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Introduction

SMS has been very successful in the GSM second generation system, as all mobiles have supported the application level and it is possible to send to any GSM handset without the need to check for individual support. This easy to use service for non realtime text transmission between GSM users shall be succeeded to in third generation mobile systems by a non real-time Multimedia Message Service, MMS. The MMS will allow users to send and receive messages exploiting the whole array of media types available today e.g. text, images, audio, video while also making it possible to support new content types as they become popular.

3GPP shall not standardise new services themselves, but instead uses the standardised set of service capabilities features on which the new services will be built.

Multimedia technology is rapidly developing new capabilities, such as multimedia messages, games, presentations and services that are now considered to be a part of everyday life. Multimedia consists of one or more media elements (such as text, voice, image and video), and it is the combination of these media elements in an ordered synchronised manner that creates a multimedia presentation.

A non-realtime multimedia message as observed by the user is a combination of one or more different media elements in a multimedia presentation, that can be transferred between users without the requirement for the need to be transferred in realtime. The non-real-time multimedia messaging service shall be capable of supporting current and future multimedia messaging services, and exploit the advances being made in the world multimedia community, with additional mobile requirements.

1 Scope

This Technical Specification defines the stage one description of the non real-time Multimedia Messaging Service, MMS. Stage one is the set of requirements which shall be supported for the provision of non real-time multimedia messaging service, seen primarily from the subscriber's and service providers' points of view.

This TS includes information applicable to network operators, service providers, terminal and network manufacturers.

This TS contains the core requirements for the Multimedia Messaging Service, which are sufficient to provide a complete service.

This TS defines the requirements for MMS to be understood as a framework to enable non real-time transmissions for different types of media including such functionality as:

- multiple media elements per single message
- individual handling of message elements
- different delivery methods for each message element
- negotiate different terminal and network MM capabilities
- notification and acknowledgement of MM related events (e.g. delivery, deletion, ...)
- handling of undeliverable MM
- personalised MMS configuration
- flexible charging

The above list is not exhaustive.

Thus the MMS enables a unified application which integrates the composition, storage, access, and delivery of different kinds of media, e.g. text, voice, image or video in combination with additional mobile requirements.

2 References

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[1] 3GPP TS 22.101: "Service Principles".

[2] Void

[3] 3GPP TS 21.133: "3G Security; Security Threats and Requirements".

[4] ITU-T E.164 (1997): "The International Public Telecommunications Numbering Plan".

[5] IETF; STD 0011 (RFC 2822): "Internet Message Format", URL:
<http://www.ietf.org/rfc/rfc2822.txt>.

[6] 3GPP TS 21.905: "Vocabulary".

- [7] 3GPP TS 31.102 "Characteristics of the USIM Application".
- [8] 3GPP TS 51.011 (Rel-4): "Specification of the Subscriber Identity Module – Mobile Equipment (SIM-ME) interface".
- [9] 3GPP TS 22.242 "Digital Rights Management (DRM); Stage 1".
- [10] 3GPP TS 22.240 "Stage 1 Service Requirement for the 3GPP Generic User Profile (GUP)" .

3 Definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

Recipient : the recipient is the entity to which a MM has been sent.

Sender: the sender is the entity that sent a MM.

User: the user is the MM sender or the MM recipient.

message element: a message element is a part of a MM consisting of only one media type.

multimedia message: a multimedia message is a message composed of one or more message elements.

multimedia message service: A multimedia message service allows transfer of multimedia messages between users without the requirement for the multimedia messages to be transferred in real-time.

media types: a media type refers to one form of presenting information to a user, e.g. voice or fax.

media formats: within one media type different media formats are applicable for the media presentation, e.g. a picture can be GIF or JPEG format.

network: for the purposes of supporting multimedia messaging, the term network shall be considered to include the mobile operator's network and any functionality which may exist outside the mobile operator's network (i.e.fixed, internet and multimedia technologies etc.), and the support provided by that functionality for multimedia messaging.

Operator Specific Service: network-based and operator administred function being able to perform additional, operator defined, MMS services based on MMS capabilities for address translation and charging.

Value Added Service Provider: provides services other than basic telecommunications service for which additional charges may be incurred.

