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1 Scope

Annex G of 3GPP TS 23.228 [2] gives out an IMS Application Level Gateway (IMS-ALG) and IMS Access Media Gateway (IMS-AGW) based reference model to support NAPT-PT, gate control and traffic policing between IP-CAN and IMS domain.

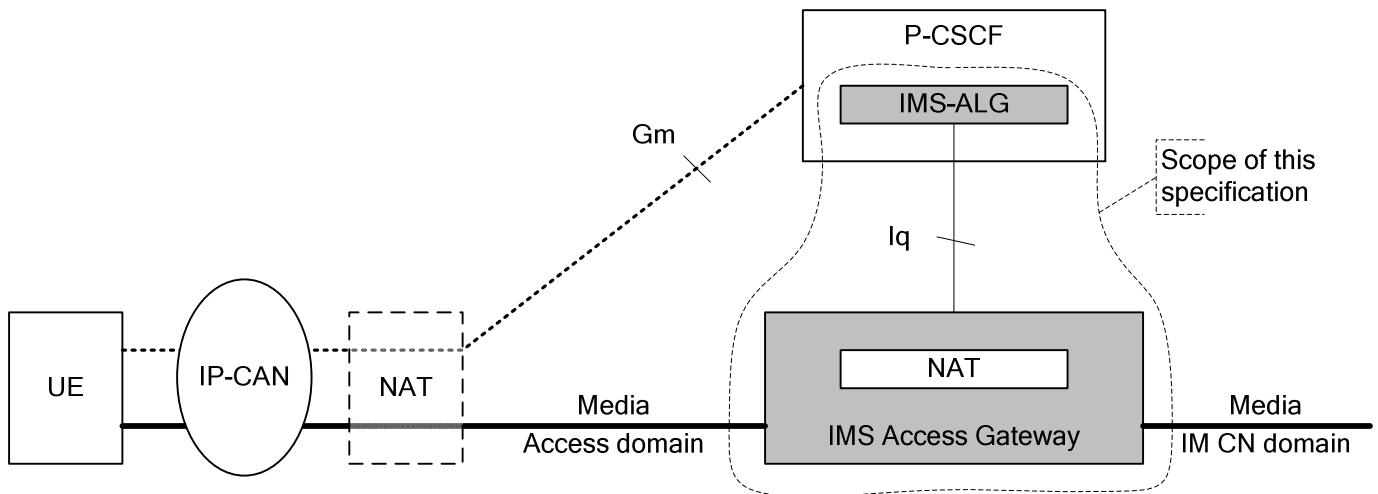


Figure 1.1: Scope of the specification

Figure 1.1 illustrates the reference model for Iq:

- the dashed line represents the IP signalling-path with SIP (at Gm) as call/session control protocol between the UE and the P-CSCF (IMS-ALG);
- the bold, horizontal line represents the IP media-path (also known as (IP) bearer-path or (IP) data-path; the notion 'media' is used as generic term for "IP application data"); and
- the vertical line represents the Iq control-path with H.248 as gateway/policy control protocol between the IMS-ALG and the IMS-AGW (H.248 messages are transported over IP).

The Iq reference point is between the P-CSCF (IMS-ALG) and the IMS-AGW. It conveys the necessary information that is needed to allocate, modify and release (IP) transport addresses.

The present document defines the stage 2 description for the Iq reference point. The stage 2 shall cover the information flow between the P-CSCF (IMS-ALG) and IMS-AGW. The protocol used over the Iq interface is the gateway control protocol according ITU-T Recommendation H.248 (which is specified for Iq by an H.248 profile according 3GPP TS 29.334 [3]).

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[1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".

- [2] 3GPP TS 23.228: "IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS), stage 2".
- [3] 3GPP TS 29.334: "IMS Application Level Gateway (IMS-ALG) – IMS Access Gateway (IMS-AGW) Iq interface, stage 3".
- [4] IETF RFC 2663: "IP Network Address Translator (NAT) Terminology and Considerations".
- [5] 3GPP TS 32.260: "Telecommunication management; Charging management; IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) charging".
- [6] IETF RFC 3556 (2003): "Session Description Protocol (SDP) Bandwidth Modifiers for RTP Control Protocol (RTCP) Bandwidth".
- [7] IETF RFC 3605 (2003): "Real Time Control Protocol (RTCP) attribute in Session Description Protocol (SDP)".
- [8] 3GPP TS 23.205: "Bearer independent circuit-switched core network; Stage 2".
- [9] ITU-T Recommendation H.248.1 (05/2002): "Gateway Control Protocol: Version 2" including the Corrigendum1 for Version 2 (03/04).
- [10] IETF RFC 2216: "Network Element Service Template".

3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. A term defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same term, if any, in TR 21.905 [1].

Network Address Translation (NA(P)T): see definition in 3GPP TS 23.228 [2].

NAT-PT/NAPT-PT: see definition in 3GPP TS 23.228 [2].

Local (near-end) NAPT control: the operation of providing network address mapping information and NAPT policy rules to a near-end NAT in the media flow.

Remote (far-end) NAT traversal: the operation of adapting the IP addresses so that the packets in the media flow can pass through a far-end (remote) NAT.

NAPT control and NAT traversal: controls network address translation for both near-end NA(P)T and far-end NA(P)T

Convention:

Wherever the **term NAT** is used in this specification, it may be replaced by **NA(P)T or NA(P)T-PT**.

3.2 Symbols

For the purposes of the present document, the following symbols apply:

Iq Interface between the IMS Application Level Gateway and the IMS Access Media Gateway

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IMS-AGW	IMS Access Media Gateway
IMS-ALG	IMS Application Level Gateway
IM CN	IMS Core Network
NA(P)T	Network Address and optional Port Translation
NAPT	Network Address Port Translation
NAT	Network Address Translation
NA(P)T-PT	NAT Address (and optional Port-) Translation and Protocol Translation
P-CSCF	Proxy-CSCF

4 Architecture

4.1 Reference architecture

The reference architecture for the IMS-ALG and the IMS-AGW when NAT is invoked between the UE and the IMS domain is shown in figure 4.1.1 below.

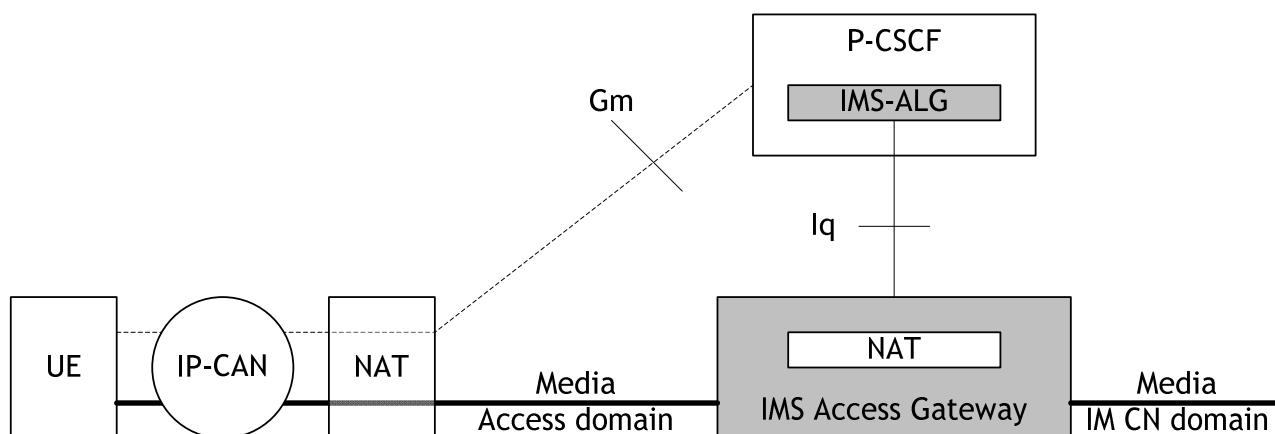


Figure 4.1.1: Reference Architecture with NAT invoked between the UE and the IMS domain

See 3GPP TS 23.228 [2] Annexes G.1 and G.2 for a comprehensive description of the reference models.

4.2 NAT Function

An operator may need NAT function between UE and IMS domain. Such function can be provided by the IMS-AGW and can be called local (near-end) NAT or IM CN hosted NAT (see subclause 5.2). There can also be an independent NAT device between UE and IMS domain (see subclause 5.4), referred as remote (far end) NAT. Thus the IMS-AGW shall support remote NA(P)T traversal.

Figure 4.1.1 illustrates the particular IP media-path scenario with both a remote NAT and local NAT function. Each NAT function is partitioning an IP domain into two address domains, or partitioning the used IP address space (realm) into two realms.

The reference architecture of Figure 4.1.1 may be mapped on various network scenarios, like e.g. to three IPv4 realms, indicated by a) IP-CAN (connectivity access network), b) (Media) Access Domain and c) (Media) IM CN domain. If there would not be any remote NAT device between the UE and IMS-AGW, then there would be just two IP domains (a and c).

The two types of NATs are also typically different from control perspective: local (near-end) NAT can be controlled by the operators directly, and remote (far-end) NAT that cannot be controlled by the operators directly.

The support of local NAT is thus implicitly leading to the requirement for IP realm indication at Iq (see subclause 5.3).

The edge node of the IP-CAN may be a remote (far-end) NAT device (see Figure 4.1.1). This NAT device provides NAT or NAT or NA(P)T-PT for IP traffic in the media-path and signalling path (e.g. IP network addresses and possibly L4 transport port values may be translated of SIP Gm messages).

The remote NAT device cannot be directly controlled by the operators of the (Media) Access and IP CN domain. The IMS-ALG is consequently lacking the direct information with regards to the applied NAT bindings by the remote NAT device.

5 Functional Requirements

5.1 General

A single IMS-ALG may control one or multiple IMS-AGW(s).

5.2 Gate Control & Local NAT

The IMS-ALG shall provide the NAT control function, i.e. obtain the address binding information (according to IETF RFC 2663 [4]) and perform the NAT policy control along with gate control (i.e. instruct the opening/closing of a gate).

The IMS-ALG shall request the IMS-AGW to allocate transport addresses/resources to enable media to traverse the IMS-AGW. The IMS-ALG may indicate the corresponding IP realm to the IMS-AGW – see subclause 5.3. The IMS-AGW shall provide the corresponding external transport addresses to the IMS-ALG.

Terminations for the Iq interface may be pre-defined with different levels of granularity for specific IP ports, interfaces, or groups of interfaces. These may then be defined as an IP realm (see subclause 5.3) known by both the IMS-ALG and the IMS-AGW, however IP Realms may also be defined for multiple physical interfaces. In order to efficiently report a failure affecting a large number of terminations associated to specific physical interfaces, the IMS-AGW shall, when allocating a new termination, return to the IMS-ALG an associated Interface ID.

An IMS-AGW not supporting this procedure may allocate the same Interface ID for all IP terminations.

An IMS-AGW supporting the Termination Out-of-Service procedure (see subclause 6.1.15) shall maintain a local mapping of Interface ID to its internal resources.

The IMS-AGW shall provide the NAT enforcement function, i.e. change the address and port number of the media packets as they traverse the IMS-AGW, along with gate control (i.e. open/close a gate under the control of the IMS-ALG).

The IMS-AGW may provide IP version inter-working.

The IMS-ALG shall request the IMS-AGW to release its transport resources at the end of a session.

5.3 IP realm indication and availability

The IMS-ALG and the IMS-AGW shall support IP realm indication.

The IMS-ALG, when requesting the allocation of transport resources at the IMS-AGW, may indicate the correspondent IP realm to the IMS-AGW. The IMS-AGW shall assign the IP termination in the IP realm indicated. The same IP realm shall be applied to all media streams associated with the termination. The IP realm identifier cannot be changed after the initial assignment.

