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ADVICE OF CHARGE: CHARGING INFORMATION DURING THE CALL (AOC-D)

(Helsinki, 1993)

1 Definition

For the purposes of this Recommendation, the following definition applies.

The **Advice of Charge: charging information during the call (AOC-D)** supplementary service enables a user to receive information on the recorded charges for a call during the active phase of the call.

2 Description

The AOC-D supplementary service shall apply to the basic access and the primary rate access.

The AOC-D supplementary service provides the served user with cumulative charging information during the call. The information can be sent for all calls, or on a per call basis. The charge information given shall relate to the charges incurred on the network to which the served user is attached.

2.1 Structure and contents of charging information

1) *Type of charging information*

– sub-total charges

This type of charging information is sent to the served user during the call and indicates charges recorded for the call so far.

– total charges

This type of charging information is sent to the served user when the call is terminated, and indicates the charges recorded for the call.

NOTE 1 – Some networks will include in this information charges incurred by the use of some supplementary services.

2) *Recorded charges*

Only one of the following types of recorded charges shall be included:

NOTE 2 – If different types of charging units apply, the recorded number of charging units for each type of charging unit may be given.

– Recorded number of charging units

This information indicates the number of charging units incurred for the call. Sub-unit shall be:

– number of charging units (integer value);

– optional: type of charging unit (see Note 3).

– Recorded number of currency units

This information indicates the number of currency units incurred for the call. Sub-units shall be:

– currency identifier;

– currency amount [integer value and a multiplier (see Note 4)].

– Free of charge

This information indicates that there is no charge to the served user for this call.

– Not available

This information indicates that the recorded charges are not available. The network is not required to give a reason.

NOTE 3 – Type of charging unit shall be indicated by an integer value between 1 and 16. Each service provider shall specify their use and significance of these values.

NOTE 4 – The multiplier shall have one of the following values: 0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100 or 1000.

3) *Billing identification*

Only one of the following types of billing identification shall be included.

– Normal charging

This billing identification indicates that charges are incurred due to normal charging.

– Reverse charging

This billing identification indicates that charges are incurred due to reverse charging.

– Credit card charging

This billing identification indicates that charges apply to a credit card.

2.2 Application of charging information

Charging information shall be given either in currency units or in charging units.

"Sub-total charges" can be given in charging units or in currency units, or the value "free of charge" or "not available" can be given to the served user. The charged items that affect the charging applied for the call should be covered.

"Total charges" can be given in charging units or in currency units, or the value "free of charge" or "not available" can be given to the served user. The information indicates the recorded charges for the call. The information shall only be given to a served user involved in the call when the call is terminated, and the same charged items covered by "sub-total charges" shall be included. The information can be accompanied by a billing identification. If the "billing identification" is not included, the default value shall be interpreted as "normal charging".

2.3 Specific terminology

For the purposes of this Recommendation, the following definition applies.

served user: The user of a particular ISDN number who is requesting that charging information shall be provided.

AOC-D: Advice of Charge: charging information during the call.

2.4 Qualifications on applicability to telecommunication services

This supplementary service is applicable to all circuit switched telecommunication services.

3 Procedures

3.1 Provision/withdrawal

The AOC-D supplementary service shall either be provided on a subscription basis or be generally available. The AOC-D supplementary service can be offered with one subscription option. Only one value can be selected.

Subscription option	Value
Activation	For all calls automatically On a per call basis

NOTE – If the AOC-D supplementary service is generally available, the value "on a per call basis" should be used as a default in order to protect the network from overload.

Withdrawal shall be at subscriber request or for administrative reasons.

3.2 Normal procedures

3.2.1 Activation/deactivation/registration

Activation of the AOC-D supplementary service shall either occur for all calls at provision, or it shall be possible to activate the supplementary service on a per call basis. The activation on a per call basis shall occur at call request.

3.2.2 Invocation and operation

The network shall transfer charging information to the served user when an appropriate cost increment occurs. The rate of sending information can be limited such that information shall not be sent more frequently than every t seconds, i.e. information shall be sent every t seconds, or when the increment occurs whichever is latter. The value of t shall be a network option.

If the call is free of charge to the served user, this shall be indicated at the start of the call. If the call becomes free of charge to the served user during the call, the free of charge indication can be given at that time. The free of charge indication shall not be periodically repeated (exceptional case, see the interaction with the terminal portability supplementary service).

When the call is terminated, the overall charge for the call, even if this was a free call, shall be sent to the served user.

3.3 Exceptional procedures

3.3.1 Activation/deactivation/registration

Not applicable.

3.3.2 Invocation and operation

If the charging information related to a call is not available, this shall be indicated once – at the start of the call – and shall not be periodically repeated (exceptional case, see interaction with terminal portability).

3.4 Alternative procedures

None identified.

4 Network capabilities for charging

This Recommendation does not cover charging principles. Future Recommendations in the D-Series are expected to contain that information.

