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Foreword

This European Telecommunication Standard (ETS) has been produced by the Special Mobile Group (SMG) Technical Committee (TC) of the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI).

This ETS identifies the Mobile-services Switching Centre/Interworking functions (MSC/IWFs) and requirements to support interworking between:

- i) PLMN and PSTN;
- ii) PLMN and ISDN;

within the digital cellular telecommunications system.

This ETS is a GSM technical specification version 5, which incorporates GSM Phase 2+ enhancements/features to the version 4 GSM technical specification. The ETS from which this Phase 2+ ETS has evolved, is Phase 2 GSM ETS 300 604 Edition 6 (GSM 09.07 version 4.12.0).

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1 Scope

This European Telecommunication Standard (ETS) identifies the Mobile-services Switching Centre/Interworking Functions (MSC/IWFs) and requirements to support interworking between:

- a) PLMN and PSTN;
- b) PLMN and ISDN.

It is not possible to treat ISDN and PSTN as one type of network, even when both ISDN and PSTN subscribers are served by the same exchange because of the limitations of the PSTN subscribers access i.e. analogue connection without D-channel signalling.

Within this ETS, the requirements for voice and non-voice (data) calls are considered separately.

2 Normative references

This ETS incorporates by dated and undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this ETS only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references, the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

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NOTE: As regards ETS 300 102-1 [6], the first edition of this ETS from 1990 shall be used, with one exception: the encoding of the field modem type in the ISDN BC-IE shall be handled as specified in table 6A and 6B of GSM 09.07.

3 Definitions and abbreviations

Use is made of the following terms within this ETS. These terms refer to information requirements necessary to support interworking functions, some of these terms will be identifiable with their use in other GSM specifications.

For the purposes of this ETS, the following definitions apply:

bearer capability information: Specific information defining the lower layer characteristics required within the network.

low layer compatibility information: Information defining the lower layer characteristics of the terminal.

high layer compatibility information: Information defining the higher layer characteristics of the terminal.

compatibility information: This term subsumes the entirety of Bearer Capability, Low Layer Compatibility, High Layer Compatibility, Progress Indicator and Address Information conveyed out-of-band prior to call establishment for the support of compatibility checking and terminal/function/service selection at the ISDN-type user-network interface.

protocol identifier: Information defining the specific protocols utilized for the support of data transfer by a terminal.

progress indicator: Information supplied to indicate to the terminal that network interworking has taken place.

out-of-band parameter exchange: Information exchanged via an associated or non-associated signalling link e.g. SS No 7.

PSTN: Subscriber to network interface supports only analogue terminals.

ISDN: Subscriber to network interface supports digital or analogue terminals, plus a standardized user to network associated signalling system and a standardized internetwork signalling system.

autobauding type 1: This information element value may be contained in the setup or call confirm messages from the MS in association with a non transparent data service. This implies that the MSC/IWF may select any speed and modem type according to what it can negotiate with the remote modem on the PSTN/ISDN. The maximum speed to be used by the MSC/IWF is the user speed indicated in the setup/call confirm message.

multi self selecting speed modem: This term applies to V series modems capable of handling one or more lower speeds as a fall back position. When such a modem is requested in the call setup or call confirm message from the MS in association with a non transparent service, the MSC/IWF may select any of the speeds supported according to the negotiation with the remote modem on the PSTN/ISDN. In this instance the maximum starting negotiation speed to be used by the MSC/IWF is the one indicated by the user speed in the setup/call confirm message.

In addition to the following, abbreviations used in this ETS are listed in GSM 01.04 [8].

