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6 Note: TIA "Global Wireless Equipment Numbering Administration Procedures" are recommended by TR-
7 45 for TIA use, based on and following 3GPP2 SC approval of SC.R4001-0 most recent version.

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1   FOREWORD

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3   This foreword is not part of this specification.
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5   This TIA document contains the guidelines related to Global Wireless Equipment
6   Numbering Administration Procedures.
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8   This specification was prepared by TIA committee TR-45.
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2   1   INTRODUCTION

3   1.1   SCOPE

4 This document defines administrative guidelines and procedures ("Administration
5 Procedures" in further text) governing coordination of two bodies responsible for high
6 level management and allocation of Equipment Numbering Identifiers (IMEI and MEID),
7 the Global Decimal Administrator (GDA), and Global Hexadecimal Administrator (GHA).

8 Administration Procedures were developed by the consensus of representatives of
9 entities within the wireless sector of telecommunications industry. Administration
10 Procedures become effective upon recognition and or endorsement by GSMA, Digital
11 Europe, ARIB, TTC, TIA, CCSA, CMCA, TTA, etc.

12 The detailed management of identifiers within a block allocated to either GDA or GHA,
13 is not within the scope of these Administration Procedures.

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15   1.2   INFORMATIVE REFERENCES

16 The documents that are referenced herein are for the sole purpose of identifying related
17 normative reference sources and were used in the formulation of this document. There
18 are no direct or indirect claims regarding the property rights, legal, or regulatory status
19 of those documents listed. Unrelated references in these documents are not considered
20 binding on any party.
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22 *[1]*   *TS.06*   *IMEI Allocation and Approval Guidelines, (Note: GSMA publication*
23   *SC.R4001-0 is included as a reference in TS.06)*

24 *[2]*   *SC.R 4002-0*   *Mobile Equipment Identifier (MEID) Assignment Guidelines and*
25   *Procedures.*
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27 *[3]*   *Mobile Equipment Numbering JEM Report and Conclusions, April*
28   *2002*

29 *[4]*   *NAPRD03*   *PTCRB Overview of PTCRB Mobile/User type Certification (Note:*
30   *see IMEI control sections 3.3 & 4.0)*

31 *[5]*   *TS.16*   *TAC Allocation Process for India*

32 *[6]*   *TS.17*   *TAC Allocation Process for China*

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34   2   ASSUMPTIONS

35   2.1   There shall be a Global Decimal Administrator (GDA) and a Global Hexadecimal
36   Administrator (GHA), or collectively, Global Administrators (GA). GDA and GHA
37   are impartial administrators with clearly defined scope and charter. GDA and
38   GHA shall coordinate the overall allocation of the equipment identifiers. The GA
39   allocate numbers to administrators or directly to manufacturers, or both.

40   2.2   The allocation of identifiers that are administered by the GDA and GHA (division
41   of identifier space between GDA and GHA) is by mutual recognition and/or

1 endorsement by GSMA (including CTIA PTCRB for 850 and 1900 IMEI bands),
2 Digital Europe, ARIB, TIA, CCSA, CMCA, etc, as stipulated in this document.

3 2.3 GDA is the global administrator with the primary responsibility for management
4 and allocation of identifiers for wireless equipment designed to comply with
5 specifications developed by 3GPP. The GSMA currently performs this role and the
6 JEM Group recommends that this should continue.

7 2.4 GHA is the global administrator with the primary responsibility for management
8 and allocation of identifiers for wireless equipment designed to comply with
9 specifications developed by 3GPP2. Based on the experience of TIA in ESN
10 allocation, the TIA is to act as GHA with recognition and/or endorsement by
11 3GPP2. The JEM Group also endorses this proposal.

12 2.5 GDA and/or administrators delegated by GDA shall allocate equipment identifiers
13 to manufacturers for equipment designed to comply to 3GPP specifications, and
14 not compliant with 3GPP2 specifications.

15 2.6 GHA and/or administrators delegated by GHA shall allocate equipment identifiers
16 to manufacturers for equipment designed to comply with 3GPP2 specifications,
17 and not compliant with 3GPP specifications.