A default IP realm may be configured such that if the IMS-AGW has not received the IP realm identifier and the IMS-AGW supports multiple IP realms then the default IP realm shall be used.

In order to prevent the IMS-ALG requesting an unavailable IP Realm, the IMS-ALG may audit the list of currently available realms on the IMS-AGW and may request the IMS-AGW to report any changes to that list as they occur over time.

The monitoring of IP realm availability is optional and if supported by IMS-AGW may be requested by the IMS-ALG.

5.4 Remote NAT traversal support

The IMS-ALG and the IMS-AGW shall support remote NA(P)T traversal support.

The IMS-ALG is responsible for determining whether there is a remote NAT device (the mechanism by which this achieved is out of scope of the current document).

If a remote NAT device is present, the IMS-ALG shall request the IMS-AGW to perform latching or re-latching when requesting the IMS-AGW to reserve transport addresses/resources.

If remote NAT is applicable, the IMS-AGW shall not use the remote media address/port information (supplied by the IMS-ALG) as the destination address for outgoing media. Instead, the IMS-AGW shall dynamically learn the required destination address via the source address/port of incoming media. This mechanism is known as "latching".

When remote NAT Traversal is applied to a stream associated with multiple flows (e.g. RTP and RTCP), the IMS-AGW shall perform individual latching and/or re-latching on the various flows. This means that an RTP and an RTCP flow of a single stream can be latched to different remote addresses and/or ports.

5.5 Remote Source Address/Port Filtering

The IMS-ALG may support and the IMS-AGW shall support policing of the remote source address/port of incoming media flow(s).

The IMS-ALG may determine that the source address/port of received media packets should be policed.

When the IMS-ALG requests the IMS-AGW to reserve transport addresses/resources, the IMS-ALG may indicate to the IMS-AGW that policing of source address and/or port of received media packets is required.

If such policing is applicable, the IMS-AGW shall check the source address and/or port of all received media packets and silently discard any packets that do not conform to the expected source address and/or port.

5.6 Traffic Policing

The IMS-ALG may support traffic policing of incoming media flows.

The IMS-AGW shall support traffic policing of the maximum average bitrate, defined as sustainable data rate (see IETF RFC 2216 [10]) of incoming media flows and may support traffic policing of the peak data rate of incoming media flows.

The IMS-ALG may require the IMS-AGW to police the media flows to ensure that they conform to the expected data rates.

When the IMS-ALG requests the IMS-AGW to reserve transport addresses/resources, the IMS-ALG may indicate to the IMS-AGW that policing of the related media streams is required and provide traffic policing related parameters as detailed in subclause 6.2.5.

If such policing is requested, the IMS-AGW shall police the corresponding media streams as detailed in subclause 6.2.5 by measuring the data rate for the received packets within that media stream. If the permissible data rate provided by the IMS-ALG is exceeded, the IMS-AGW shall discard packets to reduce their data rate to the permissible data rate.

For RTP flows where RTCP resources are reserved together with the RTP resources (see subclause 5.9), the permissible data rate shall include the bandwidth used by RTP and RTCP together.

5.7 Hanging Termination Detection

The IMS-ALG and the IMS-AGW shall support detection of hanging termination.

The IMS-ALG, when requesting the IMS-AGW to reserve an AGW connection point, shall indicate to the IMS-AGW to perform detection of hanging terminations.

The IMS-AGW shall determine a termination to be hanging if there is no signalling sent/received within a specified period.

On being informed of the hanging termination, the IMS-ALG shall check/determine whether the cited termination is valid and initiate any appropriate corrective action, e.g. release an invalid termination.

5.8 QoS Packet Marking

The IMS-ALG may support and the IMS-AGW shall support control via the Iq interface of the setting of the DiffServ Code Point (DSCP) for media packets sent on a termination.

When the IMS-ALG requests the IMS-AGW to reserve transport addresses/resources, the IMS-ALG may indicate to the IMS-AGW that the DSCP of outgoing media packets shall be explicitly set or copied from the DSCP of the corresponding received packet.

If such modification of the DSCP is required by the IMS-ALG, the IMS-AGW shall set the DSCP for outgoing packets on a termination.

5.9 Handling of RTCP streams

The IMS-ALG and the IMS-AGW shall support control via the Iq interface of the specific RTCP behaviour associated to an RTP flow.

When the IMS-ALG requests the IMS-AGW to reserve transport addresses/resources for an RTP flow, the IMS-ALG should also request the IMS-AGW to reserve resources for the corresponding RTCP flow, but may alternatively request the IMS-ALG not to reserve resources for the corresponding RTCP flow. When the IMS-ALG requests the IMS-AGW to reserve transport addresses/resources for a non-RTP flow, the IMS-ALG shall not request the IMS-ALG to reserve resources for an RTCP flow.

To request the IMS-AGW to reserve resources for an RTCP flow, the IMS ALG shall provide the RTCP handling information element with a value indicating that resources for RTCP shall be reserved.

To request the IMS-AGW not to reserve resources for an RTCP flow, the IMS ALG shall either provide the RTCP handling information element with a value indicating that resources for RTCP shall not be reserved or omit the RTCP handling information element.

If the IMS-AGW receives the indication to reserve RTCP resources, the IMS-AGW shall allocate a local port with even number for an RTP flow also reserve the consecutive local port with odd number for the associated RTCP flow, and it shall send and be prepared to receive RTCP.

If the IMS-AGW receives the indication to not reserve RTCP resources, or if it does not receive any indication at all, it shall not allocate an RTCP port when allocating a port for an RTP flow. The IMS-AGW shall not send any RTCP packets and shall silently discard any received RTCP packets.

When RTCP resources are requested, the IMS-ALG may also specify:

- the remote RTCP port, and optionally the remote address, where to send RTCP packets; if not specified, the IMS-AGW shall send RCTP packets to the port contiguous to the remote RTP port;
- bandwidth allocation requirements for RTCP, if the RTCP bandwidth level for the session is different than the default RTCP bandwidth as specified in RFC 3556 [6].

NOTE: In line with the recommendations of RFC 3605 [7], separate address or non-contiguous RTCP port numbers will not be allocated by the IMS-ALG / IMS-AGW.

The IMS-AGW shall return an error if it can not allocate the requested RTCP resources.

5.10 Media Inactivity Detection

The IMS-ALG and the IMS-AGW may support the detection of inactive media flows.

The IMS-ALG may require an IMS-AGW that supports media inactivity detection to detect if a media flow is inactive.

NOTE: The decision to apply or not media inactivity is general for all sessions with the same media characteristics (i.e. not user specific). It is for further study under which conditions inactivity media detection may be requested.

When the IMS-ALG requests the IMS-AGW to reserve transport addresses/resources, the IMS-ALG may indicate to the IMS-AGW that detection of an inactive media flow is required and may additionally specify inactivity detection time and inactivity detection direction.

The IMS-AGW shall determine a media flow on termination to be inactive if there is no media sent and/or received within the inactivity detection time period.

On being informed of the inactive media, the IMS-ALG shall initiate any appropriate corrective action.

6 IMS-ALG to IMS-AGW Procedures

6.1 Non-Call Related Procedures

6.1.1 General

The non-call related procedures are based on corresponding procedures of 3GPP TS 23.205 [8] where the IMS-ALG takes the place of the MSC server and the IMS-AGW takes the place of the MGW.

6.1.2 IMS-AGW Unavailable

The IMS-ALG server recognises that the IMS-AGW is unavailable in the following 4 cases:

1. The signalling connection is unavailable

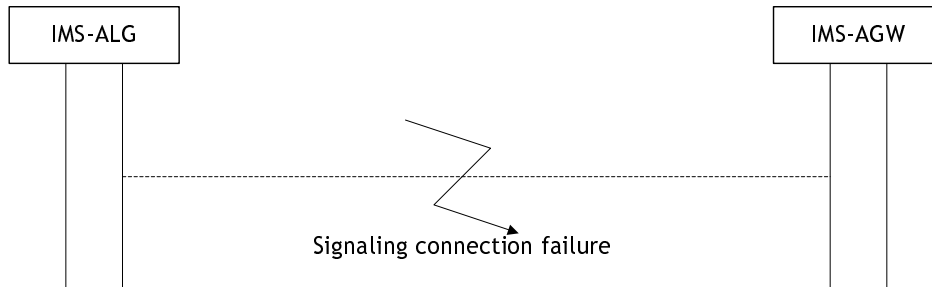


Figure 6.1.2.1: Signalling connection failure

2. The IMS-AGW indicates the failure or the maintenance locking condition to all connected IMS-ALG servers

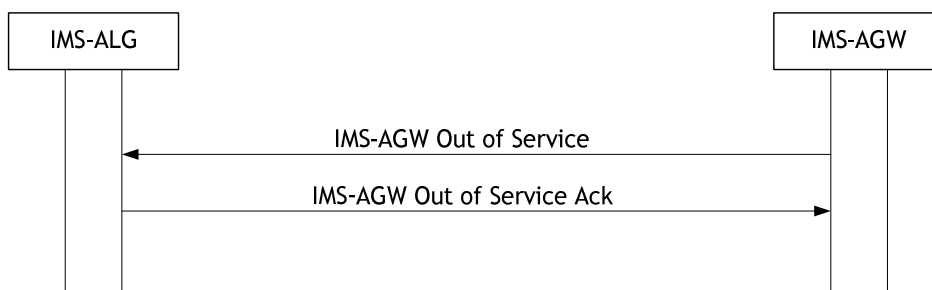


Figure 6.1.2.2: IMS-AGW indicates the Failure/Maintenance locking

The failure or maintenance locking indication indicates that the IMS-AGW is locked for new calls or will soon go out of service and that no new connections should be established using this IMS-AGW. The IMS-AGW can choose between the "graceful" and the "forced" method. In the graceful method the connections are cleared when the corresponding calls are disconnected. In the forced method all connection are cleared immediately.

3. The IMS-ALG recognises that the IMS-AGW is not functioning correctly, e.g. because there is no reply on periodic sending of Audits. The periodic sending of Audits by IMS-ALG should go on.

In all of the above cases the IMS-ALG shall prevent the usage of the IMS-AGW until the IMS-AGW has recovered or the communication with the IMS-AGW is restored.

6.1.3 IMS-AGW Available

The IMS-ALG discovers that the IMS-AGW is available when it receives an IMS-AGW Communication Up message or an IMS-AGW Restoration message. If the IMS-ALG does not wish to sustain an association with the IMS-AGW, the response sent to the IMS-AGW may indicate an alternative IMS-ALG signalling address, in which case the IMS-AGW shall not consider itself registered and should preferably attempt to re-register with this alternative IMS-ALG before any further alternate IMS-ALGs. Otherwise, the response shall not indicate any alternative IMS-ALG signalling address.

When the IMS-ALG discovers that the IMS-AGW is available the following shall occur:

1. Signalling recovery

The IMS-AGW indicates to all connected IMS-ALGs that the signalling connection is restored.

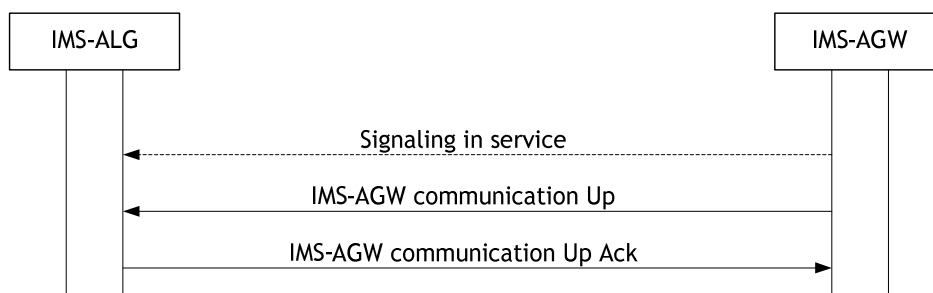


Figure 6.1.3.1: Communication goes up

2. IMS-AGW restoration/maintenance unlocking indication.

The IMS-AGW indicates to all connected IMS-ALGs that normal operation has resumed.