It shall be possible to charge the subscriber accurately for the service.

5 Interworking requirements

The AOC-D supplementary service shall be supported across the internetwork interface between ISDNs (i.e. public or private).

6 Interactions with other supplementary services

6.1 Call Waiting

No impact, i.e. neither supplementary service affects the operation of the other supplementary service.

6.2 Call Transfer

If a call is transferred, the taransferring user is no longer involved in the call and therefore shall receive no information.

6.3 Connected Line Identification Presentation

No impact, i.e. neither supplementary service affects the operation of the other supplementary service.

6.4 Connected Line Identification Restriction

No impact, i.e. neither supplementary service affects the operation of the other supplementary service.

6.5 Calling Line Identification Presentation

No impact, i.e. neither supplementary service affects the operation of the other supplementary service.

6.6 Calling Line Identification Restriction

No impact, i.e. neither supplementary service affects the operation of the other supplementary service.

6.7 Closed User Group

No impact, i.e. neither supplementary service affects the operation of the other supplementary service.

6.8 Conference calling

a) *Conference controller*

1) Invocation of the conference, add-on supplementary service from the idle state

If the conference controller activates the AOC-D supplementary service at the same time the conference, add-on supplementary service is invoked, then cumulative charging information shall be given for the whole conference (only a single charge advice indicating the sub-total for all the conferees) until the entire conference is terminated.

2) Invocation of the conference, add-on supplementary service from an active call

If the AOC-D supplementary service has been activated for the initial call, cumulative charging shall be given for this call until the conference, add-on supplementary service is invoked. After the conference, add-on supplementary service has been invoked, cumulative charging information shall be given for the whole conference as indicated under item 1) above, but including the charges for the initial call until invocation of the conference, add-on supplementary service.

If the AOC-D supplementary service has not been activated for the initial call, then the conference controller can activate the AOC-D supplementary service at the same time the conference, add-on supplementary service is invoked. If this occurs, then cumulative charging information shall be given for the whole conference as indicated under item 1) above.

3) Addition of a call to a conference

For calls between the conference controller and potential conferees which are outside the conference call, the normal procedures for the AOC-D supplementary service shall apply. When a call for which AOC-D supplementary service has been activated, is added to the conference, then charging information shall be given as if the call was terminated at the moment it is added to the conference.

NOTE 1 – Further charging resulting from communication with the new conferee shall be considered to be part of the charging for the conference.

4) Creating a private communication with one of the parties

In this case the private communication shall be considered as a new call between the conference controller and the individual party. If the AOC-D supplementary service is active for the conference, it shall in addition be automatically activated for the new call when the private communication is established.

Cumulative charging information shall be given as if the conference controller had set-up a new call which was accepted by the other party at the moment the private communication is established.

5) Terminating the conference

When the conference is terminated and AOC-D supplementary service had been activated for the conference, then the overall charges for the conference shall be sent to the conference controller. If the conference, add-on supplementary service was invoked from an active call and AOC-D supplementary service was activated for that call, then the charging information shall include charges for the initial call.

6) Other operation on the conference

No impact, i.e. neither supplementary service shall affect the operation of the other supplementary service.

NOTE 2 – Some networks may not support the AOC-D supplementary service in conjunction with the conference, add-on supplementary service, or may only give partial information, e.g. due to off-line processing of the charges associated to the conference, add-on supplementary service. In this case an indication that the AOC-D supplementary service is not available shall be given on invocation of the conference, add-on supplementary service if the AOC-D supplementary service is activated.

b) *Conferees*

No impact, i.e. neither supplementary service shall affect the operation of the other supplementary service.

6.9 Direct dialling-in

No impact, i.e. neither supplementary service affects the operation of the other supplementary service.

6.10 Call Diversion

6.10.1 Call forwarding busy

– *Original calling user:* No impact, i.e. neither supplementary service affects the operation of the other supplementary service.

– *Forwarding user:* The call is set-up by the network and the forwarding user is not involved in the call so no information shall be given. The user may use the supplementary service AOC: charging information at the end of the call.

6.10.2 Call forwarding no reply

– *Original calling user*: No impact, i.e. neither supplementary service affects the operation of the other supplementary service.

– *Forwarding user:* The call is set-up by the network and the forwarding user is not involved in the call so no information shall be given. The user may use the supplementary service AOC: charging information at the end of the call.

6.10.3 Call forwarding unconditional

– *Original calling user:* No impact, i.e. neither supplementary service affects the operation of the other supplementary service.

– *Forwarding user:* The call is set-up by the network and the forwarding user is not involved in the call so no information shall be given. The user may use the supplementary service AOC: charging information at the end of the call.

6.10.4 Call deflection

– *Original calling user:* No impact, i.e. neither supplementary service shall affect the operation of the other supplementary service.

– *Deflecting user:* When a call is deflected and the deflecting user is charged for the deflected part of the call, the charging information is not given to the deflecting user.