ADPCM	Adaptive Differential Pulse Coded Modulation
DP	Dial Pulse
ITC	Information Transfer Capability
LE	Local Exchange
NT	Network Termination
PABX	Private Automatic Branch Exchange
SPC	Stored Program Control
SS No.7	Signalling System No.7
TE	Terminal Equipment
TA	Terminal Adaptor
TUP	Telephone User Part (of Signalling System No.7)
DSS1	Digital Subscriber Signalling 1
UNI	User Network Interface

4 Introduction

General Network Interworking Scenarios are described in GSM 09.01. Since the numbering plan for the ISDN era (E.164) includes the numbering plan for the telephone network (E.163), it is not possible to distinguish by the number whether a given subscriber is a PSTN or ISDN subscriber. Further, in some countries both PSTN and ISDN subscribers will be connected to the same exchange, so the only difference for this type of combined network will be in the nature of the customer access. In this document a PSTN is considered to support only an analogue interface towards the subscriber. An ISDN shall be considered to support digital interface towards the subscriber. In addition, the ISDN is considered to support a standardized outband signalling protocol both between the subscriber and the network and within the network, i.e. DSS1 and ISUP, thus enabling the generation and transport of Compatibility Information for compatibility checking and terminal/function/service selection at the user-network interface as well as for MSC/IWF selection.

There now exist networks which do not fall into either of these categories in that they provide for digital connectivity from subscriber to subscriber through the network. The subscribers have access to a wide range of services by a limited set of standard multi-purpose user network interfaces. However, these networks do not support the standardized inter-exchange signalling protocol throughout, in that they are e.g. using TUP or National User Part (NUP). These types of network support 64 kbit/s connections, so in service support are comparable to ISDN, however, the signalling system provided may not support transport of all Compatibility Information allowed for in the standardized ISDN signalling. This document will therefore identify interworking to PSTN and ISDN on the principle of the network characteristics as

identified in the previous clause. The afore-mentioned existing networks then constitute one particular case in the ISDN interworking scenarios. These cases will be itemized when the implication of the various degrees of exhaustiveness of the Compatibility Information - delivered via the ISDN - used for deducting a GSM Basic Service needs to be set forth.

When two dissimilar networks are required to interwork in order to support a communication between two subscribers, one on each network, a number of Interworking Functions (MSC/IWFs) are required to support the communication. Some of these are related to the differences in signalling and are dealt with in GSM 09.03.

Examples of other aspects of interworking are:

- a) the need or otherwise of echo control devices;
- b) the need or otherwise of modem pools and network-based rate adaptation.

For the purposes of determining the required MSC/IWFs, it is necessary, however, to consider separately each type of interworking (i.e. PLMN-ISDN and PLMN-PSTN) since, in the worst case, "PSTN" could refer to an essentially analogue network with electromechanical switching not controlled by software and without common-channel signalling.

Some facilities associated with alternate speech and data may not be available with version 1 of the MAP (GSM 09.02). Version 1 of the Mobile Application Part (MAP) does not support transfer between the HLR and VLR, and VLR and VMSC of multiple bearer capabilities. In addition, version 1 of the MAP does not support in-call modification and channel mode modification following an inter-MSC handover.

5 Not used

6 Network Characteristics

6.1 Key Characteristics of Networks Concerned

Table 1/09.07: Key Characteristics of Networks Concerned

Characteristic	GSM PLMN	ISDN	PSTN
Subscriber Interface	Digital	Digital	Analogue
User-network signalling	GSM 04.08	DSS1, other UNIs	loop-disconnect and DTMF
User-terminal equipment supported	MT0, MT1 or MT2 functions (see GSM 04.02)	Digital TE (ISDN NT, TE1 or TE2+TA) see e.g. I.411	Analogue TE (e.g. dial pulse telephones PABXs modem equipped DTEs)
Inter-exchange signalling	SS No.7 ISUP TUP+, MAP	SS No.7 ISUP TUP+, TUP, NUP	Channel associated (e.g. R2, No.4, No.5) or common channel (e.g. No.6)
Transmission facilities	Digital	Digital	Analogue
Exchange types	Digital	Digital	Analogue/digital
Information transfer mode	Circuit	Circuit/Packet	Circuit
Information transfer capability	Speech, digital unrestricted, alternate speech/ group 3 fax etc.	Speech, digital unrestricted, 3,1 kHz audio, video etc.	3,1 kHz audio (voice/voice- band data)