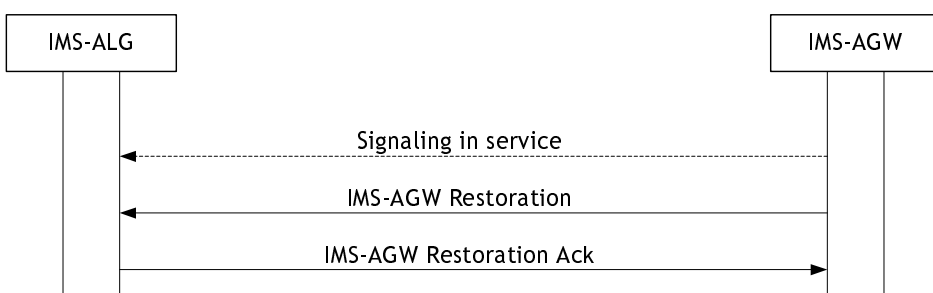


Figure 6.1.3.2: IMS-AGW indicates recovery from a failure/or maintenance unlocking

NOTE: This procedure may be used after recovery from a signalling failure.

3. The IMS-ALG recognises that the IMS-AGW is now functioning correctly, e.g. because there is a reply on periodic sending of Audits.

After this the IMS-ALG can use the IMS-AGW.

If none of 1, 2, and 3 happens the IMS-ALG server can initiate the IMS-ALG Ordered Re-register procedure.

6.1.4 IMS-AGW Recovery

If the IMS-AGW recovers from a failure, is maintenance unlocked, or it has been restarted, it registers to its known IMS-ALGs using the IMS-AGW Restoration procedure or the IMS-AGW Registration procedure. The IMS-AGW can indicate whether the Service has been restored or whether it has restarted with a cold or warm boot. If the IMS-ALG does not wish to sustain an association with the IMS-AGW, the response sent to the IMS-AGW may indicate an alternative IMS-ALG signalling address, in which case the IMS-AGW shall not consider itself registered and should preferably attempt to re-register with this alternative IMS-ALG before any further alternate IMS-ALGs. Otherwise, the response shall not indicate any alternative IMS-ALG signalling address.

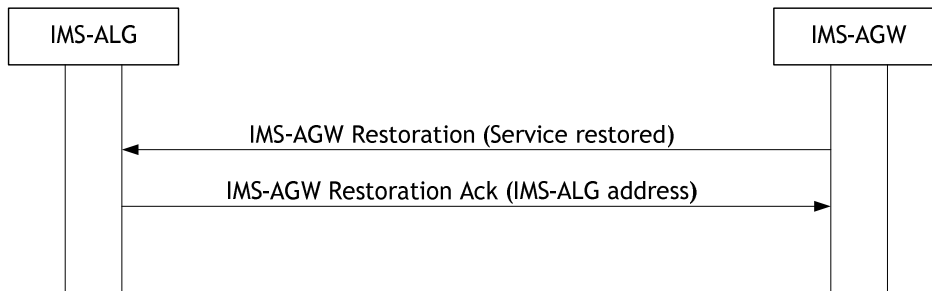


Figure 6.1.4.1: IMS-AGW Restoration

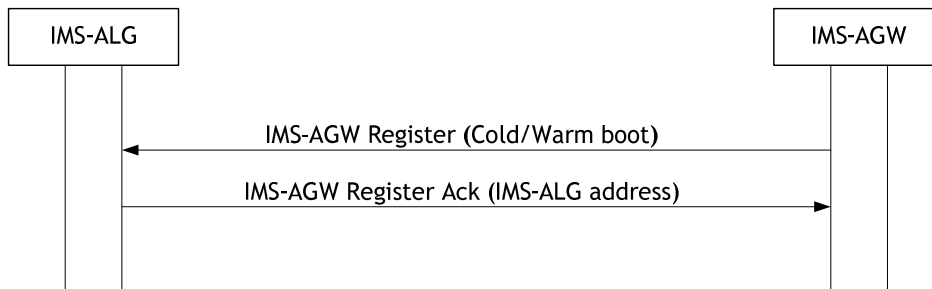


Figure 6.1.4.2 IMS-AGW Registration

After the recovery the IMS-ALG can use the IMS-AGW.

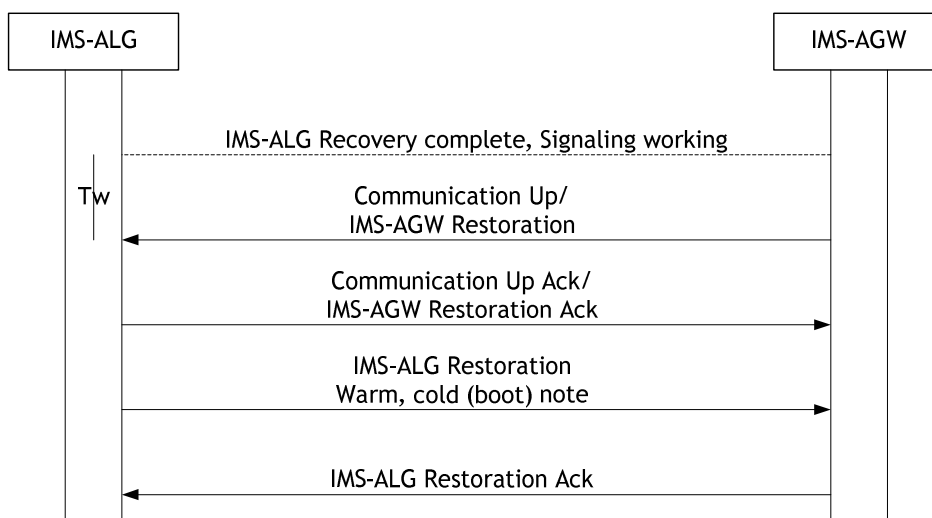
6.1.5 IMS-ALG Recovery

6.1.5.1 General

If an IMS-AGW-unavailable condition is provoked by a failure/recovery action, the IMS-ALG recovery sequence will, from an information flow point of view, look like IMS-AGW unavailable and then IMS-AGW available. If an IMS-AGW-unavailable condition is not provoked, the IMS-ALG recovery sequence will look like IMS-AGW available.

After the information flow, the terminations affected by the recovery action are released.

6.1.5.2 IMS-ALG Restoration



NOTE: Normal release procedure may also be initiated.

Figure 6.1.5.2.1: IMS-ALG Restoration

After the recovery action is complete and it is possible to signal to the IMS-AGW the IMS-ALG starts a timer Tw. If recovery indications are not received (IMS-AGW Communication Up or IMS-AGW Restoration) from the IMS-AGW during Tw an Audit is sent. If the IMS-ALG receives a recovery indication or IMS-AGW communication up indication, it shall acknowledge the indication before the IMS-ALG Restoration may be sent or the release procedure is initiated.

6.1.6 IMS-AGW Re-register

When the IMS-ALG requests an IMS-AGW to perform a registration (see subclauses 6.1.3, 6.1.4 and 6.1.7), the IMS-AGW performs a re-registration to the IMS-ALG which is defined in the IMS-ALG address.

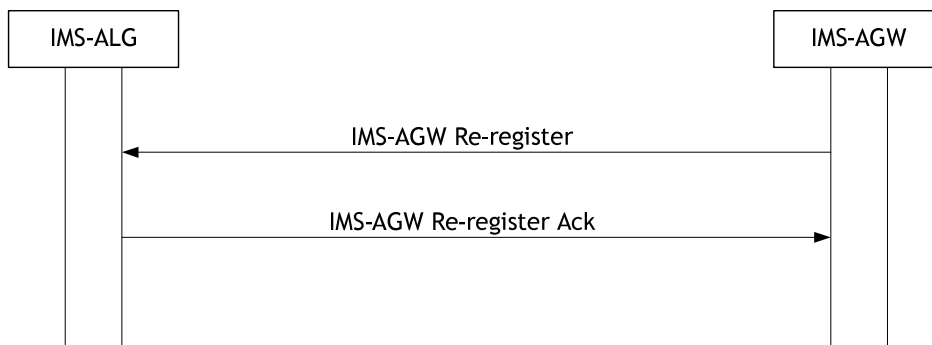


Figure 6.1.6.1: Re-registration of an IMS-AGW

6.1.7 IMS-AGW Re-registration Ordered by IMS-ALG

If the IMS-ALG knows that communication is possible, but the IMS-AGW has not registered, the IMS-ALG can order re-registration of the IMS-AGW.

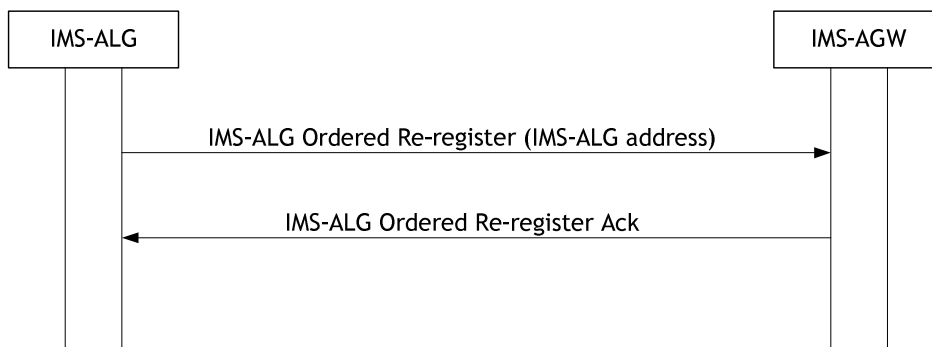


Figure 6.1.7.1: Re-registration ordered by the IMS-ALG

If the re-registration request is accepted the IMS-AGW uses the IMS-AGW Re-register procedure to register with the IMS-ALG.

6.1.8 Audit of IMS-AGW

6.1.8.1 Audit of Value

The IMS-ALG may request the IMS-AGW to report the current values assigned to distinct objects in the IMS-AGW. This procedure may be used when a change has occurred in the IMS-ALG such that the IMS-ALG is unsure of the current Service State of Terminations.

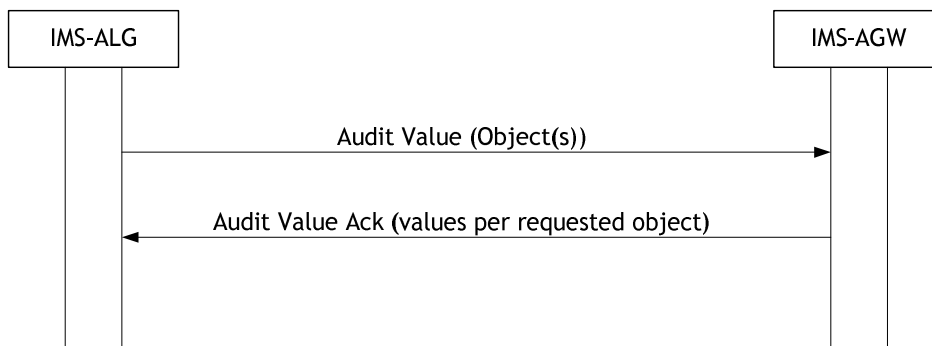


Figure 6.1.8.1.1: Audit Value

6.1.8.2 Audit of Capability

The IMS-ALG may request the IMS-AGW to report the capabilities of distinct objects in the MGW.

