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Fact Sheet on Blanket Data Retention: What is traffic data?

What traffic data is retained in accordance with Section 113b of the German Telecommunications Act (TKG)?

I. For publicly accessible telephone services:

- The telephone number or other identifier of the calling party and the connected line, and, in the case of transfer or extension, of any other connected line involved
- Date and time of the beginning and end of the connection, specifying the underlying time zone
- Information on the service used, if different services can be used as part of the telephone service

In short: From which number to which number is somebody calling, when, for how long, and how often?

II. Additional data retained for mobile telephone services

- The international mobile subscriber identity for the calling parties and the connected line (**IMSI**)
- The international identity of the calling party and the called mobile station equipment (**IMEI**)
- Date and time of the first activation of the service, specifying the underlying time zone, if services were paid for in advance (**first activation with prepaid**)

- in the case of Internet telephony services, also the Internet Protocol addresses of the calling party and the called party and assigned user identifiers (**for VoIP, the same as above**)

- in the case of the transmission of a short, multimedia or similar message; in this case, the information in accordance with Sentence 1, Number 2 (end and start of connection) shall be replaced by the times of transmission and receipt of the message;

In short: Who sends SMS, MMS or similar messages to whom, when, and how?

- for unanswered calls or calls which are unsuccessful due to network management intervention, provided that the provider of publicly accessible telephone services retains or records the traffic data cited in Sentence 1 for the purposes specified in Section 96 (1) Sentence 2.

In short: According to the retained information, who calls whom without success, when, and how often?

III. The providers of publicly available Internet access services retain:

- The Internet Protocol address assigned to the user for Internet use
- A clear identification of the connection via Internet use is made, as well as an assigned user identifier
- The date and time of the beginning and end of Internet use at the assigned Internet Protocol address, specifying the underlying time zone

In short: Who was in the network when, with which IP address, and (if applicable) MAC address?