18 2.7 Administrators shall adopt and abide by these Administration Procedures.

19 2.8 A terminal designed to comply with both 3GPP and 3GPP2 specifications shall
20 contain a single and unique equipment identifier accepted in all modes of
21 operation. This equipment identifier may be allocated by either GDA or GHA.

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1 **3 GDA AND GHA PROCEDURES**

2 3.1 The working procedures and/or terms of reference of both the GDA and GHA
3 shall be consistent with these Administration Procedures, and shall contain
4 specific references to it.

5 3.2 The working procedures and/or terms of reference of both the GDA and GHA
6 shall be consistent with, and not conflict with, each other.

7 3.3 Except as provided for in Sections 6.3, 6.4, and 6.5 herein, the working
8 procedures and/or terms of reference of both the GDA and GHA take precedence
9 over these Administration Procedures.

10 **4 GENERAL CLAUSES**

4.1 11 The Administration Procedures apply globally, however, they do not override the
12 regulations, procedures, or requirements of any appropriate legal authority or
13 regulatory authority.

14 4.2 The Administration Procedures remain in effect until changed by either industry
15 consensus or regulatory policy direction, which may invalidate them. GDA is
16 notified by GHA when any change to [2] is made. GHA is notified by GDA when
17 any change to [1], [5] or [6] is made.

18 4.3 Equipment identifiers must be allocated for use as defined in appropriate sections
19 of relevant documents including [1], [2], [5] and [6].

20 4.4 In the event that an issue cannot be resolved within a global administrator, then,
21 as required, the GDA, GHA, and/or industry organisations may facilitate
22 meetings (electronically or face to face) to discuss common problems or objectives
23 with the intention and authority to resolve these issues.

24 **5 NOTATION**

25 The following notational conventions are used in this document:

26 Unless otherwise noted, hexadecimal notation is used to designate values of equipment
27 identifier digits, e.g., 'A' signifies decimal 10, or binary 1010.

28 The ordered sequence of IMEI/MEID digits will be designated as [D0 ... D13].

29 A range of values will be designated as $\{V_{MIN} ... V_{MAX}\}$.

30 **6 ALLOCATION GUIDELINES**

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32 The following constitutes common administrative guidelines for the allocation of
33 Equipment Identifiers:

1 6.1   3GPP, 3GPP2, and their constituent SDOs and Market Representation Partners
2   should reference these guidelines where appropriate.

3 6.2   Coordination should exist between industry groups through the GDA and GHA to
4   ensure that there is no conflict or overlap between the numbering ranges
5   allocated to any group. The vehicle for such coordination on a global scale
6   between GHA and GDA shall be these Administration Procedures. The vehicle for
7   such coordination within the realms of GDA and GHA are within their domain,
8   and is not subject of these Administration Procedures.

9 6.3   GHA shall be responsible for allocation of numbering space in the range: D0 = {'A'
10   .. 'F'}; D1, ... , D13 = {'0' .. 'F'}. Requests for number allocation for terminals
11   designed to comply with 3GPP2 specifications shall be fulfilled from this range by
12   GHA or an Administrator reporting to GHA. The total size of numbering space for
13   this block exceeds 27.0×10^{15}.

14 6.4 GDA shall be responsible for allocation of numbering space in the decimal range:
15   D0, ... , D13 = {'0' .. '9'}, excluding the numbering space reserved for multimode
16   terminals allocated to GHA, as described in clause 6.5. Requests for number
17   allocation for terminals designed to comply with 3GPP specifications shall be
18   fulfilled from this range by GDA or an Administrator reporting to GDA. The total
19   size of numbering space for this block (assumes initial allocation to GHA per item
20   6.5 below) is 99.0×10^{12}. Part of this space has been allocated (see [1].) The GDA
21   shall maintain an inventory of the numbering space.