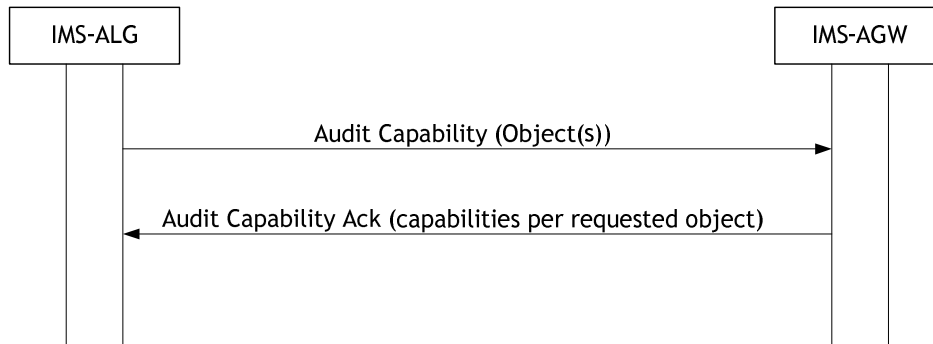


Figure 6.1.8.2.1: Audit Capability

6.1.9 IMS-AGW Capability Change

The IMS-AGW reports a change of capability of distinct objects in the MGW.

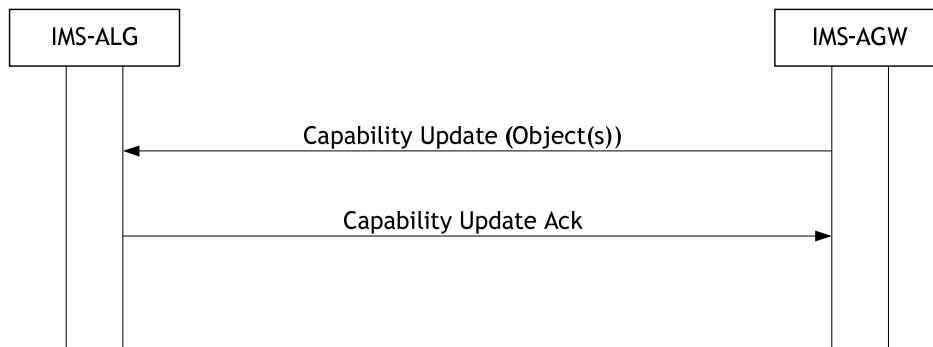


Figure 6.1.9.1: Capability Update

The IMS-ALG may use the Audit Value and/or Audit Capability procedures to obtain further information, about the objects whose capabilities have changed.

6.1.10 IMS-ALG Out of service

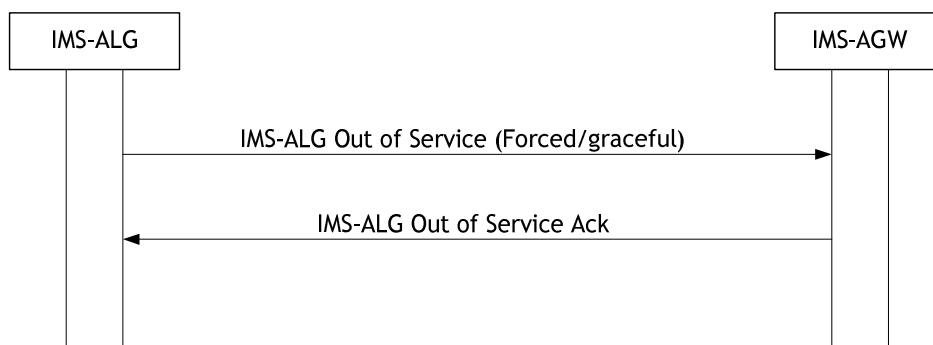


Figure 6.1.10.1: IMS-ALG Out of Service

If an IMS-ALG discovers that it wants to go out of service it may start an IMS-ALG Out of Service procedure. The IMS-ALG can indicate whether it requires the context to be cleared immediately (forced) or cleared as the bearer control protocol clears the bearer (Graceful).

6.1.11 IMS-AGW Resource Congestion Handling - Activate

When the IMS-ALG requires that an IMS-AGW congestion notification mechanism be applied in the MGW, the IMS-ALG shall use the IMS-AGW Resource Congestion Handling - Activate procedure towards the IMS-AGW.

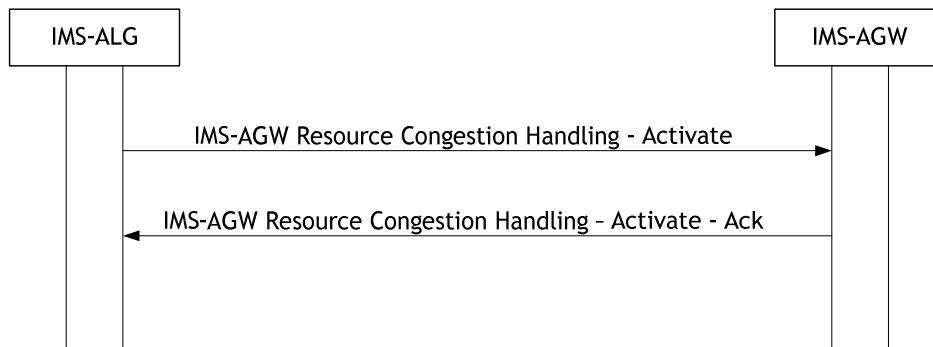


Figure 6.1.11.1: IMS-AGW Resource Congestion Handling - Activate

6.1.12 MGW Resource Congestion Handling - Indication

When the IMS-ALG receives a load reduction notification from the IMS-AGW via the IMS-AGW Resource Congestion Handling - Indication procedure, the IMS-ALG tries to reduce the processing load that the IMS-ALG creates on the IMS-AGW. The IMS-AGW shall decide the actual level of traffic reduction.

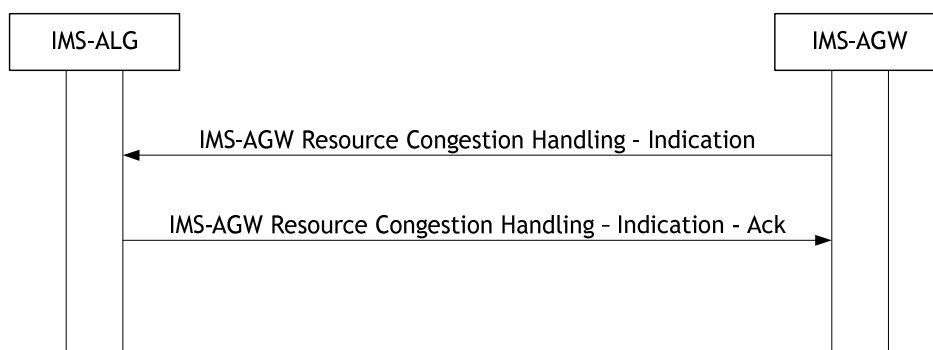


Figure 6.1.12.1: IMS-AGW Resource Congestion Handling – Indication

6.1.13 Control association monitoring

Monitoring of the H.248 control association may be performed by monitoring the status of the transport link association where the transport protocol provides sufficient coupling to the H.248.1 protocol, i.e. if the transport link association is disconnected when no local H.248.1 protocol connection exists.

An alternative method for the IMS-AGW to detect loss of the IMS-ALG may be achieved by requesting the IMS-AGW to poll the IMS-ALG periodically

Upon registration of an IMS-AGW, the IMS-ALG may use the Inactivity Timeout - Activate procedure towards the IMS-AGW to request the IMS-AGW to monitor incoming messages for periods of silence exceeding the maximum inactivity timer value.

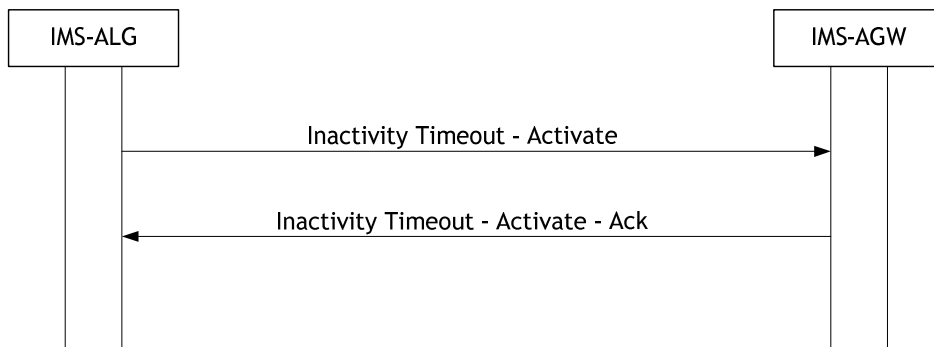


Figure 6.1.13.1: Inactivity Timeout - Activate

Upon receipt of an inactivity timeout notification from the IMS-AGW via the Inactivity Timeout - Indication procedure, the IMS-ALG shall send a reply to the IMS-AGW. If the IMS-ALG has failed, the IMS-AGW will not receive a reply.

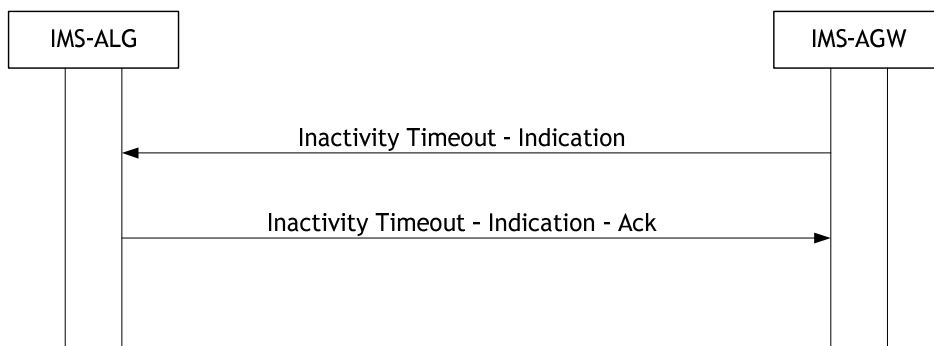


Figure 6.1.13.2: Inactivity Timeout - Indication

If no Inactivity Timeout – Indication Ack reply is received, the IMS-AGW shall consider the IMS-ALG to have failed. The IMS-AGW may then attempt to re-contact its controlling IMS-ALG by performing IMS-AGW Communication Up. If not successful, the IMS-AGW may then attempt to register to a new IMS-ALG.

6.1.14 Realm Availability Monitoring

If the IMS-AGW supports IP Realm Availability monitoring, the IMS-ALG may request the monitoring of the available IP Realms by the IMS-AGW; the IMS-AGW shall inform the IMS-ALG of any changes in realm availability.

NOTE: The IMS-ALG can use the AuditValue procedure to determine which IP realms are currently available.

The IMS-ALG may use the Realm Availability - Activate procedure towards the IMS-AGW to request the IMS-AGW to monitor the status of its IP Realms.

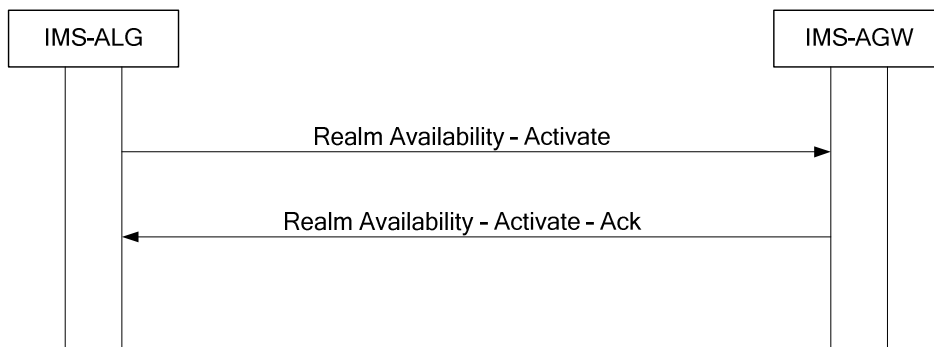


Figure 6.1.14.1: Realm Availability - Activate

The IMS-AGW shall inform the IMS-ALG via the Realm Availability – Notification procedure.

