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## Foreword

This Technical Specification (TS) has been produced by the Special Mobile Group (SMG) Technical Committee (TC) of the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI).

This TS specifies the technical realization of the handling of calls originated by a GSM mobile subscriber and calls directed to a GSM mobile subscriber, up to the point where the call is established within the digital cellular telecommunications system (Phase 2/Phase 2+).

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## 1 Scope

This ETSI Technical Specification (TS) specifies the technical realization of the handling of calls originated by a GSM mobile subscriber and calls directed to a GSM mobile subscriber, up to the point where the call is established. Normal release of the call after establishment is also specified.

The handling of DTMF signalling and Off-Air Call setup (OACSU) are not described in this specification.

The details of the effects of GSM supplementary services on the handling of a call are described in the relevant GSM 03.8x and GSM 03.9x series of specifications.

The specification of the handling of a request from the HLR for subscriber information is not part of basic call handling, but is required for both CAMEL (GSM 03.78 [4]) and optimal routeing (GSM 03.79 [5]). The use of the Provide Subscriber Information message flow is shown in GSM 03.78 [4] and GSM 03.79 [5].

The logical separation of the MSC and VLR (shown in clauses 4, 5 & 7), and the messages transferred between them (described in clause 8) are the basis of a model used to define the externally visible behaviour of the MSC/VLR, which is a single physical entity. They do not impose any requirement except the definition of the externally visible behaviour.

If there is any conflict between this specification and the corresponding stage 3 specifications (ETS 300 557 [13], ETS 300 590 [15] & ETS 300 599 [16]), the stage 3 specification shall prevail.

## 2 Normative references

This TS incorporates by dated and undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to or revisions of any of these publications apply to this TS only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

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### 3 Definitions and abbreviations

#### 3.1 Definitions

**A subscriber:** The calling mobile subscriber.

**B subscriber:** The mobile subscriber originally called by the A subscriber.

**C subscriber:** The subscriber to whom the B subscriber has requested that calls be forwarded. The C subscriber may be fixed or mobile.

**Location Information:** Information to define the whereabouts of the MS, and the age of the information defining the whereabouts.



### 3.2 Abbreviations

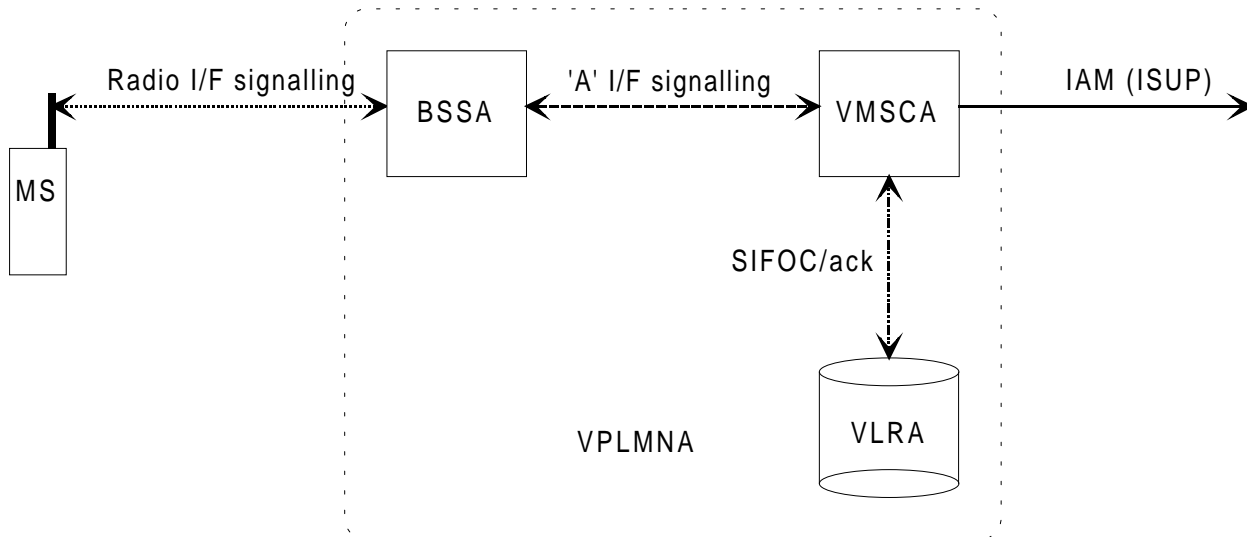
A&O	Active & Operative
ACM	Address Complete Message
ANM	ANswer Message
AoC	Advice of Charge
BC	Bearer Capability
BOIC-exHC&BOIZC	Barring of Outgoing International Calls except those directed to the HPLMN Country & Barring of Outgoing InterZonal Calls
BOIZC	Barring of Outgoing InterZonal Calls
BOIZC-exHC	Barring of Outgoing InterZonal Calls except those directed to the HPLMN Country
CFB	Call Forwarding on Busy
CFNRc	Call Forwarding on mobile subscriber Not Reachable
CFNRy	Call Forwarding on No Reply
CFU	Call Forwarding Unconditional
CLIP	Calling Line Identity Presentation
CLIR	Calling Line Identity Restriction
COLP	COnnected Line identity Presentation
COLR	COnnected Line identity Restriction
CUG	Closed User Group
CW	Call Waiting
FTN	Forwarded-To Number
FTNW	Forwarded-To NetWork
GMSCB	Gateway MSC of the B subscriber
HLC	Higher Layer Compatibility
HLRB	The HLR of the B subscriber
HPLMNB	The HPLMN of the B subscriber
IAM	Initial Address Message
IPLMN	Interrogating PLMN - the PLMN containing GMSCB
LLC	Lower Layer Compatibility
MO	Mobile Originated
MPTY	MultiParTY
MT	Mobile Terminated
NDUB	Network Determined User Busy
NRCT	No Reply Call Timer
PRN	Provide Roaming Number
SIFIC	Send Information For Incoming Call
SIFOC	Send Information For Outgoing Call
SRI	Send Routeing Information
UDUB	User Determined User Busy
VLRA	The VLR of the A subscriber
VLRB	The VLR of the B subscriber
VMSCA	The Visited MSC of the A subscriber
VMSCB	The Visited MSC of the B subscriber
VPLMNA	The Visited PLMN of the A subscriber
VPLMNB	The Visited PLMN of the B subscriber

