Electronic Communications Committee (ECC)
within the Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations (CEPT)

ECC RECOMMENDATION (04)07

DESIGNATION OF '116' NUMBER RANGE FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE EUROPE-WIDE HARMONISED SHORT NUMBERS

Recommendation adopted by the Working Group "Numbering Naming and Addressing" (WG NNA)

INTRODUCTION

This Recommendation seeks to preserve a harmonised number range that may not be dialable in international format in national numbering plans to enable the possible future assignment of one or more Europe-wide harmonised short numbers for harmonised European services.

"The Conference of Postal and Telecommunications Administrations,

considering

a) New interest in the assignment of one or more Europe-wide harmonised short numbers to give memorable access to the same service or type of service of public interest in a significant proportion of CEPT countries (referred to in this Recommendation as a harmonised European service);

b) That there are few short numbers in national numbering plans available across CEPT countries that are not already either designated for a specific purpose or assigned;

c) That to ensure that one or more short numbers can, at a point in the future, be made available for appropriate harmonised European services, it is prudent to set aside numbers within each national numbering plan for this purpose;

d) That a survey by the Working Group "Numbering Naming and Addressing" indicated that the short numbers beginning with 116 could most readily be set aside for future harmonised European services in the majority of CEPT countries;

recommends

1. That, where possible, authorities responsible for administration of national numbering plans designate the number range beginning with 116 for future harmonised European services;

2. That as a consequence authorities responsible for administration and assignment of numbers from national numbering plans keep the number 116 and the numbers beginning with 116 unassigned until a ECC Decision specifies (a) harmonized European service(s);

3. This recommendation will be reviewed within five years."

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