

## **TELECOMMUNICATIONS NUMBERING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **Proposed Amendment to Code of Practice Relating to the Use of Numbers and Codes in the Hong Kong Numbering Plan (Cap.269)**

#### **Purpose**

The Telecommunications Authority (TA) would like to seek the views of the Members of Telecommunications Numbering Advisory Committee and the mobile operators on a proposed amendment to the “Code of Practice Relating to the Use of Numbers and Codes in the Hong Kong Numbering Plan (Cap. 269)” (hereinafter called the CoP) for allocating 100K numbers, instead of 50K numbers, for each successful application for additional mobile number blocks.

#### **Requirement from Mobile Operators**

2. Under the existing CoP, one of the general principles for number block allocation is that for successful application, the TA will allocate 50K numbers from a 100K block. The rest of the 50K numbers will be reserved for the applicant for his future expansion (paragraph 2.11 in Appendix 1 to the CoP). Recently, the TA has received requests from individual mobile operators for allocating 100K numbers, instead of 50K numbers, for each successful application for additional mobile number blocks to cater for their fast subscriber growth. There will be benefits for the proposed new allocation method -

- All fixed network and mobile network operators only need to conduct one time programming in their networks to open the allocated 100K number block for call routing in public telecommunications networks. This will save the manpower of the network operators concerned;
- Under the present arrangement, each mobile operator normally submits an application for additional number block in every 1.5 months. The new arrangement will reduce the frequency of applications and therefore save the administrative effort and resources of both mobile operators and the Office of the Telecommunications Authority;
- The new arrangement will facilitate mobile operators to have better planning of their numbering resources and the assignment of the mobile numbers to the end customers.

### **Proposed Amendment**

3. Having considered the above mobile operators' request, the TA proposes to amend the CoP by replacing paragraph 2.11 in Appendix 1 by the following new paragraph -

*2.11 For additional numbers for existing mobile service, the applicants should have achieved a minimum utilisation rate of 50% with the number blocks already allocated to him. Otherwise the applicant needs to give justification. For a successful application, the TA will allocate a 100K number block to the applicant.*

### **Advice Sought**

4. Any comments on the above proposed amendment in paragraph 2.11 in Appendix 1 of the CoP should be urgently sent to the TA **on or before 16 September 1998** either by fax on 2803 5112 or by writing to the following address -

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5. Upon receiving the views and comments from the Members and mobile operators on the proposed amendment, the TA would make a decision and revise the CoP accordingly.

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