

## How new device status attributes will further support best in class device verification techniques

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# **GSMA Device Registry Ecosystem Contributors**





## **Network Operator Access**

### **Device Status Exchange**

- 120+ Mobile Network Operators
- **42** countries
- help protect **1+ billion** users  $\bullet$

### **Block List**

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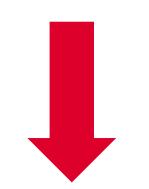
- Lost or stolen
- Broken or faulty
- Fraudulently obtained
- Court ordered blocking

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Distributor







### New List (September 2023) Inventory Financial encumbrance





## **Safer Device handling**

### **GSMA Device Check**<sup>™</sup>

Trade / recycle / repair / insure



- **250+** organisations
- **50+** countries
- **100+ million** devices queried per year





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## **GSMA Device Registry**

Be part of the collective fight against device crime. Flag fraudulent and stolen devices.

## Why choose this service?



Prevent lost and stolen devices from reentering your supply chain Deter criminals by making theft and fraud less rewarding

# Why customers use GSMA Device Registry

### **Operators**

- Sharing flagged devices helps protect your customers and your business against loss
- Acting on other operators' data is a deterrent to criminals

### **Recyclers and Repairers**

- Protect brand reputation by either reporting irreparably damaged devices, stopping them from re-entering the supply chain
- Identifying reported stolen /fraudulent devices before they enter the recycling stream

#### Insurers

- Reduce fraudulent claims by alerting claimants that their device will be on the global registry
- Registering ownership increases the likelihood that your property will be returned

### **Distributors**

- Devices stolen from storage facilities or in transit can be immediately flagged
- Reduces the value of stolen devices and deters criminals
- Law enforcement and customs & excise agencies can check flagged devices



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## **GSMA Device Check**<sup>TM</sup>

Remove risk of handling stolen or fraudulent devices, by checking a device's status

## Why choose this service?





Identify and eliminate compromised devices from sale or use

**Confirms device model** to help calculate its correct value



Trusted by retailers, repair shops, insurers and LEAs

## Why use GSMA Device Check?

#### Insurers

- Confirmation if a device has been reported to the operator as lost or stolen
- Confirmation of exact device type for accurate replacement value and claims
- Most authoritative and up-to-date device data to support new policy issuance
- Check the reported lost/stolen status of devices being used as replacements

#### Law Enforcement

- Discourages mobile device theft by reducing the value of the device
- Confirm the status of any found or turned-in devices
- Gather evidence, e.g. identify where the sale of a stolen device was attempted
- Device model characteristics for identification

#### **Device Recyclers**

- Identify and eliminate devices before they enter your recycling stream
- Protect your reputation
- Confirm device model for authenticity and to calculate the value of its parts

### **Retailers / Pawn Brokers**

- Identify and eliminate devices before they are accepted into the reselling stream
- Protect your reputation
- Confirm device model for authenticity and to calculate its value







## **eSIM Devices**

## Background

- eSIMs are used to easily, remotely obtain service from MNOs
- The eSIM Subscription Manager Data Preparation (SM-DP+) is a platform for storing and helps to deliver and install digital MNO eSIM profiles to the secure element within the mobile device (eUICC)
- Each eUICC has a unique 32-digit identifier (EID)
- GSMA Intelligence forecast that by the end of 2025, there will be 2.4 billion eSIM smartphone connections globally, representing 1/3 of all smartphone connections.

- With eSIM simplicity comes a new attack vector for bad actors
- eSIM Fraud: account takeover and subscription fraud variants that exploit weaknesses in eSIM provisioning and portability processes within MNOs
- Formally captured in FF.21 Fraud Manual and CR1010 Add eSIM Fraud section
- MNO blocking of a device engaged in eSIM Fraud
- The device IMEI is not always accessible; estimated at 50% or less of all SM-DP+ interactions requesting a subscription profile

## **Problems**

## Solution

- EID uniquely identifies a device in use by a bad actor to commit eSIM Fraud
- Victim MNO blocks the EID to prevent any further eSIM downloads to the eSIM enableddevice
- GSMA established a database so that victim MNOs can report the EID used to commit eSIM Fraud
- Others query the GSMA database and use the information to also help avoid losses
- A global EID Fraud List to deter fraud, reduce losses, and support investigations





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## **Example Device Check History**