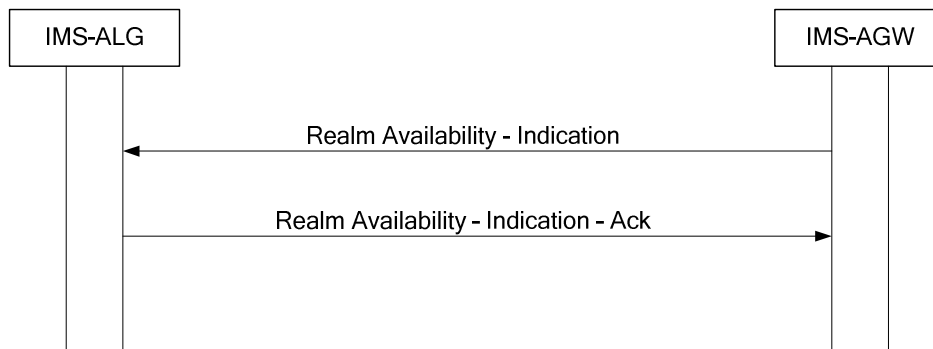


Figure 6.1.14.2: Realm Availability - Indication

On being informed of newly available/unavailable realms, IMS-ALG shall take appropriate action (e.g. update its list of available realms etc.).

6.1.15 Failure of IP Port, Interface or Group of Interfaces

This procedure only applies when text encoding is used on the H.248 interface.

The IMS-ALG shall and the IMS-AGW may support the Termination Out-of-Service procedure.

If the IMS AGW suffers a loss of physical IP device(s) that pertain to a whole IP Realm it may report the IP Realm as unavailable (see subclause 6.1.14). However, it is possible that a failure affects a physical port or group of ports that forms a subset of the IP Realm and therefore many terminations are affected. In such cases the IMS-AGW may initiate a Termination Out of Service procedure to inform the IMS-ALG that the set of terminations is out of service. This is shown in Figure 6.1.15.1.

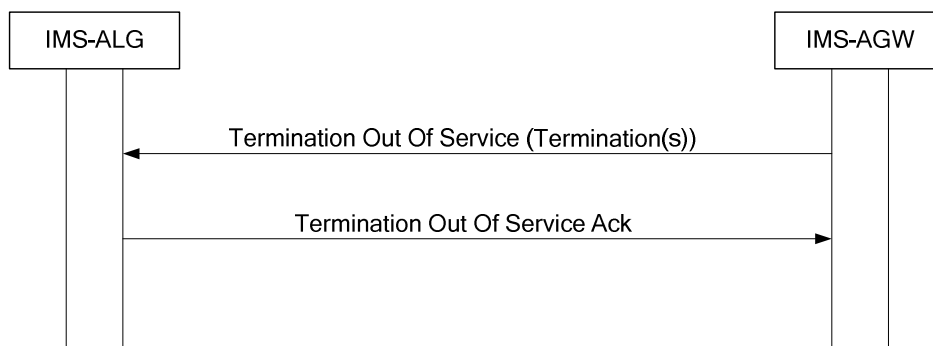


Figure 6.1.15.1: Termination Out of Service

On receipt of the Termination Out Of Service the IMS-ALG shall initiate the appropriate actions, e.g. by subtracting the affected terminations and releasing the affected calls.

NOTE: This procedure provides an alternative failure reporting to the IP Bearer Released procedure (which allows reporting the failure of one IP Bearer / termination). The Termination Out-of-Service procedure avoids sending an avalanche of notifications when the failure affects multiple ephemeral terminations.

6.2 Call Related Procedures

6.2.1 Gate Control & Local NA(P)T procedure

The session establishment and session release procedures are specified in 3GPP TS 23.228 [2] Annex G.4.3 and G.4.

Figure 6.2.1.2 depicts the signalling flow for a session setup from the IMS access network towards the IMS core network when the P-CSCF invokes the IMS-ALG function for a session. The same signalling flow applies for a session setup from the IMS core network towards the IMS access network with the exception that terminations T1 and T2 are then exchanged.

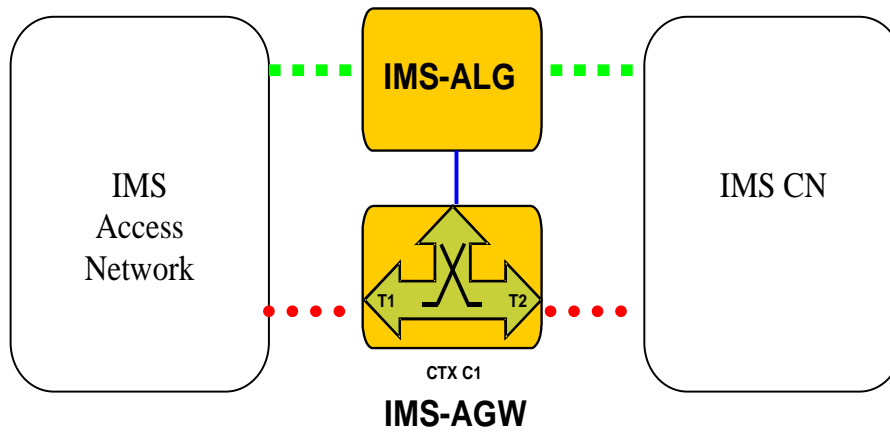


Figure 6.2.1.1: H.248 Context Model

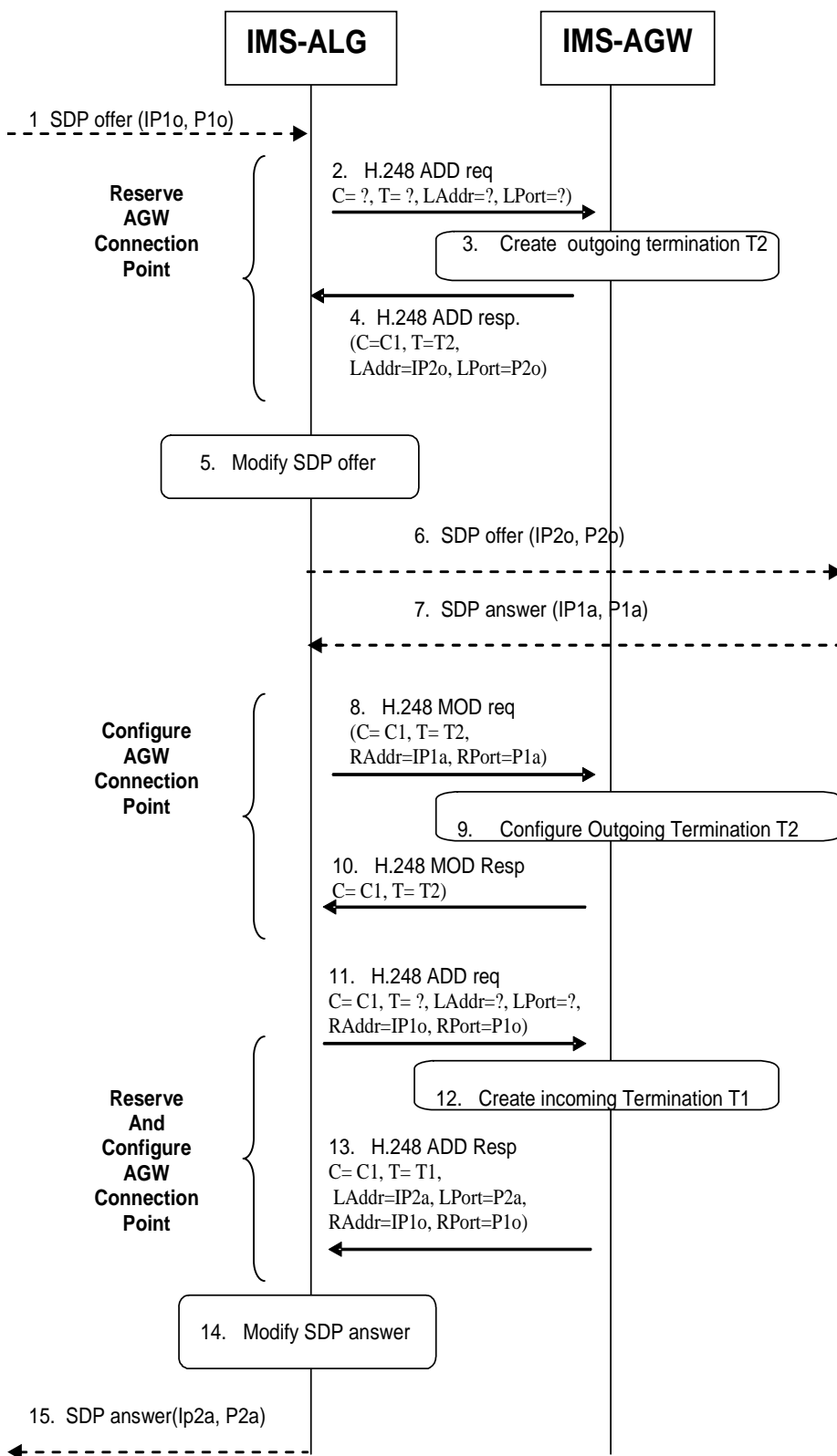


Figure 6.2.1.2: IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW interaction at session establishment

Upon receipt of a session initiation request, the IMS-ALG shall extract the offerer's destination network address(es) and port number(s) from the signalling message body received from the calling party endpoint. It shall then request the IMS-AGW to allocate transport resources (T2) via the Reserve AGW Connection Point procedure. Upon receipt of the

response from the IMS-AGW, the IMS-ALG shall modify the offerer's destination address(es) and/or port(s) contained in the application signalling message body and propagate the session establishment toward the terminating party.

On receipt of the terminating end SDP in the session establishment response, the IMS-ALG shall pass the information to the IMS-AGW in the Configure AGW Connection Point procedure and shall request the IMS-AGW to allocate transport resources (T1) via the Reserve and Configure AGW Connection Point. Upon receiving the response from the IMS-AGW, the IMS-ALG shall modify the answerer's destination address(es) and/or port(s) contained in the application signalling message body and pass the information to the originating party.

On session termination, the IMS-ALG shall request the IMS-AGW to release its transport resources via the Release AGW Termination procedure.

6.2.2 IP realm indication procedure

This procedure is identical to that of subclause 6.2.1 apart from the IMS-ALG optionally specifying the required IP Realm to the IMS-AGW when requesting the allocation of transport resources on the IMS-AGW.

6.2.3 Remote NA(P)T traversal support procedure

This procedure is identical to that of subclause 6.2.1 apart from the IMS-ALG optionally indicating to the IMS-AGW that the remote media address/port information (supplied by the IMS-ALG) shall not be used as the destination address for outgoing media. Instead, the IMS-AGW shall "latch" or "relatch" onto the required destination address via the source address/port of the incoming media. The IMS-ALG may command the IMS-AGW to latch once (on the first received packet) or to re-latch (i.e. to check for a change of source address on the incoming media stream and latch once on this new address).

6.2.4 Remote Source Address/Port Filtering

This procedure is identical to that of subclause 6.2.1 apart from the IMS-ALG optionally specifying the required IP address and/or port to be used to screen received media packets on a termination.

This subclause considers when the IMS-ALG is acting as an Entry point and remote source transport address filtering is required towards the external network.

As a security related option, on request from the IMS-ALG, filtering may be enabled to check/validate the source address or source address and port number of incoming packets from the external network. If the IMS-ALG requests address filtering, it may additionally provide an address specification, which may identify either a single address or a range of addresses, against which filtering is to be performed. The absence of such an address specification in the request shall implicitly request filtering against the IP address of the remote connection address. In addition to address filtering, the IMS-ALG may also request port filtering. If the IMS-ALG requests port filtering, it may additionally include either a port or a range of ports, against which filtering is to be performed. The absence of a port specification in the request shall implicitly request filtering against the port of the remote connection address.

