

**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 04-2-82**

SUBJECT: Accounting Rules for Public Correspondence in the Maritime Mobile Service and the Maritime Mobile Satellite Service.

Pursuant to Act 3846, as amended, and for the guidance of all radio stations in the Maritime Mobile Service and the Maritime Mobile Satellite Service and the general public concerned, the following rules and regulations on accounting and payment of balances in public correspondences are hereby promulgated:

1. The provisions of the Telegraph Regulations and the telephone Regulations, taking into account CCITT recommendations, shall apply to radiocommunications in so far as the relevant provisions of these rules do not provide otherwise.
2. Charges for radiocommunications from ship to shore shall in principle be collected from the licenses of ship stations:
 - a. by a recognized private operating agency, or
 - b. by any other entity or entities designated by the NTC for this purpose.
3. In accordance with CCITT recommendation D.90/F111, the NTC shall designate a recognized private operating agency or certain shipping companies that are licensed to operate ship stations as accounting authorities and assign to them appropriate accounting authority identification codes (AAIC). The AAIC, the corresponding names and addresses of the entities shall be notified to the ITU for inclusion in the List of Ship Stations. To update this information, a supplementary list shall be released from time to time by the Commission as additional information are acquired.
4. All radio operators employed to operate ship stations, particularly on board ocean-going vessels, shall transmit their respective assigned AAIC to reply to a query of QRC (By what private entity are the accounts for charges for your station settled?).
5. The accounts shall be sent to the accounting authority concerned as promptly as possible but in any case before the end of the third month following that to which they relate.
6. In principle, an account shall be considered as accepted without the need for specific notification of acceptance to the administration or accounting authority that sent it.



7. However, any accounting authority shall have the right to question the contents of an account for a period of six (6) months after dispatch of the account.
8. All radio marine accounts shall be paid by the accounting authority without delay and in any case within six (6) months, after dispatch of the account.
9. If a radiomarine account remains unpaid for six (6) months, the Commission shall take all possible steps within the limits of Act 3846 to ensure settlement of the accounts from the licenses.
10. If an account is seriously delayed in transit, the receiving accounting authority should at once notify the originating administration or accounting authority that queries and payment may be delayed. The delay shall, however, not exceed three (3) months from the date of receipt of the account.
11. The debtor accounting authority may refuse the settlement and adjustment of accounts presented more than eighteen (18) months after the date of establishment of the radiotelephone calls or radiotelex calls to which the accounts relate.
12. The originals of radiotelegrams and documents relating to radiotelegrams, radiotelephone calls and telex call shall be held by the accounting authority with all necessary precautions from the point of view of secrecy until the settlement of the relative account and, in any case, for at least six (6) months counting from the month in which the accounts were sent. The accounting authority concerned may preserve the information by any other means, e.g. magnetic or electronics records.
13. However, should an accounting authority deem it desirable to destroy the originals of the radiotelegrams or any other relevant documents or records before the above-mentioned period, and hence not be in a position to carry out an inquiry in respect of the services for which it is responsible, such accounting authorities shall bear all the consequences both as regards refund of charges and any difference in the accounts in question that might otherwise have been observed.

This circular shall take effect immediately.

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