6.11 Line hunting

No impact, i.e. neither supplementary service affects the operation of the other supplementary service.

6.12 Three-party

– *Charges for the different connections within the three-party supplementary service:* Charging information shall be given for each call for which the AOC-D supplementary service has been activated.

– *Charges for the use of the three-party supplementary service:* As a network option, the charging information can be sent to the served user.

NOTE – However, in some networks no charging information can be given in this case, e.g. due to off-line processing of the charges.

6.13 User-to-user signalling

No impact, i.e. neither supplementary service affects the operation of the other supplementary service.

6.14 Multiple subscriber number

No impact, i.e. neither supplementary service affects the operation of the other supplementary service.

6.15 Call hold

No impact, i.e. neither supplementary service affects the operation of the other supplementary service.

6.16 Advice of charge

6.16.1 AOC, charging information at call set-up time

No impact, i.e. neither supplementary service affects the operation of the other supplementary service.

6.16.2 AOC, charging information during the call

Not applicable.

6.16.3 AOC, charging information at the end of the call

If both the AOC-D supplementary service and the advice of charge: charging information at the end of the call supplementary service are activated, then when the call is terminated, only the information related to the advice of charge: charging information at the end of the call supplementary service shall be given.

6.17 Multi-level precedence and preemption

No impact, i.e. neither supplementary service affects the operation of the other supplementary service.

6.18 Priority

No impact, i.e. neither supplementary service affects the operation of the other supplementary service.

6.19 Malicious call identification

No impact, i.e. neither supplementary service affects the operation of the other supplementary service.

6.20 Outgoing call barring

No impact, i.e. neither supplementary service affects the operation of the other supplementary service.

6.21 Reverse charging

– *Reverse charging cases A and D:* When reverse charging has been accepted by the called user, advice of charge may be given to the called user for this call. The calling user should be given a "free of charge" indication.

– *Reverse charging case B:* When reverse charging has been accepted by the called user, advice of charge may be given to the called user for the rest of the call.

– *Reverse charging case C:* If the charges incurred before the acceptance of reverse charging by the called user cannot be included in the charging information given to this user, then an indication that the AOC-D supplementary service is not available shall be given to the called user at the time the reverse charging is accepted.

NOTE – Advice of charge information can only be provided to a called user when this user has the value for the activation subscription option set to "for all calls automatically".

6.22 Sub-addressing

No impact, i.e. neither supplementary service affects the operation of the other supplementary service.

7 Dynamic description

The dynamic description of this service is shown in Figures 1 and 2.

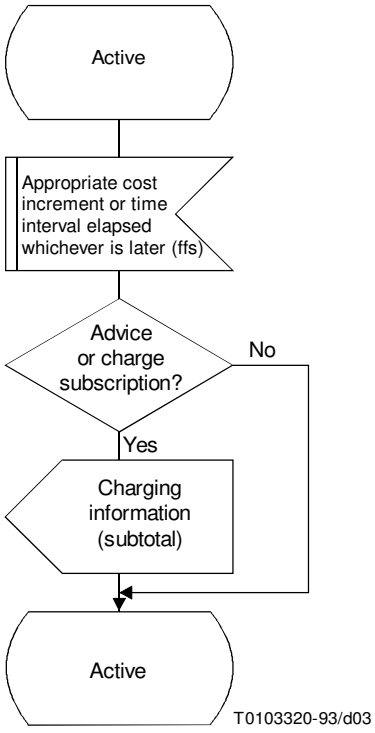

FIGURE 1/I.256.2b

Charging information – Cumulative information during a call

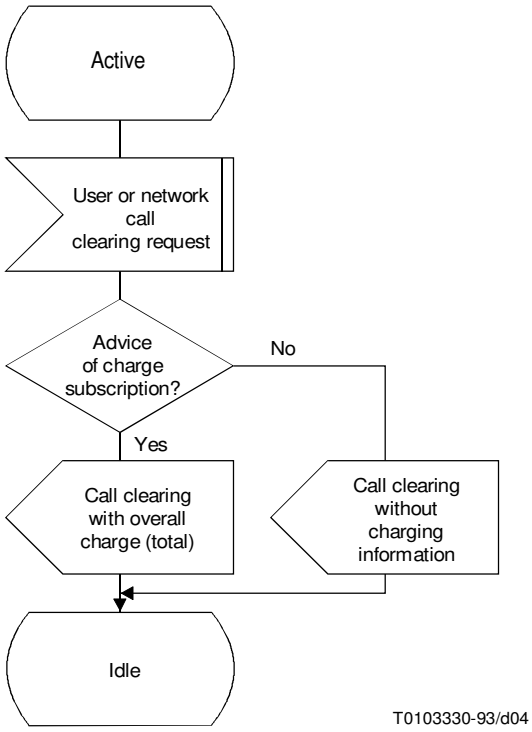

FIGURE 2/I.256.2b

Charging information – Cumulative information at call clearing