Short code: A string of alphanumeric characters which addresses a specific service of a Value Added Service Provider.

3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of this document the following abbreviations apply:

MM	Multimedia Message
MMS	Multimedia Message Service
SMS	Short Message Service
VASP	Value Added Services Provider

4 High level Requirements

The following list gives the high level requirements of the MMS. These are requirements which are independent of the user's perception of the service:

- **Forward compatible multimedia messaging**

Multimedia messaging mechanisms shall provide the capability to support current and evolving multimedia messaging by re-using existing standards as far as possible and proposing extensions (as necessary) to existing standards (i.e. the multimedia messaging service shall support the evolution of multimedia messaging technologies).

- **Consistent messaging**

Regardless of the message type / format, MMS shall be capable of supporting integration of all types of messaging (e.g. fax, SMS, Multimedia, voicemail, e-mail etc.) in a consistent manner.

- **Universal messaging access**

Within the capabilities of networks and terminals, the user shall be able to experience consistent access to the MMS regardless of the access point.

For example the user should be capable of accessing her multimedia messages through a number of different access points, which should include 3GPP systems, fixed networks, the Internet, etc.

- **Interoperability**

The MMS shall support a minimum set of functionality and message formats to ensure interoperability (e.g. deletion of MM, identified standardised message notification, message media types and message content formats).

The MMS shall provide a minimum set of supported formats to ensure full interoperability between different terminals and networks from the very beginning of service provisioning (e.g. JPEG for pictures, MP3 for audio, MPEG for motion pictures, etc.).

The MMS shall support version management by indicating a version number in the MM for interoperability purpose.

5 General Requirements

Network operators have many differing requirements, and MMS shall be supported in the network in a manner which allows network operators to consider different configurations depending on their network and commercial requirements. Thus, an identified set of functionalities and formats shall be standardised to ensure interoperability across networks and terminals to support MMS.

However, some network operators may wish to design and configure networks in different ways, and the subsequent requirements are identified to allow flexibility in how the MMS functionality is supported. For example in some networks the network operators may wish to implement the MMS functionality within the core network, whereas other may wish to place the MMS functionality on the periphery of the core network (e.g. a centralised network model instead of a distributed architecture). Further, some network operators may wish to support a limited set of MMS functionality, while others may require extensive and elaborate MMS support according to their business models (e.g. basic MMS instead of advanced MMS). Interoperability shall always be maintained within this flexible architecture.

The following sub-clauses use the term "*The MMS shall be able to support a request for ...*" and similar phrases to allow network operators to consider these different network models and business requirements, to permit flexible architectures and ensure MMS interoperability.

The following sub-clauses use the term "*This requirement shall be supported at the application layer in the terminal (and/or the network), and will not be further elaborated.*" and similar phrases to identify those service requirements that shall be supported by MMS but do not require standardisation.

The criterion for identifying these types of requirements is as follows:

If the requirement corresponds to an interaction and/or command between the terminal and the network applications from the same Service Provider (e.g. between the recipient's terminal resident messaging application and the recipient's network resident application. The same applies for the sender), then this requirement shall be supported by MMS but does not require standardisation.

The following general requirements shall be supported.

5.1 Multimedia message management

- **Terminal-sensitive MM management**

The MMS shall be able to support the capability for the terminal and network to take account of the capability of the user's terminal (e.g. deliver a MM / notification in a manner compatible with the terminals capability).

- **Terminal status-sensitive MM Management**

The MMS shall be able to support the capability of the network to take account of the availability, changes of the state of availability of the terminal (e.g. store messages if the recipient is not available).

- **MMS Control by the operator**

The MMS shall be able to support a request from the operator to enable/disable MM delivery and submission.

- **MMS Control by the user**

The MMS shall be able to support a request from the user to enable/disable MM delivery and submission.

This requirement shall be supported at the application layer in the terminal, and will not be further elaborated.

- **Storage of MMS parameters**

The USIM shall be able to store the following types of MMS related data:

- i) a number of sets of issuer configuration information to allow access to MMS services.

At least one of these sets of configuration information should be stored on the USIM by the issuer of the USIM.

The first issuer configuration information set is denoted as the default configuration set.

This configuration information shall only be configurable by the issuer of the USIM.