If the IMS-AGW is requested to apply source IP address and possibly source port filtering, it shall only pass incoming IP packets from the identified source, and discard IP packets from other sources.

If remote source address filtering is required for the created termination, then the IMS-ALG shall include the information element "Remote source address filtering" in the request sent to the IMS-AGW. In addition, it may also include the information element "Remote source address mask" in order to request filtering of a range of addresses.

If remote source port filtering is required for the created termination (in addition to remote source address filtering), then the IMS-ALG shall include the information element "Remote source port filtering" in the request sent to the IMS-AGW. It may also include one of the information elements "Remote source port" or "Remote source port range".

Subsequently, the IMS-AGW shall apply filtering as requested to the packets arriving from the external network. Any packet arriving, which does not meet the filtering requirement, shall be discarded.

6.2.5 Traffic Policing

This procedure is identical to that of subclause 6.2.1 apart from the IMS-ALG optionally requesting the IMS-AGW to police the media stream flow according to one or more of the following media policing(s) through the IMS-AGW, in accordance with IETF RFC 2216 [10].

The following media policing shall be supported at the IMS-AGW:

- **Sustainable Data Rate (SDR) Policing:**

To request policing of the sustainable data rate of a media stream, the IMS-ALG shall request media policing for that media stream and shall provide the sustainable data rate, and shall provide a maximum burst size (MBS) indicating the expected maximum size of packet bursts for that media stream. The IMS-AGW shall then measure the data rate for the received packets within that media stream as per IETF RFC 2216 [10] for "Token Bucket", where $r = \text{SDR}$ and $b = \text{MBS}$. If the permissible sustainable data rate is exceeded, the IMS-AGW shall discard packets to reduce the data rate to the permissible sustainable data rate.

NOTE 1: The IMS-ALG can derive the sustainable data rate from bandwidth parameters if it receives them within an SDP description.

The following media policing may be supported in addition at the IMS-AGW ; if supported then the following applies:

- **Peak Data Rate Policing:**

To request policing of the peak data rate of a media stream, the IMS-ALG shall request media policing for that media stream and shall provide the peak data rate, and may provide a Delay Variation Tolerance indicating the expected maximum delay variation due to jitter for that media stream. The IMS-AGW shall then measure the data rate for the received packets within that media stream. If the permissible peak data rate is exceeded, the IMS-AGW shall discard packets to reduce the data rate to the permissible peak data rate. If both peak data rate and sustainable data rate have been provided for the same media stream, the IMS-AGW shall discard packets to reduce the data rate to the permissible peak data rate and should discard packets to reduce the data rate to the permissible sustainable data rate.

NOTE 2: The decision to apply or not traffic policing is general for all sessions with the same media characteristics (i.e. not user specific). The conditions which media policings to apply are beyond the scope of the specification. This can be based on the media characteristics of the session (e.g. media type).

6.2.6 Hanging Termination Detection

This procedure is identical to that of subclause 6.2.1 apart from the IMS-ALG requesting the IMS-AGW to periodically report termination heartbeat indications to detect hanging context and termination in the IMS-AGW that may result e.g. from a loss of communication between the IMS-ALG and the IMS-AGW.

When the IMS-ALG receives a termination heartbeat notification from the IMS-AGW via the Termination heartbeat - Indication procedure, the IMS-ALG shall return a Termination heartbeat - Indication Ack (without an error) if the context id / termination identity combination exists in the IMS-ALG. If it does not exist, the IMS-ALG shall return an error and shall correct the mismatch, e.g. by requesting the IMS-AGW to subtract the indicated termination and to clear any associated context.

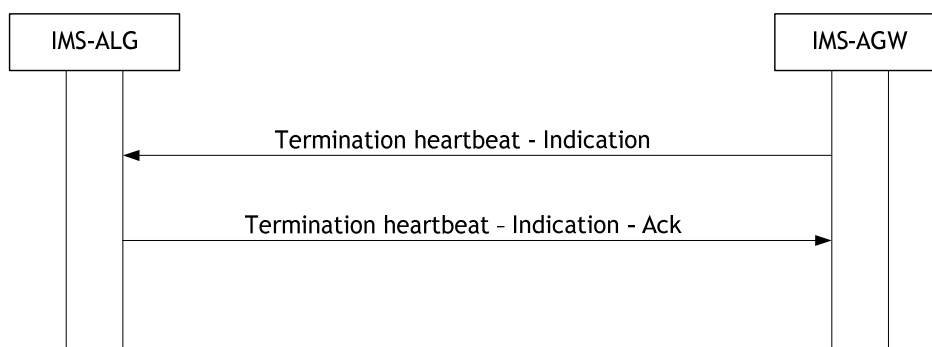


Figure 6.2.6.1: Termination heartbeat – Indication

6.2.7 QoS Packet Marking

This procedure is identical to that of subclause 6.2.1 apart from the IMS-ALG optionally specifying the setting of the DSCP for outgoing packets on a termination. The DSCP value may be explicitly set by the IMS-AGW or else copied from that received in the corresponding received packet.

If differentiated services are required for the created termination, then the IMS-ALG shall include the information elements "DiffServ Code Point" and/or "DiffServ Tagging Behaviour" in the request sent to the IMS-AGW.

Subsequently, for all egress packets, the IMS-AGW shall set the DiffServ Code Point in the IP header as specified by the IMS-ALG:

- If the DiffServ Tagging Behaviour information element was received with a value to indicate that the DiffServ Code Point should be copied, then the DiffServ Code Point in the IP header of the egress packet is copied from the ingress packet.
- If the Diffserv Tagging Behaviour information element was not received, or was received with a value to indicate that the DiffServ Code Point should be set to a specific value, then:
 - If the DiffServ Code Point information element was received, then the DiffServ Code Point in the IP header of the egress packet shall be set to the value received in the DiffServ Code Point information element.
 - If the DiffServ Code Point information element was not received, then the DiffServ Code Point in the IP header of the egress packet shall be set to a configured default value.

6.2.8 Media Inactivity Detection

This procedure is identical to that of subclause 6.2.1 apart from the IMS-ALG optionally requesting the IMS-AGW to detect inactive media.

If media inactivity detection is required for the created termination, the IMS-ALG may include the information elements "Inactivity detection time" and "Inactivity detection direction" in the request sent to the IMS-AGW. The IMS-ALG may request the detection of media inactivity on a termination or a stream basis.

When the IMS-ALG receives a notification of inactive media from the IMS-AGW via the Media Inactivity Notification procedure, the IMS-ALG shall return a Media Inactivity Notification Ack and shall take appropriate action (e.g. release the termination).

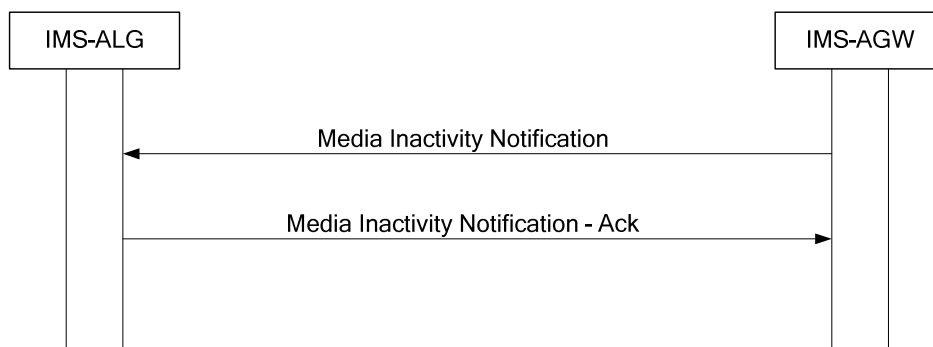


Figure 6.2.8.1: Media Inactivity Notification

6.2.9 Handling of RTCP streams

This procedure is identical to that of subclause 6.2.1 apart from the IMS-ALG optionally requesting the IMS-AGW to allocate or not allocate RTCP resources, and if RTCP is requested, optionally specifying the remote RTCP port and address, and bandwidth allocation for RTCP.

7 Charging

The charging is specified in 3GPP TS 32.260 [5]. No requirements are identified for the Iq interface.

8 Messages/Procedures and Contents

8.1 General

This clause describes logical signalling procedures between the IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW. The procedures within this clause are intended to be implemented using the standard H.248 procedure as defined in ITU recommendation H.248.1 [9] with appropriate parameter combinations.

8.2 Reserve and Configure AGW Connection Point

This procedure is used to reserve multimedia-processing resources for the Iq interface connection.

Table 8.2.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: Reserve and Configure AGW Connection Point

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
Reserve and Configure AGW Connection Point	IMS-ALG	Context/Context Request	M	This information element indicates the existing context or requests a new context for the bearer termination.
		Bearer Termination Request	M	This information element indicates the existing bearer termination or requests a new bearer termination for the bearer to be established.
		Local IP Resources	O	This information element indicates the resource(s) for which the IMS-AGW shall be prepared to receive user data. For terminations supporting any combination of video, audio and messaging this IE shall contain separate resources per stream.
		ReserveValue	O	This information element indicates if multiple local resources are to be reserved
		Remote IP Resources	O	This information element indicates the resource(s) for which the IMS-AGW shall send data. For terminations supporting any combination of video, audio and messaging this IE shall contain separate resources per stream.
		Local Connection Address Request	M	This information element requests an IP address and port number(s) on the IMS-AGW that the remote end can send user plane data to. For terminations supporting any combination of video, audio and messaging this may contain multiple addresses.
		Remote Connection Address	M	This information element indicates the remote IP address and port number(s) that the IMS-AGW can send user plane data to. For terminations supporting any combination of video, audio and messaging this may contain multiple addresses.
		Notify termination heartbeat	M	This information element requests termination heartbeat indications. This information element shall be included when requesting a new bearer termination. Otherwise the information element is optional.
		Notify Released Bearer	O	This information element requests a notification of a released bearer.
		Latching Requirement	O	This information element indicates that the IMS-AGW should (re)latch onto the address of received media packets to determine the corresponding destination address.
IP Realm Identifier	O	This information element indicates the IP realm of the bearer termination.		

		Remote Source Address Filtering	O	This information element indicates that remote source address filtering is required.
		Remote Source Address Mask	C	This information element provides information on the valid remote source addresses. This is required if a range of remote source address filtering is required.
		Remote Source Port Filtering	O	This information element indicates that remote source port filtering is required.
		Remote Source Port	C	This information element identifies the valid remote source port. This may be included if remote source port filtering is included. (NOTE 1)
		Remote Source Port Range	C	This information element identifies a range of valid remote source ports. This may be included if remote source port filtering is included. (NOTE 1)
		Traffic Policing Required	O	This information element indicates that policing of the media flow is required.
		Peak Data Rate	O	This information element may be present if Policing is required and specifies the permissible peak data rate for a media stream. (NOTE 2)..
		Sustainable Data Rate	O	This information element may be present if Policing is required and specifies the permissible sustainable data rate for a media stream. (NOTE 2).
		Delay Variation Tolerance	O	This information element may be present if Policing on Peak Data Rate is required and specifies the maximum expected delay variation tolerance for the corresponding media stream.
		Maximum Burst Size	C	This information element shall be present if Policing on Sustainable Data Rate is required and specifies the maximum expected burst size for the corresponding media stream.
		DiffServ Code Point	O	This information element indicates a specific DiffServ code point to be used in the IP header in packets sent on the bearer termination.
		DiffServ Tagging Behaviour	O	This information element indicates whether the Diffserv code point in the IP header in packets sent on the bearer termination shall be copied from the received value or set to a specific value.
		Media Inactivity Detection Required	O	This information element indicates that detection of inactive media flows is required.
		Media Inactivity Detection Time	C	This information element may be present if Inactive Media Detection is required and specifies the Inactivity Detection time.
		Media Inactivity Detection Direction	C	This information element may be present if Inactive Media Detection is required and specifies the Inactivity Detection direction.
		RTCP handling	O	This information element is present if IMS-ALG wants explicitly control the reservation of RTCP resources by the IMS-AGW.
Reserve and Configure AGW Connection Point Ack	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates the context where the command was executed.
		Bearer Termination	M	This information element indicates the bearer termination where the command was executed.