## 4 Architecture

Subclauses 4.1 and 4.2 show the architecture for handling a basic MO call and a basic MT call. A basic mobile-to-mobile call is treated as the concatenation of an MO call and an MT call.

### 4.1 Architecture for an MO call

A basic mobile originated call involves signalling between the MS and its VMSC via the BSS, between the VMSC and the VLR and between the VMSC and the destination exchange, as indicated in figure 1.



**Figure 1: Architecture for a basic mobile originated call**

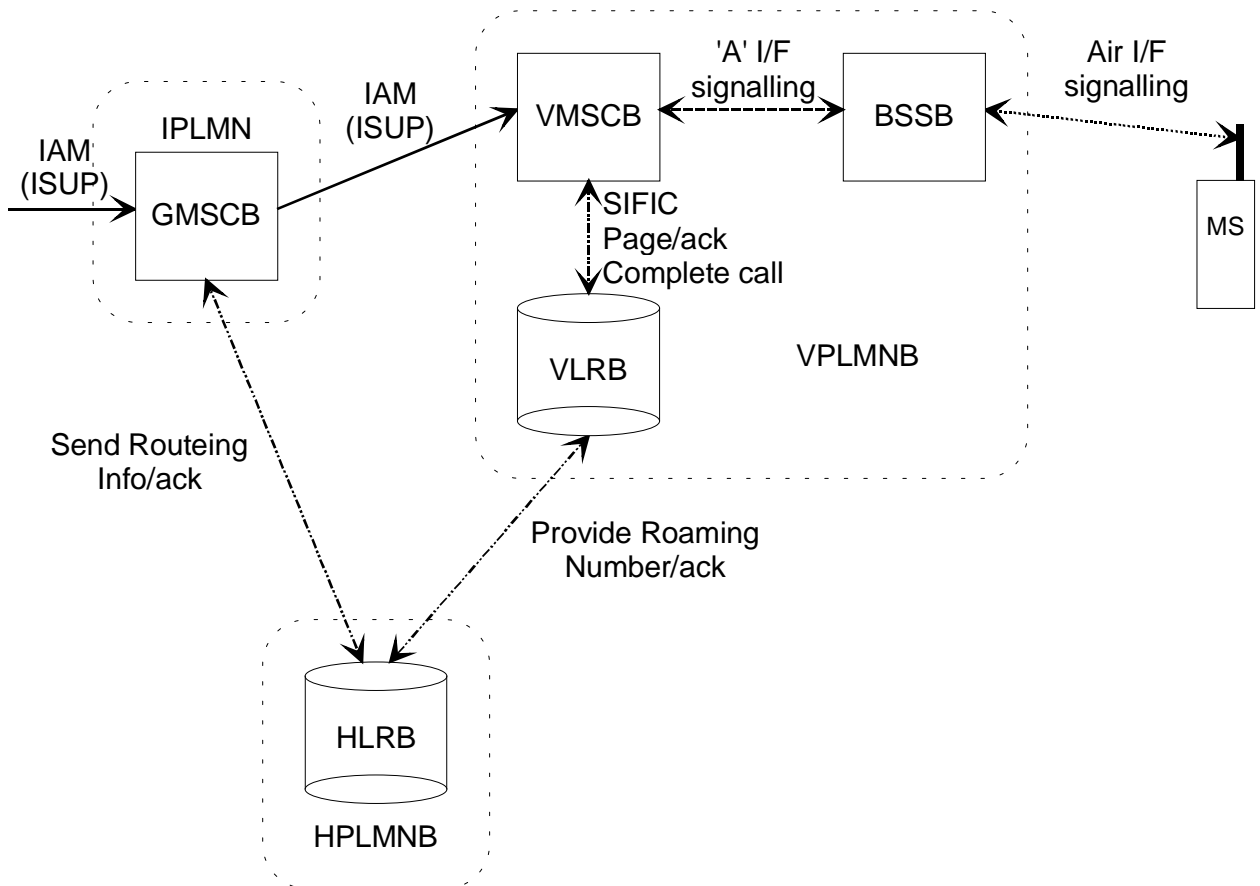
In figure 1 and throughout this specification, the term ISUP is used to denote the telephony signalling system used between exchanges. In a given network, any telephony signalling system may be used.

When the user of an MS wishes to originate a call, the MS establishes communication with the network using radio interface signalling, and sends a message containing the address of the called party. VMSCA requests information to handle the outgoing call (SIFOC) from VLRA, over an internal interface of the MSC/VLR. If VLRA determines that the outgoing call is allowed, it responds with a SIFOC ack. VMSCA:

- establishes a traffic channel to the MS; and
- constructs an ISUP IAM using the called party address and sends it to the destination exchange.

## 4.2 Architecture for an MT call

A basic mobile terminated call involves signalling as indicated in figure 2. Communication between VMSCB and the MS is via the BSS, as for the mobile originated case. The IPLMN, containing GMSCB, is in principle distinct from HPLMNB, containing HLRB, but the practice for at least the majority of current GSM networks is that a call to a GSM MS will be routed to a GMSC in HPLMNB.