- ii) a number of sets of user configuration information to allow access to MMS services.

If more than one set of configuration information is present, it shall be possible for the user to select which set is used. If the user has not selected any of the configuration information sets, then the default set in the active USIM is used.

- iii) MMS notifications

- iv) MMS user preferences

A terminal using a USIM [7] or a SIM [8] with these MMS parameters, shall by default use them and the related preferred bearer, to access to the MMS services.

NOTE 1: Terminal support of SIM and USIM in general is specified in 3GPP TS 22.101[1].

- **Personalise multimedia messaging**

The MMS shall be able to support a request by the user to manage the Service Preferences of his User Service Profile related to this MMS [6](e.g. customise his MM environment within the capabilities of the terminal, network and MM application. This could be unconditional or conditional e.g. depending on roaming conditions or operator restrictions).

- **MM creation**

The MMS shall be able to support the request to create a MM by the user or an application.

This requirement shall be supported at the application layer in the terminal, and will not be further elaborated.

- **MM Time Stamping**

The MMS shall be able to support the request to include a reliable time value in an MM, a notification and an acknowledgement as appropriate.

- **Multiple Media**

Multimedia messages may be composed of either a single medium (e.g. voice) or multi-media (e.g. Voice and video). The MMS shall be able to support a request for media synchronisation / sequencing.

- **Media Type Conversion**

The MMS shall be able to support a request to convert between media types (e.g. Fax to image). The MMS shall be able to support an indication from a VASP that VASP originated content of an MM should not be converted or changed by the MMS service provider before it is delivered to the recipient.

This requirement shall be supported at the application layer in the network, and will not be further elaborated.

- **Media Format Conversion**

The MMS shall be able to support a request by the user or the application to convert between MM media formats (e.g. JPEG to GIF).

This requirement shall be supported at the application layer in the terminal and/or in the network, and will not be further elaborated.

- **Message forwarding**

The MMS shall be able to support a request to forward multimedia messages or multimedia message elements without having to first download the MM to the terminal. The MMS shall provide a mechanism to prevent an MM forwarding loop (e.g. MMs are setup to be automatically forwarded from User A to B, then from B to C and from C back to A. Users A, B, and C are unaware that they have setup this undesirable situation).

- **Storage of Multi-Media Messages**

The MMS shall be able to support a request for multimedia messages or message elements to be stored until delivered to the recipient's terminal, until they expire, or until they are deleted by the user (unless configured differently). The MMS shall be able to support a request to store and manage all MMs in a network based repository rather than on the mobile terminal.

When the USIM supports MMs storage, it shall be possible for the MMS client to store and retrieve MMs or elements of MMs in the USIM.

NOTE 2: There is no requirement for the MMS to be responsible for the processing/presentation of the MM message, after it has been delivered to the terminal.

- **Prioritisation of Messages**

The MMS shall be able to support a request for MM prioritisation. The prioritisation is passed to the recipient(s) of the message as an indication of the importance the sender places on the message. MM prioritisation is not acted upon by the network.

- **Message qualification**

The MMS shall be able to support a request for MM qualification (e.g. subject) for the purpose of advanced user experience and awareness.

- **Screening of Messages**

The MMS shall be able to support a request for MM screening subject to the capabilities of the network (e.g. automatically delete "junk mail", anonymous messages without delivery to the recipient's terminal).

This requirement shall be supported at the application layer in the terminal and/or in the network, and will not be further elaborated.

- **Validity Period**

The MMS shall be able to support a request by the originator of a message to define validity periods (earliest and latest desired time) for message delivery (e.g. if a message can not be delivered within a certain time it will be automatically deleted). The MMS service provider shall be able to set the MAXIMUM allowable validity period for any message.

- **Multimedia Message Processing by a VASP**

The MMS shall be able to support a request for messages to be processed by a VASP. An example of such processing may be where an MM is sent to a VASP before delivery to the recipient so that the VASP can add multimedia element(s) to the original message.

- **Replacing MM**

The MMS shall be able to support a request by a VASP to replace a previously sent MM from the VASP with a second newer MM.

- **Cancellation of MM**

The MMS shall be able to support a request by a VASP to delete a MM that had previously been sent from the VASP but not yet delivered to the terminal.