		Local IP Resources	O	<p>This information element indicates the resource(s) for which the IMS-AGW shall be prepared to receive user data.</p> <p>For terminations supporting any combination of video, audio and messaging this IE shall contain separate resources per stream.</p>
		Remote IP Resources	O	<p>This information element indicates the resource(s) for which the IMS-AGW shall send data.</p> <p>For terminations supporting any combination of video, audio and messaging this IE shall contain separate resources per stream.</p>
		Local Connection Address	M	<p>This information element indicates the IP address and port number(s) the IMS-AGW shall receive user plane data from IMS.</p> <p>For terminations supporting any combination of video, audio and messaging this may contain multiple addresses.</p>
		Remote Connection Address	O	<p>This information element indicates the remote IP address and port number(s) that the IMS-AGW can send user plane data to.</p> <p>For terminations supporting any combination of video, audio and messaging this may contain multiple addresses.</p>

NOTE 1: Remote Source Port and Remote Source Port Range are mutually exclusive.

NOTE 2: One of those IEs shall at least be present when policing is required.

8.3 Reserve AGW Connection Point Procedure

This procedure is used to reserve local connection addresses and local resources in IMS-AGW.

Table 8.3.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: Reserve AGW Connection Point

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
Reserve AGW Connection Point	IMS-ALG	Context /Context Request	M	This information element indicates the existing context or requests a new context for the bearer termination.
		Bearer Termination Request	M	This information element requests a new bearer termination
		Local IP Resources	O	This information element indicates the resource(s) for which the IMS-AGW shall be prepared to receive user data. For terminations supporting any combination of video, audio and messaging this IE shall contain separate resources per stream.
		ReserveValue	O	This information element indicates if multiple local resources are to be reserved.
		Local Connection Address Request	M	This information element requests an IP address and port number(s) on the IMS-AGW that the remote end can send user plane data to. For terminations supporting any combination of video, audio and messaging this may contain multiple addresses.
		Notify termination heartbeat	M	This information element requests termination heartbeat indications.
		Notify Released Bearer	O	This information element requests a notification of a released bearer.
		Latching Requirement	O	This information element indicates that the IMS-AGW should (re)latch onto the address of received media packets to determine the corresponding destination address.
		IP Realm Identifier	O	This information element indicates the IP realm of the bearer termination.
		Remote Source Address Filtering	O	This information element indicates that remote source address filtering is required.
		Remote Source Address Mask	C	This information element provides information on the valid remote source addresses. This is required if a range of remote source address filtering is required.
		Remote Source Port Filtering	O	This information element indicates that remote source port filtering is required.
		Remote Source Port	C	This information element identifies the valid remote source port. This may be included if remote source port filtering is included. (NOTE 1)
		Remote Source Port Range	C	This information element identifies a range of valid remote source ports. This may be included if remote source port filtering is included. (NOTE 1)
Policing Required	O	This information element indicates that policing of the media flow is required.		

		Peak Data Rate	O	This information element may be present if Policing is required and specifies the permissible peak data rate for a media stream. (NOTE 2).
		Sustainable Data Rate	O	This information element may be present if Policing is required and specifies the permissible sustainable data rate for a media stream. (NOTE 2).
		Delay Variation Tolerance	O	This information element may be present if Policing on Peak Data Rate is required and specifies the maximum expected delay variation tolerance for the corresponding media stream.
		Maximum Burst Size	C	This information element shall be present if Policing on Sustainable Data Rate is required and specifies the maximum expected burst size for the corresponding media stream.
		DiffServ Code Point	O	This information element indicates a specific DiffServ code point to be used in the IP header in packets sent on the bearer termination.
		DiffServ Tagging Behaviour	O	This information element indicates whether the Diffserv code point in the IP header in packets sent on the bearer termination should be copied from the received value or set to a specific value.
		Media Inactivity Detection Required	O	This information element indicates that detection of inactive media flows is required.
		Media Inactivity Detection Time	C	This information element may be present if Inactive Media Detection is required and specifies the Inactivity Detection time.
		Media Inactivity Detection Direction	C	This information element may be present if Inactive Media Detection is required and specifies the Inactivity Detection direction.
		RTCP handling	O	This information element is present if IMS-ALG wants explicitly control the reservation of RTCP resources by the IMS-AGW.
Reserve AGW Connection Point Ack	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates the context where the command was executed.
		Bearer Termination	M	This information element indicates the bearer termination where the command was executed.
		Local IP Resources	O	This information element indicates the resource(s) for which the IMS-AGW shall be prepared to receive user data For terminations supporting any combination of video, audio and messaging this IE shall contain separate resources per stream.
		Local Connection Address	M	This information element indicates the IP address and port number(s) the IMS-AGW shall receive user plane data from IMS. For terminations supporting any combination of video, audio and messaging this may contain multiple addresses.
NOTE 1: Remote Source Port and Remote Source Port Range are mutually exclusive.				
NOTE 2: One of those IEs shall at least be present when policing is required.				

8.4 Configure AGW Connection Point Procedure

This procedure is used to select or modify multimedia-processing resources for the Iq interface connection.

Table 8.4.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: Configure AGW Connection Point

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
Configure AGW Connection Point	IMS-ALG	Context	M	This information element indicates the context for the bearer termination.
		Bearer Termination	M	This information element indicates the existing bearer termination.
		Local IP Resources	O	This information element indicates the resource(s) for which the IMS-AGW shall be prepared to receive user data. For terminations supporting any combination of video, audio and messaging this IE shall contain separate resources per stream.
		Remote IP Resources	O	This information element indicates the resource(s) for which the IMS-AGW shall send data. For terminations supporting any combination of video, audio and messaging this IE shall contain separate resources per stream.
		Local Connection Address	O	This information element indicates the IP address and port number(s) on the IMS-AGW that the IMS user can send user plane data to. For terminations supporting video any combination of video, audio and messaging may contain multiple addresses.
		Remote Connection Address	O	This information element indicates the remote IP address and port number(s) that the IMS-AGW can send user plane data to. For terminations supporting any combination of video, audio and messaging this may contain multiple addresses.
		Latching Requirement	O	This information element indicates that the IMS-AGW should (re)latch onto the address of received media packets to determine the corresponding destination address.
		IP Realm Identifier	O	This information element indicates the IP realm of the bearer termination. (NOTE 3)
		Remote Source Address Filtering	O	This information element indicates that remote source address filtering is required.
		Remote Source Address Mask	C	This information element provides information on the valid remote source addresses. This is required if a range of remote source address filtering is required.
Remote Source Port Filtering	O	This information element indicates that remote source port filtering is required.		

		Remote Source Port	C	This information element identifies the valid remote source port. This may be included if remote source port filtering is included. (NOTE 1)
		Remote Source Port Range	C	This information element identifies a range of valid remote source ports. This may be included if remote source port filtering is included. (NOTE 1)
		Policing Required	O	This information element indicates that policing of the media flow is required.
		Peak Data Rate	O	This information element may be present if Policing is required and specifies the permissible peak data rate for a media stream. (NOTE 2).
		Sustainable Data Rate	O	This information element may be present if Policing is required and specifies the permissible sustainable data rate for a media stream. (NOTE 2).
		Delay Variation Tolerance	O	This information element may be present if Policing on Peak Data Rate is required and specifies the maximum expected delay variation tolerance for the corresponding media stream.
		Maximum Burst Size	C	This information element shall be present if Policing on Sustainable Data Rate is required and specifies the maximum expected burst size for the corresponding media stream.
		DiffServ Code Point	O	This information element indicates a specific DiffServ code point to be used in the IP header in packets sent on the bearer termination.
		DiffServ Tagging Behaviour	O	This information element indicates whether the Diffserv code point in the IP header in packets sent on the bearer termination should be copied from the received value or set to a specific value.
		Media Inactivity Detection Required	O	This information element indicates that detection of inactive media flows is required.
		Media Inactivity Detection Time	C	This information element may be present if Inactive Media Detection is required and specifies the Inactivity Detection time.
		Media Inactivity Detection Direction	C	This information element may be present if Inactive Media Detection is required and specifies the Inactivity Detection direction.
		RTCP handling	O	This information element is present if IMS-ALG wants explicitly control the reservation of RTCP resources by the IMS-AGW.
Configure AGW Connection Point Ack	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates the context where the command was executed.
		Bearer Termination	M	This information element indicates the bearer termination where the command was executed.

		Local IP Resources	O	This information element indicates the resource(s) for which the IMS-AGW shall be prepared to receive user data For terminations supporting any combination of video, audio and messaging this IE shall contain separate resources per stream.
		Remote IP Resources	O	This information element indicates the resource(s) for which the IMS-AGW shall send data. For terminations supporting any combination of video, audio and messaging this IE shall contain separate resources per stream.
		Local Connection Address	O	This information element indicates the IP address and port number(s) on the IMS-AGW that the IMS user can send user plane data to. For terminations supporting any combination of video, audio and messaging this may contain multiple addresses.
		Remote Connection Address	O	This information element indicates the remote IP address and port number(s) that the IMS-AGW can send user plane data to. For terminations supporting any combination of video, audio and messaging this may contain multiple addresses.
<p>NOTE 1: Remote Source Port and Remote Source Port Range are mutually exclusive.</p> <p>NOTE 2: One of those IEs shall at least be present when policing is required.</p> <p>NOTE 3: Additional streams may be added by the Configure AGW Connection Point procedure. The additional streams shall then carry the same IP Realm Identifier as the very first Stream.</p>				

8.5 Release AGW Termination

This procedure is used to release a termination towards the IMS and free all related resources.

Table 8.5.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: Release AGW Termination

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
Release AGW Termination	IMS-ALG	Context	M	This information element indicates the existing context for the bearer termination.
		Bearer Termination	M	This information element indicates the bearer termination to be released.
Release AGW Termination Ack	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates the context where the command was executed.
		Bearer Termination	M	This information element indicates the bearer termination where the command was executed.

8.6 Termination heartbeat indication

This procedure is used to report a termination heartbeat.

Table 8.6.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: Termination heartbeat indication

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
Termination heartbeat indication	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates the context for the bearer termination.
		Bearer Termination	M	This information element indicates the bearer termination for which the termination heartbeat is reported.
		Termination heartbeat	M	Hanging Termination event, as defined in 3GPP TS 29.334 [3].
Termination heartbeat indication Ack	IMS-ALG	Context	M	This information element indicates the context where the command was executed.
		Bearer Termination	M	This information element indicates the bearer termination where the command was executed.

8.7 IMS-AGW Out-of-Service

This procedure is used to indicate that the IMS-AGW will go out of service or is maintenance locked.

Table 8.7.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: IMS-AGW Out-of-Service

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
IMS-AGW Out-of-Service	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates the context for the command.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates the root termination for the command.
		Reason	M	This information element indicates the reason for service change.
		Method	M	This information element indicates the method for service change.
IMS-AGW Out-of-Service Ack	IMS-ALG	Context	M	This information element indicates the context where the command was executed.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates the root termination where the command was executed.

8.8 IMS-AGW Communication Up

This procedure is used to indicate that the IMS-AGW is back in service using an existing control association.

Table 8.8.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: IMS-AGW Communication Up

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
IMS-AGW Communication Up	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates the context for the command.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates the root termination for the command.
		Reason	M	This information element indicates the reason for service change.
		Method	M	This information element indicates the method for service change.
IMS-AGW Communication Up Ack	IMS-ALG	Context	M	This information element indicates the context where the command was executed.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates the root termination where the command was executed.
		IMS-ALG Address	O	This information element indicates the IMS-ALG signalling address to which the IMS-AGW should preferably attempt to re-register.

