

TELECOMMUNICATIONS NUMBERING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Reservation of Number Levels in the Numbering Plan for Migration to 9-digit Telephone Numbers

Purpose

This paper proposes to reserve the number levels "32", "33", "5", "66" and "69" in the numbering plan in order to pave the way for future migration of fixed telecommunication network services (FTNS) numbers and mobile numbers from 8-digit to 9-digit.

Proposed Migration Approaches

2. At the 31st NAC meeting held on 15 April 1999, Members discussed the TA's proposal given in NAC Paper No. 4/1999 of reserving the number levels "5", "66" and "69" in the numbering plan for future migration of FTNS numbers and mobile numbers. The number level "5" could be used for the migration of both FTNS and mobile numbers. Alternatively, for distinction of FTNS numbers from mobile numbers, number level "5" could only be used for the migration of FTNS numbers whereas number levels "66" and "69" would be used for the migration of mobile numbers.

Views from Operators

3. All mobile network operators support the TA's proposal above. However, FTNS operators consider that number levels "32" and "33" should, in addition to "5", "66" and "69", also be reserved in order that there would be another choice of future migration of FTNS numbers by using leading digit "3" instead of using leading digit "5" in front of the existing FTNS numbers.

TA's Consideration

4. Having considered the views of operators, the TA considers that the number levels "32" "33", "5", "66" and "69" could be reserved altogether in the numbering plan immediately until the TA would consult Members and industry at appropriate time on which migration approach would be adopted for migration of FTNS and mobile numbers.

5. In reserving these number levels, the TA would propose to amend the "Code of Practice Relating to the Use of Numbers and Codes in the Hong Kong Numbering Plan (Cap. 269)" and the Hong Kong Numbering Plan accordingly.

Advice Sought

6. Members are invited to give their further views and comments if any on the TA's proposals given in paragraph 4 and 5 above.

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