TABLE 12/Q.713

**Message type: Unitdata service**

Parameter	§	Type (F V O)	Length (octets)
Message type	2.1	F	1
Return cause	3.12	F	1
Called party address	3.4	V	3 minimum
Calling party address	3.5	V	2 minimum
Data	3.16	V	2 – X <sup>a)</sup>

<sup>a)</sup> See <sup>a)</sup> Table 11/Q.713.

4.12 *Expedited data (ED)*

The ED message contains:

- the routing label,
- 1 pointer,
- the parameters indicated in Table 13/Q.713.

TABLE 13/Q.713

**Message type: Expedited data**

Parameter	§	Type (F V O)	Length (octets)
Message type	2.1	F	1
Destination local reference	3.2	F	3
Data	3.16	V	2 – 33

4.13 *Expedited data acknowledgement (EA)*

The EA message contains:

- the routing label,
- no pointers,
- the parameters indicated in Table 14/Q.713.

TABLE 14/Q.713

**Message type: Expedited data acknowledgement**

Parameter	§	Type (F V O)	Length (octets)
Message type	2.1	F	1
Destination local reference	3.2	F	3

4.14 *Reset request (RSR)*

The RSR message contains:

- the routing label,
- 1 pointer,
- the parameters indicated in Table 15/Q.713.

TABLE 15/Q.713

**Message type: Reset request**

Parameter	§	Type (F V O)	Length (octets)
Message type	2.1	F	1
Destination local reference	3.2	F	3
Source local reference	3.3	F	3
Reset cause	3.13	F	1

4.15 *Reset confirm (RSC)*

The RSC message contains:

- the routing label,
- no pointers,
- the parameters indicated in Table 16/Q.713.



TABLE 16/Q.713

**Message type: Reset confirmation**

Parameter	§	Type (F V O)	Length (octets)
Message type	2.1	F	1
Destination local reference	3.2	F	3
Source local reference	3.3	F	3

4.16 *Protocol data unit error (ERR)*

The ERR message contains:

- the routing label,
- 1 pointer,
- the parameters indicated in Table 17/Q.713.

TABLE 17/Q.713

**Message type: Protocol data unit error**

Parameter	§	Type (F V O)	Length (octets)
Message type	2.1	F	1
Destination local reference	3.2	F	3
Error cause	3.14	F	1

4.17 *Inactivity test (IT)*

The IT message contains:

- the routing label,
- no pointers,
- the parameters indicated in Table 18/Q.713.

TABLE 18/Q.713

**Message type: Inactivity test**

Parameter	§	Type (F V O)	Length (octets)
Message type	2.1	F	1
Destination local reference	3.2	F	3
Source local reference	3.3	F	3
Protocol class	3.6	F	1
Sequencing/segmenting <sup>a)</sup>	3.9	F	2
Credit <sup>a)</sup>	3.10	F	1

<sup>a)</sup> Information in these parameter fields reflect those values sent in the last data Form 2 or Data acknowledgement message. They are ignored if the protocol class parameter indicates class 2.

## 5 SCCP Management messages and codes

### 5.1 General

SCCP Management (SCMG) messages are carried using the connectionless service of the SCCP. When transferring SCMG messages, class 0 is requested with the “discard message on error” option. SCCP management message parts are provided in the “data” parameter of the *Unitdata message*.

The *Unitdata* message contains:

- the routing label,
- 3 pointers,
- the parameters indicated in Table 19/Q.713.

Descriptions of the various parts are contained in the following sections.

TABLE 19/Q.713

**SCCP management message format**

Parameter	§	Type (F V O)	Length (octets)
Message type (= Unitdata)	2.1	F	1
Protocol class (= Class 0, no return)	3.6	F	1
Called party address (SSN = SCCP management)	3.4	V	3 minimum
Calling party address (SSN = SCCP management)	3.5	V	3 minimum <sup>a)</sup>
Data (Data consists of an SCMG message with form as in Table 22/Q.713)	3.16	V	6

<sup>a)</sup> SSN is always present.

#### 5.1.1 SCMG format identifier

The SCMG format identifier consists of a one-octet field, which is mandatory for all SCMG messages. The SCMG format identifier uniquely defines the function and format of each SCMG message. The allocation of SCMG format identifiers is shown in Table 20/Q.713.

TABLE 20/Q.713

**SCMG format identifiers**

Message	Code 87654321
SSA Subsystem-Allowed	00000001
SSP Subsystem-Prohibited	00000010
SST Subsystem-Status-Test	00000011
SOR Subsystem-Out-of-Service-Request	00000100
SOG Subsystem-Out-of-Service-Grant	00000101

5.1.2 *Formatting principles*

The formatting principles used for SCCP messages, as described in §§ 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 2.2 and 2.3 apply to SCMG messages.