8.9 IMS-AGW Restoration

This procedure is used to indicate the IMS-AGW has recovered from a failure.

Table 8.9.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: IMS-AGW Restoration

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
IMS-AGW Restoration	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates the context for the command.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates the root termination for the command.
		Reason	M	This information element indicates the reason for the service change.
		Method	M	This information element indicates the method for service change.
IMS-AGW Restoration Ack	IMS-ALG	Context	M	This information element indicates the context where the command was executed.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates the root termination where the command was executed.
		IMS-ALG Address	O	This information element indicates the IMS-ALG signalling address to which the IMS-AGW should preferably attempt to re-register.

8.10 IMS-AGW Register

This procedure is used to register the IMS-AGW after a cold/warm boot.

Table 8.10.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: IMS-AGW Register

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
IMS-AGW Register	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates the context for the command.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates the root termination for the command.
		Reason	M	This information element indicates the reason for the service change.
		Method	M	This information element indicates the method for service change.
		Protocol Version	M	This information element indicates the protocol version for Iq interface requested by the IMS-AGW.
		Service Change Profile	M	This information element indicates the profile for the Iq interface requested by the IMS-AGW.
IMS-AGW Register Ack	IMS-ALG	Context	M	This information element indicates the context where the command was executed.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates the root termination where the command was executed.
		Protocol Version	O	This information element indicates the protocol version for Iq interface supported by the IMS-ALG.
		Service Change Profile	O	This information element indicates the profile for the Iq interface supported by the IMS-ALG.
		IMS-ALG Address	O	This information element indicates the IMS-ALG signalling address to which the IMS-AGW should preferably attempt to re-register.

8.11 IMS-ALG Restoration

This procedure is used to indicate the IMS-ALG has recovered from a failure.

Table 8.11.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: IMS-ALG Restoration

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
IMS-ALG Restoration	IMS-ALG	Context	M	This information element indicates the context for the command.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates the root termination for the command.
		Reason	M	This information element indicates the reason for the service change.
		Method	M	This information element indicates the method for service change.
IMS-ALG Restoration Ack	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates the context where the command was executed.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates the root termination where the command was executed.

8.12 IMS-AGW Re-register

This procedure is used to re-register the IMS-AGW (having been requested to do so by the IMS-ALG).

Table 8.12.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: IMS-AGW Re-register

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
IMS-AGW Re-register	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates the context for the command.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates the root termination for the command.
		Reason	M	This information element indicates the reason for the service change.
		Method	M	This information element indicates the method for service change.
		Protocol Version	M	This information element indicates the protocol version for Iq interface requested by the IMS-AGW.
		Service Change Profile	M	This information element indicates the profile for the Iq interface requested by the IMS-AGW.
IMS-AGW Re-register Ack	IMS-ALG	Context	M	This information element indicates the context where the command was executed.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates the root termination where the command was executed.
		Protocol Version	O	This information element indicates the protocol version for Iq interface supported by the IMS-ALG.
		Service Change Profile	O	This information element indicates the profile for the Iq interface supported by the IMS-ALG.
		IMS-ALG Address	O	This information element indicates the IMS-ALG signalling address to which the IMS-AGW should preferably attempt to re-register.

8.13 IMS-ALG Ordered Re-registration

This procedure is used by the IMS-ALG to request the IMS-AGW to re-register.

Table 8.13.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: IMS-ALG Ordered Re-register

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
IMS-ALG Ordered Re-register	IMS-ALG	Context	M	This information element indicates the context for the command.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates the root termination for the command.
		Reason	M	This information element indicates the reason for the service change.
		IMS-ALG Address	O	This information element indicates the IMS-ALG signalling address.
IMS-ALG Ordered Re-register Ack	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates the context where the command was executed.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates the root termination where the command was executed.

8.14 Audit Value

This procedure is used to audit values of different object(s).

Table 8.14.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: Audit Value

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
Audit Value	IMS-ALG	Context	M	This information element indicates the context for the command.
		Bearer Termination	M	This information element indicates the bearer termination(s) for the command.
		Object(s)	M	This information element indicates the object(s) to be audited.
Audit Value Ack	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates the context where the command was executed.
		Bearer Termination	M	This information element indicates the bearer termination where the command was executed.
		Value(s)	M	This information element indicates the value(s) of the object(s).

8.15 Audit Capability

This procedure is used to audit capabilities of different object(s).

Table 8.15.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: Audit Capability

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
Audit Capability	IMS-ALG	Context	M	This information element indicates the context for the command.
		Bearer Termination	M	This information element indicates the bearer termination(s) for the command.
		Object(s)	M	This information element indicates the object(s) which capability is requested.
Audit Capability Ack	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates the context where the command was executed.
		Bearer Termination	M	This information element indicates the bearer termination where the command was executed.
		Capabilities(s)	M	This information element indicates the capabilities of the object(s).

8.16 Capability Update

This procedure is used to indicate update of an object capability.

Table 8.16.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: Capability Update

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
Capability Update	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates the context for the command.
		Bearer Termination	M	This information element indicates the bearer termination(s) for the command.
		Reason	M	This information element indicates the reason for service change.
		Method	M	This information element indicates the method for service change.
Capability Update Ack	IMS-ALG	Context	M	This information element indicates the context where the command was executed.
		Bearer Termination	M	This information element indicates the bearer termination where the command was executed.

8.17 IMS-ALG Out of Service

This procedure is used to indicate that IMS-ALG has gone out of service.

Table 8.17.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: IMS-ALG Out of Service

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
IMS-ALG Out of Service	IMS-ALG	Context	M	This information element indicates the context for the command.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates the root termination for the command.
		Reason	M	This information element indicates the reason for the service change.
		Method	M	This information element indicates the method for service change.
IMS-ALG Out of Service Ack	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates the context where the command was executed.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates the root termination where the command was executed.

8.18 IMS-AGW Resource Congestion Handling - Activate

This procedure is used to activate the congestion handling mechanism.

Table 8.18.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: IMS-AGW Resource Congestion Handling - Activate

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
IMS-AGW Resource Congestion Handling – Activate	IMS-ALG	Context	M	This information element indicates that all context are applicable for the root termination.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates that root termination is where the congestion mechanism is activated.
		Congestion Activate	M	This information element requests to activate the congestion mechanism.
IMS-AGW Resource Congestion Handling - Activate Ack	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates that all context are where the command was executed.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates that root termination is where the command was executed.

8.19 IMS-AGW Resource Congestion Handling - Indication

This procedure is used to inform the IMS-ALG that traffic restriction is advised.

Table 8.19.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: IMS-AGW Resource Congestion Handling -Indication

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
IMS-AGW Resource Congestion Handling - Indication	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates all context are applicable for the root termination.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates that root termination is where the congestion mechanism was activated.
		Reduction	M	This information element indicates the load percentage to be reduced.
IMS-AGW Resource Congestion Handling - Indication Ack	IMS-ALG	Context	M	This information element indicates all context are where the command was executed.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates that root termination is where the command was executed.

8.20 Inactivity Timeout Activate

This procedure is used to activate the inactivity timeout mechanism.

Table 8.20.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: Inactivity Timeout Activate

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
Inactivity Timeout Activate	IMS-ALG	Context	M	This information element indicates all context are applicable for the root termination.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates that root termination is where inactivity timeout mechanism was activated.
		Inactivity Timeout Activate	M	This information element activates the Inactivity Timeout request.
		Inactivity Timeout	O	This information element indicates the maximum length of time before triggering the related notification.
Inactivity Timeout Activate Ack	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates all context are where the command was executed.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates that root termination is where the command was executed.

8.21 Inactivity Timeout Notification

This command is used to notify the IMS-ALG of an inactive control association.

Table 8.21.1: Procedures between IMS-AGW and IMS-ALG: Inactivity Timeout Notification

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
Inactivity Timeout Notification	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates all context are applicable for the root termination.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates that root termination is where the inactivity timeout mechanism was activated.
		Inactivity Timeout Notification	M	This information element notifies the IMS-ALG of an inactivity time period.
Inactivity Timeout Notification Ack	IMS-ALG	Context	M	This information element indicates all context are where the command was executed.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates that root termination is where the command was executed.

8.22 Command Reject

This command is used to reject the received command request. It may be used as response to any of the procedures.

Table 8.22.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: Command Reject

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
Command Reject	Both	Context	O	This information element indicates the context where the command was rejected.
		Bearer Termination	O	This information element indicates the bearer termination where the command was rejected.
		Error	M	This information element indicates the error that caused command rejection.

8.23 Realm Availability Activate

This command is used to request the IMS-AGW to monitor the status of its IP Realms and to report any changes to the IMS-ALG.

Table 8.23.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: Realm Availability Activate

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
Realm Availability Activate	IMS-ALG	Context	M	This information element indicates all context are applicable for the root termination.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates that root termination is where the realm availability monitoring was activated.
		Realm Availability Activate	M	This information element activates the monitoring of the availability of IP Realms on the IMS-AGW.
Realm Availability Activate Ack	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates all context are where the command was executed.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates that root termination is where the command was executed.

8.24 Realm Availability Notification

This command is used to notify the IMS-ALG of any changes in the availability of IP Realms on the IMS-AGW.

Table 8.24.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: Realm Availability Notification

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
Realm Availability Notification	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates all context are applicable for the root termination.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates that root termination is where the realm availability monitoring was activated.
		Realm Availability Changes	M	This information element notifies the IMS-ALG of newly available/unavailable IP Realms.
Realm Availability Notification Ack	IMS-ALG	Context	M	This information element indicates all context are where the command was executed.
		Root Termination	M	This information element indicates that root termination is where the command was executed.

8.25 IP Bearer Released

Table 8.25.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: IP Bearer Released

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
IP Bearer Released	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates the context for the bearer termination.
		Bearer Termination	M	This information element indicates the bearer termination where the bearer was released.
		Bearer Released	M	This information element notifies a bearer release.
		Release Cause	M	This information element indicates the cause of a bearer release.
IP Bearer Released Ack	IMS-ALG	Context	M	This information element indicates all context are where the command was executed.
		Bearer Termination	M	This information element indicates that Bearer termination is where the command was executed.

8.26 Media Inactivity Notification

This command is used to notify the IMS-ALG of media inactivity on the IMS-AGW.

Table 8.26.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: Media Inactivity Notification

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
Media Inactivity Notification	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates the existing context for the bearer termination.
		Bearer Termination	M	This information element indicates that bearer termination is where the media inactivity detection was activated.
		Media Inactivity	M	This information element notifies the IMS-ALG of Media inactivity detection on the bearer termination.
Media Inactivity Notification Ack	IMS-ALG	Context	M	This information element indicates the context where the command was executed.
		Bearer Termination	M	This information element indicates the bearer termination where the command was executed.

8.27 Termination Out-of-Service

This procedure is used to indicate that a termination on the IMS-AGW has gone out of service

Table 8.27.1: Procedures between IMS-ALG and IMS-AGW: Termination Out-of-Service

Procedure	Initiated	Information element name	Information element required	Information element description
Termination Out-of-Service	IMS-AGW	Context	M	This information element indicates the context for the command.
		Bearer Termination	M	This information element indicates the bearer termination(s) for the command.
		Reason	M	This information element indicates the reason for service change.
		Method	M	This information element indicates the method for service change.
Termination Out-of-Service Ack	IMS-ALG	Context	M	This information element indicates the context where the command was executed.
		Bearer Termination	M	This information element indicates the bearer termination(s) where the command was executed.

Annex A (informative): Change history

Change history							
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