



Title Eligibility Criteria for Rapporteur Membership

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1. Purpose of this document

This document sets out details in relation to the eligibility requirements for Rapporteur Membership of the GSM Association.

2. Rights and Obligations of Rapporteurs

- 2.1 Unless, stated or amended in this document below or the Rapporteur Membership Terms and Conditions, the rights and obligations of Rapporteurs shall be similar to the rights and obligations of Associate Members set out in the Documentation or any other documents issued by the Association from time to time.
- 2.2 The Association reserves the right to refuse to grant and to terminate Rapporteur Membership status to an organization that is or has been engaged in behavior that the Association in its sole opinion deems unlawful, or potentially detrimental to the Association.

3. Current Categories of Rapporteur Membership

3.1 Non-GSM licensed operators

- 3.1.1 An operator that qualifies as a Rapporteur of the Association under the Non-GSM licensed operator category shall meet the following criteria:
 - (a) is licensed and has been allocated frequencies to operate a mobile network using a technology other than GSM or any technology evolved from GSM as outlined in the GSM MoU Association Articles of Association; eligible non-GSM mobile operators include all those technologies specified as a standard under 3GPP or 3GPP2 or is directly derived from the GSM technology such as for example CDMA or iDEN; and
 - (b) is operating or preparing to operate a Network for the purpose of providing publicly available commercial services; and
 - (c) has entered or is planning on entering into international roaming agreements with GSM Operator Members of GSMA.
- 3.1.2 The granting of Rapporteur status is conditional upon an Operator's intent to roam with GSM network operators and the GSMA may request any documentation required in order to confirm such intentions.
- 3.1.3 Should a Rapporteur migrate its network to GSM or a GSM evolved technology, the company in question will be obliged to resign its rapporteurship and apply for Full Membership of GSMA.
- 3.1.4 Pursuant to Clause 2.1 above, Rapporteurs in the "Non-GSM Licensed Operator" category shall have (contrary to Associate Members) the following right granted and restriction placed on them:

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- (a) subject to (c) to (e) below, have access to all roaming related databases where relevant (IR21, SE13, TD.13);
- (b) right of access, use and negotiation of the international roaming templates which include AA.12, AA.13 & AA.14 (IOTs), i.e. the standard template AA.14's;
- (c) access to the AA.14 upload functionality and access to other members' published AA.14s on GSMA Infocentre

3.2 Fixed Wireless/Wireless Local Loop (FW/WLL) Operators

3.2.1 A FW/WLL operator who qualifies as a Rapporteur of the GSM Association as a GSM FW/WLL network Operator shall meet the following criteria:

- (a) is licensed to operate a GSM FW/WLL network;
- (b) is allocated frequencies to operate a GSM FW/WLL network;
- (c) is operating or preparing to operate a GSM FW/WLL network for the purpose of providing publicly available commercial services.
- (d) conforms to the published specifications and standards for the family of GSM mobile communication systems and future evolutions thereof (e.g. which may include but is not limited to GSM, DCS, PCS, and UMTS or its equivalent), as defined by the relevant technical specifications of the European Telecommunications Standards Institute ("ETSI") or other standards development organisations together with other relevant documents and the Permanent Reference Documents; as recognised by the Association (collectively hereinafter referred to in this Article as the "GSM Standards");
- (e) incorporates a "wireless-part" infrastructure consisting of a radio base-station sub-system and utilising an air interface which uses an openly specified air interface which conforms to the GSM Standards as recognised by the Association.

3.2.3 Pursuant to Clause 2.1 above, Rapporteurs in the "FW/WLL Operator" category shall have (contrary to Associate Members) the following right granted and restriction placed on them:

- (a) right of access to any encryption algorithms owned, maintained or distributed by the Association;
- (b) no access to the GSMA Infocentre; and
- (c) no access to GSMA Activities.

3.3 M2M Operators

3.3.1 A Machine to Machine (M2M) operator who qualifies as a Rapporteur of the GSMA shall meet the following criteria:

- (a) the Applicant is an M2M Operator providing services on a cross border basis; and
- (b) the Applicant is an Affiliate of an existing Member.

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- 3.3.2 For this category an M2M operator provides machine to machine communications services on an international basis that use the infrastructure of roaming partner networks to provide coverage. All interfaces between the M2M service provider and roaming partner networks shall use traditional GSM, GPRS and 3GSM Roaming as described in GSMA PRD BA.40 Roaming Handbook. The services use a (U)SIM application issued by the M2M operator to communicate across terrestrial mobile networks and the providers of such services use a non-geographic Mobile Country Code (MCC) issued by the ITU that enables the provision of the services in a roaming context.
- 3.3.3 It should be noted that operators providing M2M services on a national basis would be covered by their existing membership and should have no cause to join in such a category.
- 3.3.4 Pursuant to Clause 2.1 above, Rapporteurs in the “M2M Operator” category shall have (contrary to Associate Members) the following right granted and restriction placed on them:
- (a) subject to (c) to (e) below, have access to all roaming related databases where relevant (IR21, SE13, TD.13);
 - (b) right of access, use and negotiation of the international roaming templates which include AA.12, AA.13 & AA.14 (IOTs), i.e. the standard template AA.14's;
 - (c) no access to the AA.14 upload functionality and no access to other members' published AA.14s, on GSMA Infocentre