- **Hyperlinks in MM**

It shall be possible to embed a hyperlink in a MM.

The following guidelines on editing, presenting and following of hyperlinks should be followed:

- There should be no restriction to the position in the MM where a hyperlink can be added.
- It should be possible to clearly recognise the presence of a hyperlink.

NOTE 3: It is preferable to display the title of a hyperlink rather than the complete address. (URI)

- Presence of a hyperlink in an MM should not impact the presentation of the MM (i.e. due to immediate following or storage of the link)
- The recipient of an MM should be able to follow a hyperlink.

The hyperlink should not be followed automatically by default (explicit user interaction should be required)

- **Digital Rights Management**

The MMS shall be able to support controlling the distribution of controlled content as defined in 3GPP TS 22.242 [9]. MMS Content Providers shall be able to invoke DRM to prevent unauthorized copying and forwarding of controlled content through the MMS.

5.2 Multimedia message delivery and submission

- **Submission mechanism**

The MMS shall support multimedia messages or messages elements to be submitted from the sender's UE.

- **Push Mechanism**

The MMS shall be able to support a request for multimedia messages or messages elements to be automatically delivered to the recipient's UE.

- **Pull Mechanism**

The MMS shall be able to support a request for multimedia messages or messages elements to be delivered to the recipient's UE on request by the recipient.

NOTE 1: Push and pull delivery mechanisms could be identical; the criteria which decide on the type of mechanism (push / pull) are either described in the User Services Profile or out of the scope of this specification.

- **Concurrency**

The MMS shall be able to support MM delivery to and from the user's terminal not be restricted during other active services (subject to the capabilities of the terminal and the network).

- **Streaming**

The MMS shall be able to support streaming for MM delivery from the MMS system to the terminal.

Support for streaming for MM upload from the terminal to the MMS system will be considered for future releases.

- **Preferred Bearer**

It shall be possible to define a list of precedence for bearers in the configuration information sets for delivery and submission of MM (e.g. GPRS, CSD). By default, the terminal shall be able to support automatic bearer selection (i.e. without user intervention) based on the order of precedence defined in the configuration information sets on the USIM[7] or SIM [8]. The user shall be able to enable or disable automatic bearer selection. When disabled, manual bearer selection shall be available from the list of bearers.

- **Conditional delivery mechanism**

It shall be possible for the user to define in the User Profile a set of conditions that determine which delivery mechanism should be used for the delivery of a MM.

Such conditions should include:

- Roaming status of the recipient (e.g. inside or outside the home network)
- Identity of the MM originator
- Time of day (of the recipient's home network)
- Upper limit to the MM size

The notification message indicating an MMS awaiting delivery shall relay the information of the user's preferred delivery mechanism, if such information is made available by the user profile in the network, to the UE. If a mismatch is identified between the delivery mechanism configured in the UE and the delivery mechanism indicated in the notification message, it shall be possible for the user to select either the delivery mechanism configured in the UE or the delivery mechanism indicated in the notification message.

Furthermore, the terminal may also display a warning prior to the download of a message depending on some terminal parameters such as:

- Available storage capacity
- Remaining battery life
- Available bearers

For example, the user may elect to have all MMs downloaded automatically when in the home network, be able to manually select whether to download a MM or not when roaming.

It shall be possible for the network operator to program a default set of rules for the delivery mechanism in the User profile. Such rules can be overridden by the user.

NOTE 2: The way the user profile is accessed and modified is not subject of standardisation.

- **MM intended for applications other than the default MMS client on the UE**

The MMS shall support MMs that are not intended for presentation but used to originate and deliver information to applications residing on the UE other than the default MMS client.

NOTE 3: The intended application can present the MM contents.

When an application sends a MM not intended for presentation, it shall be possible to uniquely identify that originating application and the target application on the recipient UE as well as the instance of the application if more than one instance can be active. The originating application may reside on a UE or within the network.

The message payload shall not be modified by the MMS.

If the MM is originated by the subscriber's home environment, it shall be possible to protect the MM from accidental deletion by the user.

5.2.1 MM delivery to and submission from a VASP

- **VASP submission mechanism**

The MMS shall support multimedia messages or messages elements to be submitted from a VASP.

