

Liaison Statement

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The Short-Message-Service (SMS) is offered now for many years by mobile communication systems like GSM. Furthermore SMS becomes more and more attractive and is being used for many different applications by a huge and growing number of subscribers.

But unfortunately some specific mobile to mobile tests have shown that a quite few number of Short-Message-Service-Centre's (SC's) behave quite differently according to the existing standard. For example if the real outcome is compared to the predicted outcome according to the specifications there is very often a notable difference in case of non plain text Short Messages.

If in the coming days more interesting services will be realised based on SMS serious problems can already be foreseen today. In such cases new services will be hindered or blocked for a long time or an introduction will be made almost impossible.

Therefore TSG-T2/SMG4 seeks support and clarifications from the GSMA , i.e. the Terminal Working Group (TWG) to address this specific problems to all operators world-wide and to improve the quality of existing SC's implementations.