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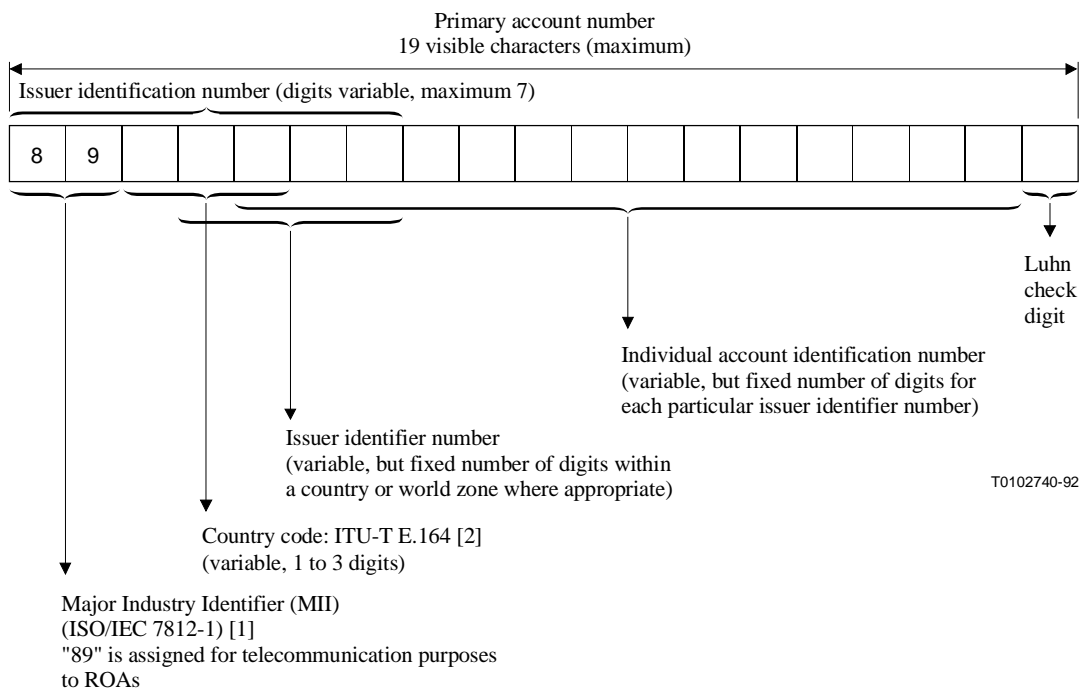
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1. Overall Description:

3GPP-CT6 would like to thank 3GPP2 TSG-C for its LS. After analysis of the different questions, 3GPP-CT6 gives the following answers:

- 1) The specification TS 31 101 references the TS 102 221 which defines the coding of the content of the file EF_{ICCID} according to ITU-T Recommendation E.118: "The international telecommunication charge card".
- 2) Operators shall conform to E.118 for structuring the ICCID. However, it is known that some operators have not followed these rules, which could lead to problems in theory, but the ICCID is not used for user/mobile identification in 3GPP networks.
- 3) 3GPP operators shall use the country code (E.164) following the major industry identifier (89 for telecom).
- 4) The assignment of specific issuer identifier numbers should be the responsibility of a country or group of countries as appropriate. These numbers should only be assigned to ROAs (Recognised Operating Agency) with the agreement of their Administrations.
These issuer identifier numbers are normally used to distinguish among multiple ROAs who issue cards within a country. However, these numbers may also be used to distinguish individual countries sharing the same country code (as defined in ITU-T E.164 [2]) or, if appropriate, to distinguish both countries and issuers.



- 5) It is impossible to have the situation where identical mobile network codes from different operators exist in the same country code, because the regulatory telecom administration that assigns the mobile network code has the responsibility to guarantee that there is no duplicate.

3GPP-CT6 would like to thank 3GPP2 TSG-C for its careful attention and looks forward to continuing cooperation in the future.

3. Date of Next TSG-CT6 Meetings:

TSG-CT6 Meeting #36 9 – 12 August 2005

Dublin, Ireland.

TSG-CT6 Meeting #37 7 – 10 November 2005

Sophia Antipolis, France.