- **VASP delivery mechanism**

The MMS shall be able to support multimedia messages or messages elements to be delivered to a VASP.

- **VASP mass distribution**

The MMS shall be able to support a request from a VASP for mass distribution of MMs to recipients.

- **Additional VASP data**

The MMS shall be able to convey additional data associated with an MM from a VASP to the MMS service provider and vice versa.

Note: A possible use case for this could be the option to send additional charging information from the VASP to the MMS service provider. However the data itself is not specified for this release.

5.3 Notification and Acknowledgement

The MMS shall be able to support a request to send generic notification and acknowledgement capability to inform the user in an appropriate manner of MMS events. Examples may include:

- notify the recipient about received messages (including a description of the message, e.g. content, size, type).
- notify the recipient about actions taken by the MMS, (e.g. due to profile settings like automatic MM forwarding, deletion, etc.).
- acknowledge the sender about successful or failed MM or storage of a MM.
- acknowledge the sender about successful or failed MM submission.
- acknowledge the sender, including a VASP, about successful or failed MM delivery to the recipient terminal (subject to the recipient permitting such an acknowledgement).
- acknowledge the sender, including a VASP, about the MM being read/handled at the recipient terminal (subject to the recipient permitting such an acknowledgement).
- acknowledge the sender, including a VASP, about successful or failed MM deletion.
- acknowledge the sender, including a VASP, upon request, about the status of a submitted MM (i.e. delivered / not delivered).
- acknowledge a VASP, upon request, about the status of a mass distributed MM. A mass MM status report might be an aggregated report on the status of individual messages for all recipients on the distribution list of a specific mass distributed MM.
- acknowledge a VASP, upon request, about the status of previously submitted MMs, after a VASP had sent the MMs being queried.

5.4 Addressing

The MMS shall support different addressing formats to identify the sender and recipient. It shall be possible to submit one message to multiple recipients.

The MMS shall support the capability for both MSISDN [4] and e-mail addressing schemes [5] to be used, and the user may use either form of addressing to send a message.

The MMS shall be able to support the request to hide the sender's address from the recipient.

The MMS shall support a distribution list for mass distribution of MMs from a VASP. The MMS shall support the ability for a VASP to have the distribution list modified by the MMS service provider for this release.

The MMS may support short code addresses to address Value Added Services. If supported, and routing of messages to a MMS VASP service based on a short code address is enabled, the MMS shall be able to translate the short code address to a routable address to be used in the transport layer, e.g. a URI.

5.5 Management and Control of a Network Based Repository

Network based repository is optional. If supported, MMS shall be able to support following functionalities:-

- The MMS shall allow an MMS service provider to configure MMS in such a way that one, several or all incoming MMs of a particular user be stored persistently in a network based repository
- The MMS shall allow an MMS service provider to configure MMS in such a way that one, several or all submitted MMs of a particular user be stored persistently in a network based repository
- The MMS shall be able to support a request from a sender to persistently store a sent MM in a network based repository at the time of sending
- The MMS shall be able to support a request from a user to persistently store a MM for which he received a notification in a network based repository
- The MMS shall be able to support a request from a user to upload one or more MMs into a network based repository for persistent storage
- The MMS shall be able to support a request from a user to retrieve one or more MMs that are stored in a network based repository
- The MMS shall be able to support a request from a user to delete one or more MMs that are stored in a network based repository
- The MMS shall be able to support a request from a user to forward one or more MMs that are stored in a network based repository to another destination without being delivered first to that user.
- The MMS shall be able to support a request from a user to view the list of MMs and MM related attributes, such as sender, recipient, subject and date/time, in a network based repository

5.6 Error Messages

It shall be possible for the operator to configure the content of the error message delivered to the MMS client.

5.6.1 Prepaid Errors

The MMS shall notify a prepaid user when message submission was unsuccessful due to lack of credit in the prepaid account, explicitly stating this situation.

5.7 MMS client interaction with UICC

It shall be possible for an MMS client in the ME to interact with a UICC to manage (e.g. send, receive and present) MMS messages stored on the UICC, in accordance with the requirements in this specification. It shall be possible to

indicate to the UE that an MM needs to receive special treatment. When a MM has been marked with this indication, means shall be provided to protect the MM from accidental deletion e.g. by asking for additional confirmation to the user. The use of this indication shall be under the control of the HPLMN.