5.2 *SCMG message parameters*

SCMG parameter name codes are given in Table 21/Q.713 with reference to the subsections in which they are described. Presently, these parameter name codes are not used since all SCMG messages contain mandatory fixed parameters only.

TABLE 21/Q.713

**SCMG parameter name codes**

Parameter name	§	Parameter name code 87654321
End of optional parameters	5.2.1	00000000
Affected SSN	5.2.2	00000001
Affected PC	5.2.3	00000010
Subsystem multiplicity indicator	5.2.4	00000011

5.2.1 *End of optional parameters*

The “end of optional parameters” parameter field consists of a single octet containing all zeros.

5.2.2 *Affected SSN*

The “affected subsystem number (SSN)” parameter field consists of one octet coded as directed for the called party address field, § 3.4.2.1.

5.2.3 *Affected PC*

The “affected signalling point code (PC)” parameter field is represented by two octets which are coded as directed for the called party address field, § 3.4.2.2.

5.2.4 *Subsystem multiplicity indicator*

The “subsystem multiplicity indicator” parameter field consists of one octet coded as shown in Figure 12/Q.713.

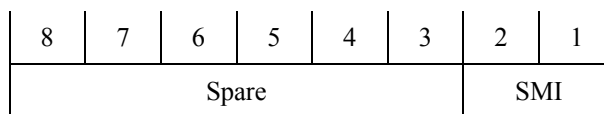


FIGURE 12/Q.713

**Subsystem multiplicity indicator format**

The coding of the SMI field is as follows:

Bits 21

- 00 affected subsystem multiplicity unknown
- 01 affected subsystem is solitary
- 10 affected subsystem is duplicated
- 11 spare

Bits 3-8 are spare.

### 5.3 SCMG messages

Presently, all SCMG messages contain mandatory fixed parameters only. Each SCMG message contains:

- 0 pointers
- the parameters indicated in Table 22/Q.713.

TABLE 22/Q.713

#### SCMG Message

Parameter	§	Type (F V O)	Length (octets)
SCMG format identifier (Message type code)	5.1.1	F	1
Affected SSN	5.2.2	F	1
Affected PC	5.2.3	F	2
Subsystem multiplicity indicator	5.2.4	F	1

## ANNEX A

(to Recommendation Q.713)

### Mapping for cause parameter values

#### A.1 Introduction

During connection refusal/release/reset, the SCCP and its users could take necessary corrective actions, if any, only upon relevant information available to them. Thus, it would be very helpful if those information could be conveyed correctly.

During connection release, the “release cause” parameter in the *Released* (RLSD) message and the N-DISCONNECT primitive (with parameters “originator” and “reason”) are used together to convey those information on the initiator and the cause of the connection release. In addition, the N-DISCONNECT primitive is also used together with the “refusal cause” parameter in the *Connection Refused* (CREF) message to convey those information during connection refusal. During connection reset, the “reset cause” parameter in the *Reset Request* (RSR) message and the N-RESET primitive (with parameters “originator” and “reason”) are used together similarly.

In order to convey those information correctly, this Annex provides a guideline for the mapping of values between the cause parameters and the corresponding N-primitive parameters during various scenarios.

#### A.2 Connection refusal

Table A-1/Q.713 describes the mapping of values between the “refusal cause” parameter (§ 3.15, Rec. Q.713) and the “originator”, “reason” parameters in the N-DISCONNECT primitive (§ 2.1.1.2.4, Rec. Q.711).

#### A.3 Connection release

Table A-2/Q.713 describes the mapping of values between the “release cause” parameter (§ 3.11, Rec. Q.713) and the “originator”, “reason” parameters in the N-DISCONNECT primitive (§ 2.1.1.2.4, Rec. Q.711).

A.4 Connection reset

Table A-3/Q.713 describes the mapping of values between the “reset cause” parameter (§ 3.13, Rec. Q.713) and the “originator”, “reason” parameters in the N-RESET primitive (§ 2.1.1.2.3, Rec. Q.711).

