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SPECIFICATIONS FOR INTERIM CARRIER PRE-SELECTION

Explanatory memorandum

On 12 May 2000, the Board of Administration of the ICP decided to adopt an interim carrier pre-selection mechanism using autodiallers, which is to be implemented between 1 July 2000 and:

- 1 October 2000 in the greater Lisbon and Porto regions (area codes 21 and 22);
- 15 November 2000 in the rest of the country, with the possible exception of all or some of the regions served by ELD;
- on the date on which migration from ELD exchanges occurs, where later than 15 November 2000.

The ICP also decided that for the implementation of interim carrier pre-selection direct access providers shall pay 50% of the cost of the autodiallers, calculated on the basis of the reference values set by the ICP.

The present document defines the rules and principles applicable to interim carrier pre-selection and its implementation, and indicates reference values for calculation of cost sharing.

General principles

1. Interim carrier pre-selection (ICPS) is a method of carrier pre-selection in which an autodialler installed on the premises of the client makes it possible to select a single FTS operator, pending implementation of pre-selection in the switches of direct access providers.
2. The transition from ICPS to CPS via the direct access provider's switch ("definitive" pre-selection) will take place automatically, in compliance with a pre-established schedule, and does not require a new RESFT (regulations for the operation of the fixed telephone service – *Regulamento da Exploração do Serviço Fixo Telefónico*) contract to be signed.
3. ICPS is governed by the rules and principles indicated in the pre-selection specifications approved by the ICP on 12 May 2000 (<http://www.icp.pt/actual/psosft.pdf>), except where not applicable.
4. During implementation of ICPS, and notwithstanding the obligations to provide information under the terms of the RESFT, pre-selected service providers must also inform their clients, in the form of a written agreement, of the limitations inherent to this form of pre-selection and the date on which automatic transition to definitive CPS shall take place.

Specific rules

A – Implementation and provision of ICPS

1. Each pre-selected carrier is free to select the autodiallers it wishes on condition that they conform to the specifications indicated in **Annex 1**.
2. Clients will be provided with autodiallers by the pre-selected carrier, which is responsible for the conditions of installation, operation and removal of the equipment, except where agreed otherwise between the carriers/providers involved.
3. The pre-selected carrier must send the direct access provider a document confirming the application for pre-selection no later than 5 working days after the day on which the autodialler is installed. The document sent to the pre-selected carrier must indicate the class and serial number of the autodialler installed.

4. In ICPS, the pre-selected carrier's application will allow the direct access provider to keep a client register for purposes of automatic implementation of definitive CPS within the stipulated deadline and calculation of shared costs as defined in the present document.

5. ICPS permits the selection of one FTS provider only, for all calls, both national and international. Applications for two pre-selected carriers will not be considered, even where they concern two different classes of call.

6. In the event of discontinuation of ICPS or changes within the pre-selected carrier, the implementation procedures indicated in point 3 shall apply, with the necessary adaptations and notwithstanding the rule contained in B.4.

7. In the event that the client merely alters its call option while retaining the same pre-selected carrier, the latter must notify the direct access provider of the change, so that the client register can be updated accordingly.

8. On automatic transition to definitive pre-selection, the pre-selected carrier must remove the installed autodiallers as quickly as possible, and in all cases before the dates indicated below:

- 31 December 2000 in the greater Lisbon and Porto regions (area codes 21 and 22);

- 31 March 2001 in the rest of the country, with the possible exception of all or some of the regions served by ELD exchanges;

- within a reasonable period of time after migration of the ELD exchanges, should migration occur after 15 November 2000.

B – Cost allocation and sharing

1. The reference values for the autodialler set by the ICP in **Annex 2** may be reviewed in the event of relevant alterations to the basic assumptions on which the values are set.

2. With the exception of the reference value for the autodiallers, of which 50% of the cost is borne by the direct access provider, all other costs incurred by pre-selected carriers for ICPS are borne by the carriers themselves.

3. Only equipment intended to provide ICPS is subject to cost sharing by the direct access provider. Thus, the migration of clients from a pre-selected carrier already using autodiallers for the provision of indirect access (selection on a call by call basis) to ICPS is not subject to cost sharing, either for equipment already installed or for the replacement of equipment.

4. Only one ICPS installation per client is subject to cost sharing by the direct access provider. Thus, in the event of a change of pre-selected carrier during ICPS, the new carrier will not receive any payment for the price of the equipment.

ANNEX 1

Specifications for autodiallers

Equipment may belong to any of the following classes:

.analog:

.single line;

.multiple line;

.digital:

.basic rate ISDN;

.primary rate ISDN.

The ICP recommends that the equipment comply with all applicable technical requirements, and namely those indicated in TBR 21, TBR 3 and TBR 4 of the ETSI. Equipment must also comply with the electromagnetic compatibility requirements indicated in Decree-Law 74/92 of 2 April and the electrical safety requirements of Decree-Law 117/88 of 12 April.

It must, furthermore:

.bear the manufacturer's serial number;

.support national (including fixed-mobile) and international calls;

.support one of the following user options:

.national calls;

.international calls;

.national and international calls;

.support pre-selection override on a call by call basis (with the alternative carrier code being dialled);

.be transparent to incoming calls;

.impart a delay no greater than 500 ms;

and, optionally, support remote power supply (single line, basic access) and/or remote programming.

ANNEX 2

Reference values

The ICP has set the following values as reference values for the apportionment of costs payable by the direct access provider to the pre-selected carrier:

- single line:

reference value = PTE 7 324

share paid by direct access provider = PTE 3 662

- multiple lines:

reference value = PTE 17 688

share paid by direct access provider = PTE 8 844 per line

- basic rate ISDN:

reference value = PTE 53 792

share paid by direct access provider = PTE 26 896 per basic rate connection

- primary rate ISDN:

reference value = PTE 303 896

share paid by direct access provider = PTE 151 948 per primary rate connection