6 User Profile

The MMS shall be able to support the ability to create, update, store, transfer, interrogate, manage and retrieve a user's multimedia messaging profiles.

The multimedia messaging profiles shall allow a user to configure and personalise his multimedia messaging environment with the multimedia messaging profiles (e.g. which media types and notifications that shall be delivered to the recipient, such as voice only or text only).

The user profile shall allow the user to create and manipulate a list of users, identified by their addresses, from which the user does not want to receive messages. This list is called "user-level blacklist". It shall be possible for the user to add, remove and edit addresses in the user-level blacklist.

Note: User-level blacklist differs from ODB blacklist. Users can decide from whom they do not want to receive messages by adding the corresponding address to the user profile.

If the MMS supports a network based repository of MMs, it shall be possible for the users to configure where incoming MMs will be stored.

The multimedia messaging profiles shall form part of the user's virtual home environment.

MMS information in the user profile when stored in the UA or the network shall be accessed in a standardised manner. The MMS should accomplish this using mechanisms described in the 3GPP Generic User Profile 3GPP TS 22.240 [10] whenever possible.

7 Security

The user shall be able to use and access MM in a secure manner. It shall be possible for the contents of MMs to be read only by the intended recipient(s). A recipient shall be informed of the reliability of the identity of the sender in case the sender has authorised his identity to be transmitted.

The integrity of MMs during transit shall be assured to extent of the network capabilities.

The MMS shall be intrinsically resistant to attempts of malicious or fraudulent use.

An MMS service provider shall be able to authenticate a VASP connected to it and shall be able to be authenticated by a VASP connected to it. The MMS service provider shall be able to authorise the VASP to use various MM services. The MMS shall support encryption of the transport layer between an MMS service provider and a VASP.

Note: Key management is outside the scope of this release of this standard.

The "Security Threats and Requirements" specified in 21.133 [3] shall not be compromised.

8 Charging

The MMS shall be able to support various charging models, including:

- Sender pays;
- both Sender and Recipient pay their respective charges for message delivery;
- Recipient pays for receipt of messages from a VASP when there is a commercial agreement between the Recipient and the VASP;
- Sender pays for reply message on a per message basis.

- The third party who has a commercial agreement with the VASP (and possibly additional agreement with the operator and/or recipient) is charged for the delivery of the message to the recipient.

The MMS shall be able to support various charging mechanisms. The following charging characteristics may be considered:

- message types, length, storage time in the network, etc,
- delivering time, upload / download method,
- MM-sender / -recipient,
- number of messages sent,
- number of messages received,
- roaming conditions,
- location conditions,
- Indication of charging,

The MMS indicates to the recipient prior to the recipient downloading a multi media message whether the sender has paid or the recipient is expected to pay for the message.

- Prepaid subscriptions.
- Bearer of the message

The MMS shall support a standardized interface to transfer CDRs and other charging related information between the MMS system and the billing system for prepaid and postpaid billing solutions.

9 External Interface

External interfaces for controlling and delivering MM between the terminal and an external device e.g. portable computer should be supported.

10 Interworking

The standard shall permit interworking with other or existing messaging technologies, messaging services, intelligent network services and supplementary services, either located within or outside a mobile network.

In the case of a VASP, such interworking shall include capability negotiation between the VASP and the MMS service provider. Such capability negotiation shall include service version information as a minimum for this release.

11 Roaming

Roaming between network operators shall be supported.

12 Support of Operator Specific Services

The MMS may support operator specific services. Thereby network operators shall be able to provide additional MMS services dealing with enhanced addressing and charging.

If supported, the interaction between the MMS and Operator Specific Service shall happen immediately after multimedia message submission time or immediately before multimedia message delivery time, or both.

Multimedia Messages sent or delivered from/to users shall be subject to operator specific services handling if:

- the user is provisioned with operator specific services in the MMS user profile. The user may be provisioned independently for operator specific services applicable for submission and delivery of multimedia messages. Provisioning of Operator Specific Services for MMS is under control of the HPLMN operator.
- the MMS determines based on a pre-analysis of the recipient's address(es) found in a submitted multimedia message that an Operator Specific Service needs to be invoked. The definition of the addresses invoking MMS Operator Specific Services is under control of the HPLMN operator(s) of the originating and terminating subscribers.