Date	List	Action	Reason	Organisation Name	Country
06/01/2022 10:00	General	Insert	Inventory	Device Distributor XYZ	Country 1
09/15/2022 14:00	General	Remove	Inventory	Device Distributor XYZ	Country 1
09/16/2022 01:00		Device Checked		Government XYZ	Country 2
10/01/2022 10:00	General	Insert	Inventory	Device Seller 1	Country 2
11/01/2022 15:00	General	Remove	Inventory	Device Seller 1	Country 2
11/01/2022 15:30		Device Checked		Device Insurer 1	Country 2
11/01/2022 15:45	General	Insert	Financial encumbrance	Device Insurer 1	Country 2
03/01/2023 02:00	Block	Insert	Lost or stolen	Operator (CNO) XYZ	Country 2
03/02/2023 10:00	Block	Insert	Lost or stolen	Device Insurer 1	Country 2
03/03/2023 11:00		Device Checked		Police Agency 1	Country 2
05/01/2023 02:00	Block	Remove	Found	Operator (CNO) XYZ	Country 2
05/15/2023 10:00		Device Checked		Device Insurer 2	Country 3
05/15/2023 11:00		Device Checked		Police Agency 2	Country 3
05/25/2023 15:00	Block	Remove	Found	Device Insurer 1	Country 2
05/25/2023 15:01	General	Insert	Inventory	Device Insurer 1	Country 2

## Status at Point in Time

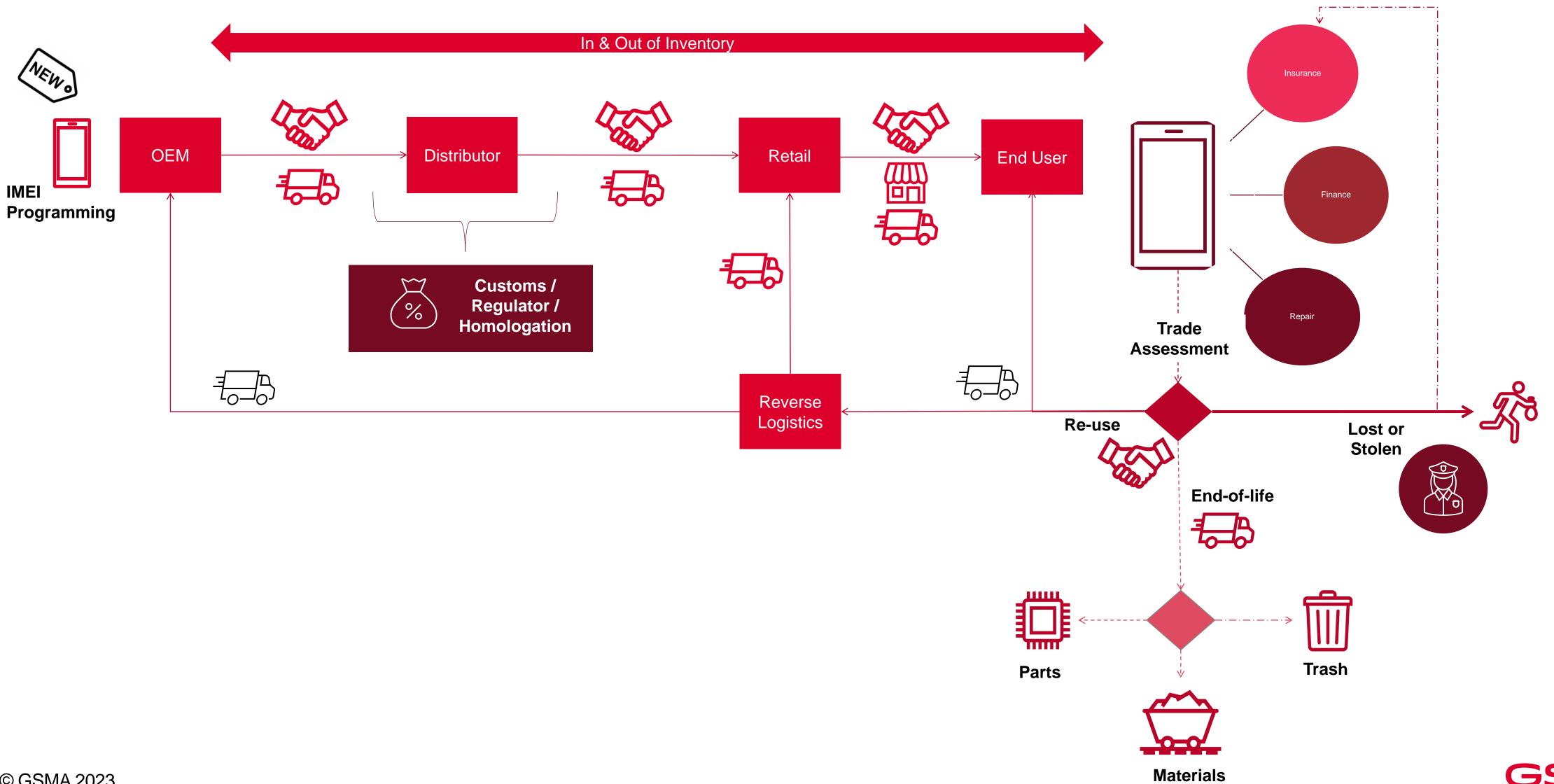
B List Status	G List Status
No	Yes
No	No
No	No
No	Yes
No	No
No	No
No	Yes
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No	Yes
No	Yes







## **Expanding Role in Device Lifecycle**





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