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Recommendation ITU-T D.176 (Rev.1)

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Transmission in encoded form of telephone reversed charge billing and accounting information

Subject: Expansion of international telephone number lengths and its impact on the transmission in encoded form of telephone reversed charge billing and accounting information (Recommendation D.176)

Recommendation E.164 (The Numbering Plan for the ISDN era) specifies that the maximum international telephone number length will increase from 12 to **15 digits** after time T (31 December 1996 at 23 h 59 m UTC). Thus, depending on the length of the country code, the national (significant) number can range from a maximum of 12 digits to a maximum of **14 digits** in length.

Annex A, paragraph A.2 of ITU-T Recommendation D.176 Rev.1 (Transmission in encoded form of telephone reversed charge billing and information, Geneva 1992) under items 4 and 5 gives the field size for calling party number and called party number as a maximum of only 11 digits.

Pending revision or replacement of Recommendation D.176, parties who apply Recommendation D.176 version 1992 for the transmission in encoded form of telephone reversed charge billing and accounting information should take appropriate action to ensure that where national number lengths of up to 14 digits are used, their accounting systems can handle these number lengths.