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Subclause 9.3.5

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Depending on the requirements for the type of access unit defined in the relevant Message Handling specifications, a positive delivery report indicates either successful acceptance of the message (or probe) by the access unit, or that the access unit has successfully performed further conveyance of the message (or probe).

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Subclause 17.2

Add a new last paragraph after the NOTE:

For information relating to organizations which operate in more than one country, see annex G . See also 7.3.2 in ISO/IEC 10021-1.

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Subclause 18.3.9

Replace the entire subclause by:

An **organization-name** is a standard attribute that identifies an organization. The value of an organization-name is a Printable String, Teletex String, or both.

When used in a *mnemonic O/R address* (see 18.5.1), as a national matter organizations may be identified either relative to the country denoted by a country-name (so that organization names are unique within the country), or relative to the MD identified by a private-domain-name or an administration-domain-name or both. Whether Printable or Teletex, the string is chosen from a set of such strings that is administered for this purpose (and perhaps others) by the country or MD alluded to above.

NOTE - In countries choosing country-wide unique organization-names, a national registration authority for organization-names is required.

When used in a *terminal O/R address* (see 18.5.4), the organization-name is a free-form value, with no requirement for registration.

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Subclause 18.5

Replace the third paragraph by:

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The table has four sections. Attribute types in the first are those of a general nature. Attribute types in the second and third are those specific to physical delivery, but unformatted-postal-address may be used as an extension to the terminal address. The fourth section encompasses domain-defined attributes.

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Table 10

Under the heading TERM change "-" into "C" for the following entries:*

- common-name
- organization-name
- organizational-unit-names
- personal-name
- unformatted-postal-address

Add to the legend of Table 10:

C* conditional, but intended to be used for rendition purposes and not for MHS addressing or routing

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Subclause 18.5.4

Replace point e) by:

- e) Conditionally, one or more attributes chosen from organization-name, organizational-unit-names, personal-name, unformatted-postal-address and common-name, and conditionally one or more domain-defined attributes, all of which provide additional information to identify the user.

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Subclause 18.5.5

Insert a new subclause:

18.5.5 Determination of Address Forms

The form of an O/R address shall be determined as follows:

if it contains a numeric-user-identifier, it is a numeric O/R address;

if it contains a network-address, it is a terminal O/R address;

if it contains a physical-delivery-country, it is a postal O/R address;

any other O/R address is a mnemonic O/R address;

If a postal O/R address contains an unformatted-postal-address it is an unformatted postal O/R address, otherwise it is a formatted postal O/R address.

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Renumber existing annexes G and H (as re-numbered by Amd.1) to H and I, and insert new annex G.

Revise all references to annexes G and H to become H and I respectively.

Annex G

(informative)

Use of O/R Addresses by Multinational Organizations

It is recognised that, where regulations permit, many organizations will wish to operate message handling systems which are located in more than one country. These organizations include both private organizations and public MH service providers. The addressing and routing policies of such systems should be consistent with the general MHS model, in order to ensure interworking with the remainder of the global MHS.

The availability of directory services may significantly affect the addressing policies which organizations choose to adopt. If a universal directory service is available, originators and recipients of messages can be referred to by means of a user-friendly directory name; the O/R addresses can be obtained from the directory by the message handling system. In this situation, the human users need never encounter the O/R address values used, and the addressing policy can be chosen on purely technical criteria. If such a directory service is not available, it will be necessary for users to handle O/R addresses manually. In this case, aesthetic and other human factors considerations will also influence the selection of addressing policy.

G.1 Addressing principles

Global unambiguousness of MHS names is achieved by means of a hierarchical registration structure and consistent use of the naming conventions. This means that wherever an O/R address is used, it is necessary to register the address attribute values according to the procedures applicable for the country denoted by the value of the country-name attribute. In the case of the private-domain-name and administration-domain-name, this implies registration with the applicable registration authorities in that country or domain. These principles form the basis for global messaging.

The interconnection of domains (PRMD to ADMD, ADMD to ADMD, PRMD to PRMD) is subject to bilateral agreement. Such agreements are subject to commercial and technical criteria; among other matters, these agreements may specify the range of O/R address values which are accepted.

Where an organization requires domain names with more than one country code, it is necessary to register the names according to the procedures in each country. Frequently, it will be possible to register the same value of private-domain-name (or administration-domain-name, as applicable) in each country; however, factors outside the scope of MHS (such as legal ownership of names) mean that it will sometimes be necessary for a multinational organization to use different values for their domain name according to the country-code used.

Users of MHS ideally would like to have one address to be used for global messaging which will be provided on letter heads and business cards (indicating the country in which the user is located) to be used by potential partners for communication through MHS systems. The reachability of distant partners through a service provider depends upon the connectivity offered.

