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THE MODULATION RATE OF START-STOP
APPARATUS AND OF THE USE OF
COMBINATION No. 4 IN FIGURE CASE**

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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.

Recommendation S.8

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(former CCIT Recommendations C.5 and C.11, Arnhem, 1953)

The CCITT,

considering

(a) that the standardized modulation rate recommended for start-stop apparatus employed in international (including intercontinental) service is 50 bauds, in accordance with Recommendation S.3;

(b) that there are nevertheless certain areas (notably in the USA) in which a different modulation rate for start-stop apparatus is employed;

(c) that, even though it is recognized that universal adoption of a standardized modulation rate would be advantageous in the intercontinental service, it is not possible at present to secure universal adoption of a standard;

(d) that it is essential to do everything possible to facilitate the establishment of intercontinental services, notwithstanding differences in modulation rates that may exist between the start-stop apparatus employed;

(e) that there are in existence methods, employing automatic storage equipment in the circuit, that enable start-stop apparatus having different modulation rates to interwork;

(f) that, furthermore, on certain intercontinental circuits, e.g. radio circuits, the employment of special forms of synchronous equipment in association with storage equipment is sometimes essential and is already in use in the intercontinental sections of start-stop circuits.

unanimously declares the view

(1) that, when it is necessary in the intercontinental service to operate between start-stop apparatus having a modulation rate of 50 bauds and start-stop apparatus having a non-standard modulation rate, then conversion equipment, for example automatic storage and retransmission equipment must be inserted in the international circuits concerned in a manner to be agreed bilaterally between the Administrations and/or private recognized operating agencies concerned;

considering

(g) that the use of different signs or functions for combination No. 4 in the figure case of International Telegraph Alphabet No. 2 on start-stop apparatus having to work together in the same system leads to operational difficulties that ultimately amount to rendering the use of this combination impossible;

(h) that the use of this combination to operate the answer-back unit, by allowing the caller to check the connection and the satisfactory working of his correspondent's apparatus, results in a considerable reduction in the time of establishing the communication, thereby facilitating operation of the service,

unanimously declares the view

(2) that combination No. 4 (figure case) of International Telegraph Alphabet No. 2 should be reserved exclusively, both in international service and in intercontinental service, for operating the answer-back unit;

(3) that, in intercontinental service, when apparatus not permitting the use of the answer-back unit is being operated, the methods of using combination No. 4 (figure case), should be the subject of bilateral agreement between the Administrations and/or private recognized operating agencies concerned.

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