TABLE A-1/Q.713

Mapping during connection refusal

CREF Message		N-DISCONNECT primitive	
Code	Refusal cause	Reason	Originator
00000000	End user originated	Connection refusal – End user originated	NSU
00000001	End user congestion	Connection refusal – End user congestion	NSU
00000010	End user failure	Connection refusal – End user failure	NSU
00000011	SCCP user originated	Connection refusal – SCCP user originated	NSU
00000100	Destination address unknown	Connection refusal – Destination address unknown (non-transient condition)	NSP
00000101	Destination inaccessible	Connection refusal – Destination inaccessible/transient condition	NSP
00000110	Network resource – QOS unavailable/non-transient	Connection refusal – QOS unavailable/non-transient condition	NSP <sup>a)</sup>
00000111	nNetwork resource – QOS unavailable/transient	Connection refusal - QOS unavailable/transient condition	NSP <sup>a)</sup>
00001000	Access failure	Connection refusal – Access failure	NSU
00001001	Access congestion	Connection refusal – Access congestion	NSU
00001010	Subsystem failure	Connection refusal – Destination inaccessible/non-transient condition	NSP
00001011	Subsystem congestion	Connection refusal – subsystem congestion	NSU
00001100	Expiration of connection estimated timer	Connection refusal – Reason unspecified/transient	NSP <sup>a)</sup>
00001101	Inconsistent user data	Connection refusal – Incompatible information in NSDU	NSU
00001110	Not obtainable	Connection refusal – reason unspecified/transient	NSP <sup>a)</sup>
00001110	Not obtainable	Connection refusal – undefined	Undefined
00001111	Unqualified	Connection refusal – Reason unspecified/transient	NSP <sup>a)</sup>
00001111	Unqualified	Connection refusal – Undefined	Undefined

NSU Network Service User

NSP Network Service Provider

<sup>a)</sup> Only those cases will be applicable if the SCCP originates the refusal procedure in response to REQUEST interface element.

TABLE A-2/Q.713

## Mapping during connection release

RLSD Message		N-DISCONNECT primitive	
Code	Release cause	Reason	Originator
00000000	End user originated	Disconnection – Normal condition	NSU
00000001	End user congestion	Disconnection – End user congestion	NSU
00000010	End user failure	Disconnection – End user failure	NSU
00000011	SCCP user originated	Disconnection – SCCP user originated	NSU
00000100	Remote procedure error	Disconnection – Abnormal condition of transient nature	NSP
00000101	Inconsistent connection data	Disconnection – Abnormal condition of transient nature	NSP
00000110	Access failure	Disconnection – Access failure	NSU
00000111	Access congestion	Disconnection – Access congestion	NSU
00001000	Subsystem failure	Disconnection – Abnormal condition of non-transient nature	NSP
00001001	Subsystem congestion	Disconnection – Subsystem congestion	NSU
00001010	Network failure	Disconnection – Abnormal condition of non-transient nature	NSP
00001011	Network congestion	Disconnection – Abnormal condition of transient nature	NSP
00001100	Expiration of reset timer	Disconnection – Abnormal condition of transient nature	NSP
00001101	Expiration of receive inactivity timer	Disconnection – Abnormal condition of transient nature	NSP
00001110	Not obtainable <sup>a)</sup>	Disconnection – Undefined	NSP
00001110	Not obtainable <sup>a)</sup>	Disconnection – Undefined	Undefined
00001111	Unqualified	Disconnection – abnormal condition	NSU
00001111	Unqualified	Disconnection – undefined	NSP
00001111	Unqualified	Disconnection – undefined	Undefined

NSU Network Service User

NSP Network Service Provider

<sup>a)</sup> The need for this value is for further study.

TABLE A-3/Q.713

## Mapping during connection reset

RSR Message		N-RESET primitive	
Code	Reset cause	Reason	Originator
00000000	End user originated	Reset – User synchronization	NSU
00000001	SCCP user originated	Reset – User synchronization	NSU
00000010	Message out of order – Incorrect P(S)	Reset – Unspecified	NSP
00000011	Message out of order – Incorrect P(R)	Reset – Unspecified	NSP
00000100	Remote procedure error – Message out of window	Reset – Unspecified	NSP
00000101	Remote procedure error – Incorrect P(S) after initialization	Reset – Unspecified	NSP
00000110	Remote procedure error – General	Reset – Unspecified	NSP
00000111	Remote end user operational	Reset – User synchronization	NSU
00001000	Network operational	Reset – Unspecified	NSP
00001001	Access operational	Reset – User synchronization	NSU
00001010	Network congestion	Reset – Network congestion	NSP
00001011	Not obtainable <sup>a)</sup>	Reset – Unspecified	NSP
00001011	Not obtainable <sup>a)</sup>	Reset – Undefined	Undefined
00001100	Unqualified	Reset – Unspecified	NSP
00001100	Unqualified	Reset – Undefined	Undefined

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<sup>a)</sup> The need for this value is for further study.







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