G.2 Example configurations

Multinational organizations may choose to organise their messaging systems in any way which is compatible with these basic principles. Examples of possible configurations for a multinational PRMD include:

G.2.1 Multiple Independent PRMDs

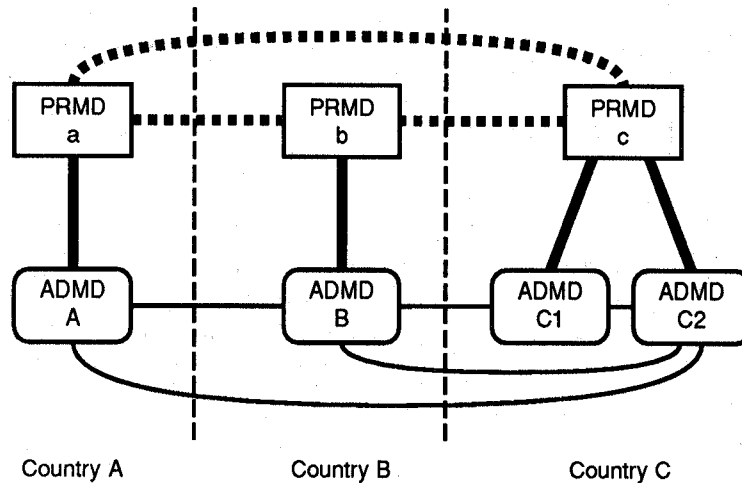


Figure G.1
Multiple Independent PRMDs

The multinational organization may divide its messaging system logically into portions which are wholly contained within one country. Each portion functions as a separate PRMD, and uses addresses registered in the local country.

Each PRMD may connect to one or more ADMDs in the local country. Where the PRMD is connected to more than one ADMD, and the single space ADMD name is not used, each user (or DL) will have multiple O/R addresses (aliases) with different values for the administration-domain-name attribute. Any of these alias values may be used as the value of the originator O/R address. Where the local country permits the use of the single space ADMD name, and the PRMD elects to use it, each user (or DL) may have a single value of O/R address, regardless of the number of ADMDs that the PRMD is connected to, assuming that mechanisms are in place to handle this convention.

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NOTES

1. The choice of alias name has a number of consequences, see G.3.
2. MTS procedures may need to be revised to support multinational PRMDs in a global messaging environment.

This case is not specific to multinational organizations: it is indistinguishable from multiple PRMDs operated by separate organizations.

This configuration allows for differing regulations in various countries and still provides for the allocation of unique O/R addresses.

G.2.2 A single PRMD, named from a "home" country

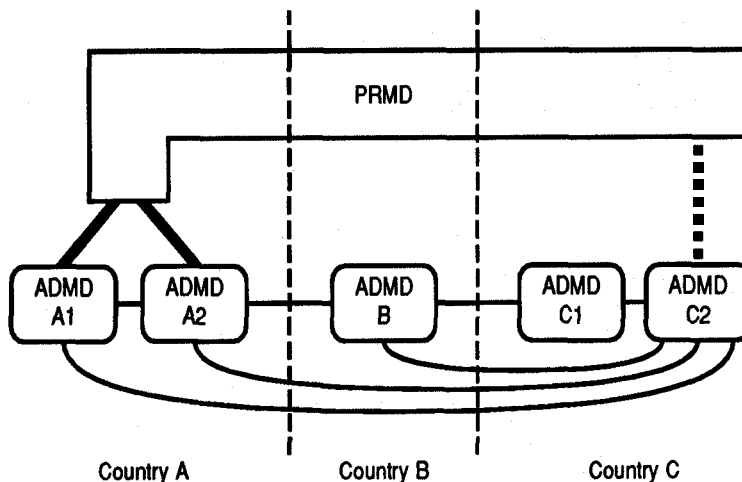


Figure G.2
A single PRMD with a single name

The multinational organization may operate a single management domain which is physically located in more than one country. A single country is selected as the home country for addressing purposes. In this case, all UAs within the MD are addressed with the same values for country-name, administration-domain-name and private-domain-name. This set of attribute values is registered according to the requirements of the chosen country.

The PRMD may connect to one or more ADMDs in the home country, and also (subject to national regulation and commercial criteria) to ADMDs in other countries. Connection to ADMDs outside the home country requires that those ADMDs are able and willing to route messages directly to a PRMD when the country-name used in the O/R address is different from that used by the ADMD.

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Users of such a PRMD may not be satisfied with the resulting use of a country name in the O/R address that they may not belong to.

NOTE - MTS procedures may need to be revised to support multinational PRMDs in a global messaging environment.

