



Government of Barbados

Barbados Policy on the Use of International Signalling Point Codes

Policy in accordance with 4(2)b and 4(2)(f) of the Telecommunications Act. 2001-36.

Introduction

This Policy has been formulated to indicate how International Signalling Point Codes (ISPCs) are to be used and applied for in Barbados.

ISPCs are used by Signalling System (SS) No. 7 Message Transfer Part. ISPC is defined as a signalling point code with a unique 14 bit format, used at the international level for signalling message routing and identification of signalling points involved. The ISPC is used in signalling messages containing the Network Indicator NI = 00. Some typical uses of ISPCs are:

- International Gateway Switches
- Roaming on GSM

International Telecommunication Union (ITU) – T Recommendations

ITU –T Recommendation Q.708 (03/93) deals with the Numbering of International Signalling Point Codes (ISPCs), whilst ITU-T Recommendation Q.708 (3/99) deals with the Assignment Procedures for ISPCs. Both Recommendations are specifications for Signalling System No. 7.

Signalling Area Network Code (SANC)

A Signalling Area Network Code (SANC) is applied for in writing, from the Director of the Telecommunication Standardisation Bureau (TSB). Most countries have one SANC. 0-7(8) ISPCs are allocated to each SANC. In Barbados, there are two (2) SANCs numbered 3-084, this is now exhausted and 3-085 to be placed in the International Telecommunication Bulletin 829 of February 1, 2005. ISPCs 3-85-0 and 3-085-1 will be allocated to Cable & Wireless (Barbados) Limited.

Application for ISPCs

Persons applying for ISPCs in Barbados must apply to the Chief Telecommunications Officer not later than one (1) calendar month from the date that the ISPC is required, clearly stating the intended use for the ISPC. The Chief Telecommunication Officer will then request the appropriate ISPC from the Telecommunication Standardisation Bureau – Telecommunications Service Operator and Numbering (TSON) using the appropriate International Telecommunication Union Form by fax. TSON will then inform the Chief Telecommunications Officer when the new ISPC will be published in the International Telecommunication Union Operational Bulletin. The applicant will be informed by the Chief Telecommunications Officer as to the date the entry will be made in the Bulletin.

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