If the Operator Specific Services needs to be invoked, the MMS shall temporarily suspend the normal process of that multimedia message and shall provide the Operator Specific Services with at least the following information:

- messaging event (submission, delivery)
- multimedia message data:
 - sender identification
 - recipient addresses

As a response to the above request from the MMS, the Operator Specific Services may request the MMS to perform one of the following actions:

- leave the multimedia message unmodified and proceed with its processing;
- reject the message.
- modify one or more of the following multimedia message data:
 - sender identification
 - recipient addresses

Operator Specific Services shall be allowed to influence charging of the message by providing additional information to the MMS. The MMS shall transparently forward this information to the billing systems together with the MMS charging relevant data.

12.1 Service Interaction

This subclause specifies interactions between Operator Specific Services and other services in the MMS.

12.1.1 VASP Services

Operator Specific Services take precedence over VASP services. If short code addressing to Value Added Services is supported by the MMS, the result from an Operator Specific Service shall be subject to short code address translation.

Multimedia Messages submitted from a VASP may be subject to operator specific services.

Annex A (informative): Change history

TSG SA#	SA Doc.	SA1 Doc	Spec	CR	Rev	Rel	Cat	Subject/Comment	Old	New	Work Item
SP_06	PP-99529		22.140	-		R99	-	Approved at SA#08 as version 3.0.0	2.0.0	3.0.0	
SP_08	SP-000214	S1-000347	22.140	001		R00	B	Introduction of streaming for MMS	3.0.0	4.0.0	
-	-	-	22.140	-		R00	-	Corrected implementation of CR001 by MCC, re-introducing the R00 text deleted by implementation of CR002 to R99 version (see SP-000208). Some editorial clean-up.	4.0.0	4.0.1	
SP-11	SP-010062	S1-010265	22.140	004		Rel-4	C	Alignment of Stage 1 MMS to Stage 2 MMS	4.0.1	4.1.0	MMS
SP-11	SP-010062	S1-010016	22.140	005		Rel-4	C	Support for Streaming in MMS	4.0.1	4.1.0	MMS
SP-11	SP-010062	S1-010014	22.140	006		Rel-4	F	MM Forwarding	4.0.1	4.1.0	MMS
SP-11	SP-010062	S1-010015	22.140	007		Rel-4	B	New features in MMS R'4	4.0.1	4.1.0	MMS
SP-14	SP-010676	S1-011345	22.140	008		Rel-5	B	Stage 1 Requirements for VASP connectivity	4.1.0	5.0.0	MESS5-MMS
SP-14	SP-010748		22.140	009	-	Rel-5	B	Minimum set of functionality for the support of a Network Based repository	4.1.0	5.0.0	MMS enhancements
SP-15	SP-020193		22.140	010	1	Rel-5	B	Support of charging models in MMS	5.0.0	5.1.0	MMS
SP-15	SP-020055	S1-020209	22.140	011		Rel-5	B	CR to 22.140 on addressing	5.0.0	5.1.0	MMS
SP-15	SP-020045	S1-020457	22.140	012	-	Rel-5	A	Editorial CR to correct terms and references	5.0.0	5.1.0	CORRECT
SP-15	SP-020055	S1-020622	22.140	013		Rel-5	B	CR 22.140 Rel. 5 MMS Configuration	5.0.0	5.1.0	MMS enhancements
SP-15	SP-020045	S1-020468	22.140	014		Rel-5	D	Editorial CR 22.140 Rel.5 D - Update of references and general requirements	5.0.0	5.1.0	CORRECT
SP-15	SP-020195		22.140	015		Rel-5	B	Automatic bearer selection for MMS delivery and submission	5.0.0	5.1.0	MMS Enhancement
SP-16	SP-020251	S1-021073	22.140	016		Rel-5	F	CR to 22.140 - Introduction of short codes for VASP addressing	5.1.0	5.2.0	MMS Enhancement
SP-17	SP-020553	S1-021786	22.140	017		Rel-5	F	Removal of SMS and USSD as possible bearers from 22.140 v5.2.0	5.2.0	5.3.0	MMS
SP-18	SP-020814	S1-022387	22.140	019	1	Rel-5	A	Storage of configuration information on the (U)SIM - for Rel 5	5.3.0	5.4.0	MESS5-MMS
SP-18	SP-020660	S1-022312	22.140	020		Rel-6	B	Requirements for the MMS charging models and charging mechanisms	5.4.0	6.0.0	MMS
SP-18	SP-020660	S1-022313	22.140	021		Rel-6	B	Additional feature for the MMS charging model	5.4.0	6.0.0	MMS
SP-18	SP-020660	S1-022314	22.140	022		Rel-6	B	Requirement for preventing the loop of MM	5.4.0	6.0.0	MMS
SP-19	SP-030024	S1-030267	22.140	024	-	Rel-6	C	Update to 22.140 to clarify prioritisation	6.0.0	6.1.0	MMS6-SR
SP-20	SP-030256	S1-030493	22.140	026	-	Rel-6	B	Add DRM Requirement to 22.140	6.1.0	6.2.0	MMS
SP-20	SP-030256	S1-030494	22.140	027		Rel-6	B	Add a Standardized Charging Record Interface Requirement to 22.140	6.1.0	6.2.0	MMS
SP-20	SP-030256	S1-030551	22.140	028		Rel-6	B	Add a Standardized User Profile to 22.140	6.1.0	6.2.0	MMS
SP-20	SP-030256	S1-030536	22.140	029		Rel-6	B	Addition of blacklisting capability in the the multimedia messaging profiles	6.1.0	6.2.0	R6: MMS
SP-20	SP-030257	S1-030638	22.140	034	-	Rel-6	F	Error Messages in MMS	6.1.0	6.2.0	MMS-R6
SP-21	SP-030460	S1-030883	22.140	035	-	Rel-6	B	Management of Hyperlinks with MMS	6.2.0	6.3.0	MMS
SP-21	SP-030552	S1-031056	22.140	036	2	Rel-6	B	MM storage in the USIM	6.2.0	6.3.0	MMS-R6
SP-21	SP-030542	S1-031055	22.140	037	1	Rel-6	B	Conditional delivery behaviour	6.2.0	6.3.0	MMS6
SP-22	SP-030689	S1-031240	22.140	039	-	Rel-6	B	MMS targetting UE elements	6.3.0	6.4.0	MMS