G.2.3 A single PRMD with multiple country and domain names

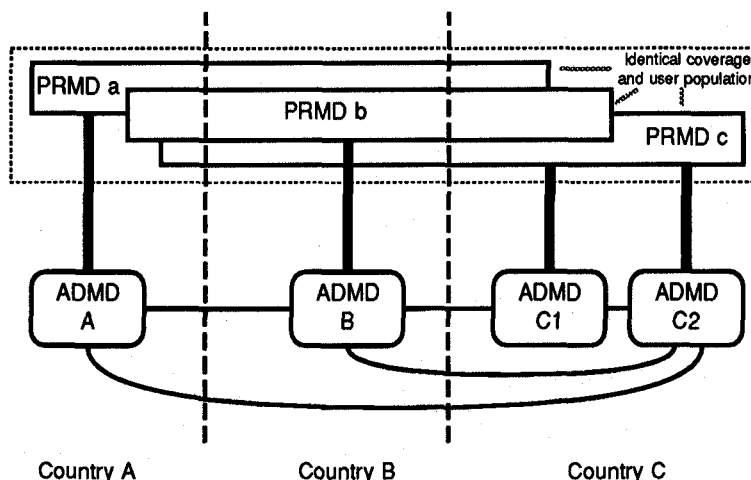


Figure G.3
A single PRMD with multiple country and domain names

The multinational organization may operate a single messaging system, but use PRMD names registered in more than one country. When forming O/R addresses, the administration-domain-name should be one of the values permitted by the country

denoted by the value of the country-name. The private-domain-name value used in a particular O/R address should be one which is registered in a way which is compatible with the country name and administration-domain name, following the procedures of the country or ADMD concerned.

The multinational PRMD may connect to one or more ADMDs. Each user (or DL) now has multiple alias O/R addresses, with different values for the country-name, administration-domain-name and private-domain-name. Any of these may be used as the value of the originator O/R address; users may choose to use an address which identifies the country where they are physically located, but there is no compulsion to do so, provided that the ADMD concerned accepts the originator's chosen O/R address.

If multiple O/R addresses (aliases) appear for the same user, the partners of this user may have problems coping with the situation. The sender and recipient need to understand which of the various O/R addresses should be used at different instances. Lack of understanding will hinder useful open communication. Furthermore, the charges for a certain message may vary depending on the access point chosen for the first ADMD.

NOTE 1 - The choice of alias name has a number of consequences, see G.3.

The bilateral agreements between the PRMD and each ADMD to which it connects will identify the criteria used by the ADMD to route messages into the PRMD. Such agreements may choose to route directly messages addressed to any of the aliases identifying the PRMD, or may route directly only those messages addressed using the local country code, routing others via an ADMD in the country specified in the recipient O/R address, as long as charging and accounting principles can be applied by service providers involved.

NOTE 2 - MTS procedures may need to be revised to support multinational PRMDs in a global messaging environment.

G.3 Alias O/R addresses

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The cases outlined above show that alias management domain names can arise. The presence of alias has a number of implications, both for users and for system implementors.

NOTE - Alias addresses may also occur for users within a domain; treatment of these is usually independent of management domain aliases.

An individual user may select a preferred ADMD from those available, and quote the corresponding country-name, administration-domain-name and private-domain-name when communicating his O/R address, such as on a business card or in the originator O/R address of messages.

If the user also wishes to use the services of other ADMDs to which the PRMD is connected, some difficulties may arise. In certain restricted circumstances, it may be possible for the user (or user agent) to select another combination of ADMD name and PRMD name corresponding to the ADMD which is now to be used, and change the originator O/R address accordingly. However, this is only possible in the case where all the recipients of a message are reached via the same ADMD, and the choice of ADMD is known at the time of submission. It is not possible to change the O/R address after submission, as this conflicts with security services. Also, users may become confused if they receive messages from the same originator but with different O/R addresses.

For these reasons, it may be more satisfactory for the user to use only one O/R address, and for some ADMDs to accept messages where the originator O/R address does not correspond to that country-name and administration-domain-name. Originator O/R addresses which may not correspond to the local PRMD will also arise if the facilities of distribution lists and redirections (e.g., the recipient-assigned-alternate-recipient facility) are implemented. Bilateral agreements between the ADMD operators have to take account of the use of these possibilities (amongst others) in the case of transit via more than one domain. Global reachability is achievable, at least in principle.

The originator O/R address used when sending messages may affect the route taken by messages which may be sent in reply. In the general case, reply messages will be routed via the country and ADMD specified in the O/R address. Bilateral agreements between PRMDs or between the PRMD and ADMDs may allow other routes to be used. These factors will influence the user in selecting an appropriate domain name for use in the O/R address. It should be born in mind that multiple O/R addresses for the same user also have impact on the potential recipients. This confusing situation may not promote useful open communication.