22 6.5 Terminals designed to comply with both 3GPP and 3GPP2 specifications are
23   considered multi-mode, a numbering space within the decimal range shall be
24   delegated by the GDA to GHA for multi-mode use. GHA shall use the same IMEI
25   TAC format as GDA for these allocations. Global Decimal Administrator (GDA)
26   multi RAT 3GPP2/3GPP mobile assignments are allocated from within the
27   individual IMEI Reporting Body Identifier allocation space. Global Hexadecimal
28   Administrator (GHA) multi RAT 3GPP2/3GPP mobiles are allocated starting from
29   the Reporting Body Identifier 99 allocation space. There shall be an initial
30   allocation described as follows: [D0, D1] = '99', D2, ..., D13 = {'0', ..., '9'}. This
31   numbering space shall be expandable in decrementing values of [D0, D1] to '98',
32   '97', etc. Expansion of this initial space shall be the subject of written agreement
33   between GDA and GHA. The results of the expansion agreements shall be
34   recorded in the allocation history (see [1]). The total size of numbering space of
35   this initial block allocation to GHA is 1.0×10^{12}.

36 6.6 At the time of each new allocation of numbering space to GHA for terminals
37   designed to comply with both 3GPP2 and 3GPP specifications, the status of GDA
38   allocations shall be recorded in [1].

39 6.7 GDA has already allocated equipment numbers in the decimal numbering space,
40   as indicated in the [1]. All existing GDA allocations are in the numbering space
41   described as follows: [D0, D1] <= '54', D2, ..., D13 = {'0', ..., '9'}, but don't fully
42   utilise this space. Going forward, GDA shall allocate identifiers for terminals
43   designed to comply with 3GPP specifications or terminals designed to comply
44   with both 3GPP and 3GPP2 specifications, generally starting with unused
45   numbering space [D0, D1] <= '54', D2, ..., D13 = {'0', ..., '9'}, before allocations
46   within [D0, D1] > '54'.

1   6.8   GHA can transfer the authority of allocation of some or all of the allocated
2   numbering space to the GDA. Conversely, GDA can transfer the authority of
3   some or all of the allocated numbering space to the GHA. The agreement to
4   transfer authority shall be recorded in the allocation history.

5   6.9   The administrator(s) shall allocate mobile identifiers in a fair, timely, and
6   impartial manner to any applicant that meets the administrator's criteria for
7   allocation per [1] and [2].

8   **7   NUMBER MANAGEMENT COORDINATION BETWEEN GDA AND GHA**

9   7.1   The GA shall periodically jointly review their processes to ensure they are in line
10   with these guidelines.

11   7.2   Administrators shall recognize allocations made by other administrators.

12   7.3   The GDA and GHA shall regularly provide information to each other on all multi-
13   mode allocations made.

14   **8   MAINTENANCE OF GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES**

15   8.1   Upon approval, this document will be maintained under change control by the
16   GA. Amendments to this document must be approved by the GA and industry
17   partners.

18   **9   MANAGEMENT OF UNALLOCATED NUMBERING SPACE**

19   9.1   The numbering space described as follows is reserved.

20   D0 = {'0', ..., '9'}; Di = ['A', ..., 'F'], """ is one or more of = {1, ..., 13}

21   Authority for allocation of this reserved space is not assigned. The reserved
22   numbering space shall not be allocated by either GDA or GHA until mutually
23   agreed to by both GDA and GHA and these Administration Procedures are
24   modified to allow such allocation.

25   **10 GLOSSARY AND LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS**

26
27   3GPP   Third Generation Partnership Project
28   3GPP2   Third Generation Partnership Project Two
29   ARIB   Association of Radio Industries and Businesses
30   CCSA   China Communications Standards Association
31   CMCA   China Mobile Communications Association
32   ESN   Electronic Serial Number
33   GA   Global Administrators (Union of GDA and GHA)
34   GDA   Global Decimal Administrator
35   GHA   Global Hexadecimal Administrator
36   GSM   Global System for Mobile Communication

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1	GSMA	GSM Association
2	IMEI	International Mobile Equipment Identity
3	JEM	Joint Expert Meeting
4	MEID	Mobile Equipment Identity
5	PTCRB	PCS Type Certification Review Board
6	RAT	Radio Access Technology
7	SDO	Standards Development Organization
8	TIA	Telecommunication Industries Association
9	TAC	Type Allocation Code
10	TTA	Telecommunications Technology Association
11	TTC	Telecommunications Technology Committee

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