SP-22	SP-030783	SP-030783	22.140	040	2	Rel-6	B	UICC interaction with MMS clients	6.3.0	6.4.0	MMS-R6
SP-23	SP-040203		22.140	041	1	Rel-6	B	MMS targetting UE elements	6.4.0	6.5.0	MMS
SP-23	SP-040093	S1-040234	22.140	042	-	Rel-6	C	Prepaid – lack of credit error in MMS	6.4.0	6.5.0	MESS6
SP-24	SP-040450	S1-040540	22.140	044	1	Rel-6	B	Support of MMS operator specific services	6.5.0	6.6.0	MMS-6
SP-24	SP-040290	S1-040541	22.140	045	-	Rel-6	F	Clarification on MMS client interaction with UICC	6.5.0	6.6.0	MMS-R6
SP-24	SP-040290	S1-040542	22.140	046		Rel-6	F	Update to scope and removal of VHE based requirement.	6.5.0	6.6.0	MMS6-SR
SP-27	SP-050059	S1-050218	22.140	047	-	Rel-6	F	Removal of Reference to TS 22.121	6.6.0	6.7.0	TEI6
SP-36			22.140			Rel-7		Updated from Rel-6 to Rel-7	6.7.0	7.0.0	
SP-42	-	-				Rel-8		Updated from Rel-7 to Rel-8	7.0.0	8.0.0	
SP-46	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Updated to Rel-9 by MCC	8.0.0	9.0.0	
2011-03	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Update to Rel-10 version (MCC)	9.0.0	10.0.0	
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2015-12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Updated to Rel-13 by MCC	12.0.0	13.0.0	
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2022-03	SA#95e	-	-	-	-	Updated to Rel-17 by MCC	17.0.0
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