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ANNUAL SECTION 43.61(a) INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS TRAFFIC REPORTS DUE BY JULY 31, 2000

Carriers are reminded that Section 43.61(a) of the Commission's rules requires each common carrier that provided international telecommunications services in 1999 to file a report of their international traffic data for calendar year 1999 by July 31, 2000. This Public Notice does not change any of the instructions in the previously issued Notices that are described below.

The information and filing format for the International Telecommunications Traffic report is described in detail in the Manual for Filing Section 43.61 Data (10 FCC Rcd. 13,418 (1995)). There are also three subsequent Public Notices which carriers should use to assist with their filing. The Manual for Filing and the three Public Notices, DA 99-1332, Further Clarification of Section 43.61 International Traffic Data Reporting Requirements (rel. July 7, 1999), DA 98-1369, Clarification of Section 43.61 International Traffic Data Reporting Requirements (rel. July 9, 1998), and Clarification of Section 43.61 International Traffic Data Reporting Requirements (rel. July 15, 1997), may be obtained at the following FCC internet sites: <http://www.fcc.gov/ib> (go to "Industry Information" and click on "Section 43.61 International Traffic Data Report"); or <http://www.fcc.gov/ccb/stats> (click on Section "43.61 International Traffic Data Report").

All common carriers that provided international facilities-based and facilities-resale switched and private line services, or pure switched resale services, in the calendar year are required to file the report regardless of the amount of traffic they provided. Facilities-based services are provided using international transmission facilities that the carrier owns or that the carrier leases from an entity that is not required to report those circuits in its own Section 43.61 report. Facilities-resale services are provided by leasing non-switched international circuits from other reporting carriers. These are distinct from pure switched resale services, which are switched services that are provided by reselling the international switched services of other U.S.-authorized carriers. Carriers that provided international facilities-based and facilities-resale switched and private line services must provide significantly more information for these services than they provide for pure switched resale services. International facilities-based and facilities-resale switched message telephone and private line services must be filed on a country-by-country, region and world total basis. International switched telegraph, telex and other miscellaneous services may be provided on a region and world total basis only. Carriers that provided international pure switched resale services for the calendar year may file world totals only.

Attached to this Public Notice is a table of billing codes for facilities-based and facilities-resale services. We recommend that carriers start processing their 1999 calendar year reports prior to the July 31, 2000 due date.

Carriers are required to file the reports on a common type and format of computer diskettes as described in the Filing Manual. We want to emphasize this year that each filed diskette has to follow the correct format as stated in the Filing Manual, Section 2 - Diskette Format and Coding Instructions. All files need to convert to the suitable format for the processing program. Please refer to the Filing Manual, Section 2, B. Record Formats for detailed instruction. To assist carriers in submitting the correct report, the Commission has sample data files as well as program software on the Internet to enable carriers to file the proper report. The Internet address is: <http://www.fcc.gov/ib>. The Filing Manual is also available through the Commission's contractor for public service records duplication: ITS, Inc., 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, (202) 857-3800.

Carriers should file two copies of the original transmittal letter and an original and one copy of both the public and confidential versions of the report, and one set of data diskettes for both the public and confidential versions, with Linda Blake, Industry Analysis Division, Common Carrier Bureau, 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554. Carriers should also file one original transmittal letter only with Magalie Roman Salas, Secretary, FCC, 445 12th Street, S.W., TW-A325, Washington, D.C. 20554. In addition, carriers should file one copy of the transmittal letter, the public version paper report, and the public version diskette with ITS, Inc., 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

For further information contact Linda Blake or Jim Lande of the Common Carrier Bureau's Industry Analysis Division at (202) 418-0940, or Jeffrey Anspacher of the International Bureau's Telecommunications Division at (202) 418-1460.

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Table of Billing Codes
Billing Codes for Facilities-based and Facilities-Resale Services *

Switched Services	Traditional Settlement & Proportionate Return		International Simple Resale and Hubbed Traffic		Alternative Settlement Arrangements	
	public	proprietary	public	proprietary	public	proprietary
<u>Service Originates from the U.S. point served</u>						
Billed by U.S. Carrier Settled with (or settlement-like payment to) carrier in destination point; or exchanged with an affiliate in destination point						
Private line routing: traffic routed over private lines directly to country of termination	n.a.	n.a.	11	11	n.a.	n.a.
Direct routing, traditional/alternative settlement: carried over U.S. carrier half circuits to destination point (including circuits that are hard patched through an international point)	1	1	n.a.	n.a.	21	21
Indirect routing: switched transit through another international point. (U.S. carrier owes settlement to carrier in destination market and transit fee to intermediate carrier.)	1	1	n.a.	n.a.	21	21
Hubbed by a carrier in another international point **	n.a.	n.a.	11	11	n.a.	n.a.
Billed by Foreign Carrier						
Collect Call	2	2	12	12	22	22
Subscriber toll free (800, 888, etc)	2	2	12	12	22	22
Calling card or other billing arrangement	2	2	12	12	22	22
<u>Service Originates from international point</u>						
<u>And terminates in the U.S. point served</u>						
Billed by Foreign Carrier	2	2	12	12	22	22
Billed by U.S. Carrier						
Collect Call	1	1	11	11	21	21
Subscriber toll free (800, 888, etc)	1	1	11	11	21	21
Calling card or other billing arrangement (Country-Beyond or Country-Direct)	1	4	11	14	21	24
<u>And transits the U.S. point served</u>						
Billed by U.S. Carrier:						
Calling card or other billing arrangement (Country-Beyond or Country-Direct)	1	4	11	14	21	24
Billed by Foreign Carrier						
Foreign carrier settles with country of termination directly or through cascade arrangement	3	3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Reoriginated by U.S. Carrier and treated as U.S. carrier traffic for settlement purposes						
originating leg (regardless of how terminated)	exclude	6	exclude	16	exclude	26
terminating leg - terminated via facilities-based or facilities-resale circuits	1	5	11	15	21	25
terminating leg - terminated via pure resale of another carrier's switched service	The terminating leg of this traffic is included with the carrier's other pure resale traffic in the public version of the data. Minutes, messages and receipts from the foreign carrier must be reported on a world total basis in the carrier's proprietary filing using billing code 35.					

Private Line Services	Facilities-based		Facilities-resale	
	public	proprietary	public	proprietary
All circuits from U.S. point to theoretical midpoint of circuit	1	1	11	11

- * Facilities-based services are provided using international transmission facilities owned in whole or in part by the carrier providing service. Facilities-resale services are provided by a carrier using non-switched international circuits leased from other reporting carriers. These are distinct from Pure Resale services, which are switched services that are provided by reselling the international switched services of other carriers.
- ** The US carrier does not make a settlement or settlement like payment directly to the carrier in the country of termination. The US carrier reports as settlement payments for the country of termination any amounts owed to the carrier(s) in the intermediate point. This amount should include any amounts paid by affiliates to the terminating carrier associated with this traffic.