**Figure 2: Architecture for a basic mobile terminated call**

When GMSCB receives an ISUP IAM, it requests routing information from HLRB using the MAP protocol. HLRB requests a roaming number from VLRB, also using the MAP protocol, and VLRB returns a roaming number in the Provide Roaming Number Ack. HLRB returns the roaming number to GMSCB in the Send Routing Info ack. GMSCB uses the roaming number to construct an ISUP IAM, which it sends to VMSCB. When VMSCB receives the IAM, it requests information to handle the incoming call (SIFIC) from VLRB, over an internal interface of the MSC/VLR. If VLRB determines that the incoming call is allowed, it requests VMSCB to page the MS. VMSCB pages the MS using radio interface signalling. When the MS responds, VMSCB informs VLRB in the Page ack message. VLRB instructs VMSCB to connect the call in the Complete call, and VMSCB establishes a traffic channel to the MS.

## 5 Information flows

### 5.1 Information flow for an MO call

An example information flow for an MO call is shown in figure 3; many variations are possible. Signalling over the radio interface between MSA and BSSA or VMSCA is shown by dotted lines; signalling over the "A" interface between BSSA and VMSCA is shown by dashed lines; signalling over the B interface between VMSCA and VLRA is shown by chain lines; and ISUP signalling between VMSCA and the destination exchange is shown by solid lines.

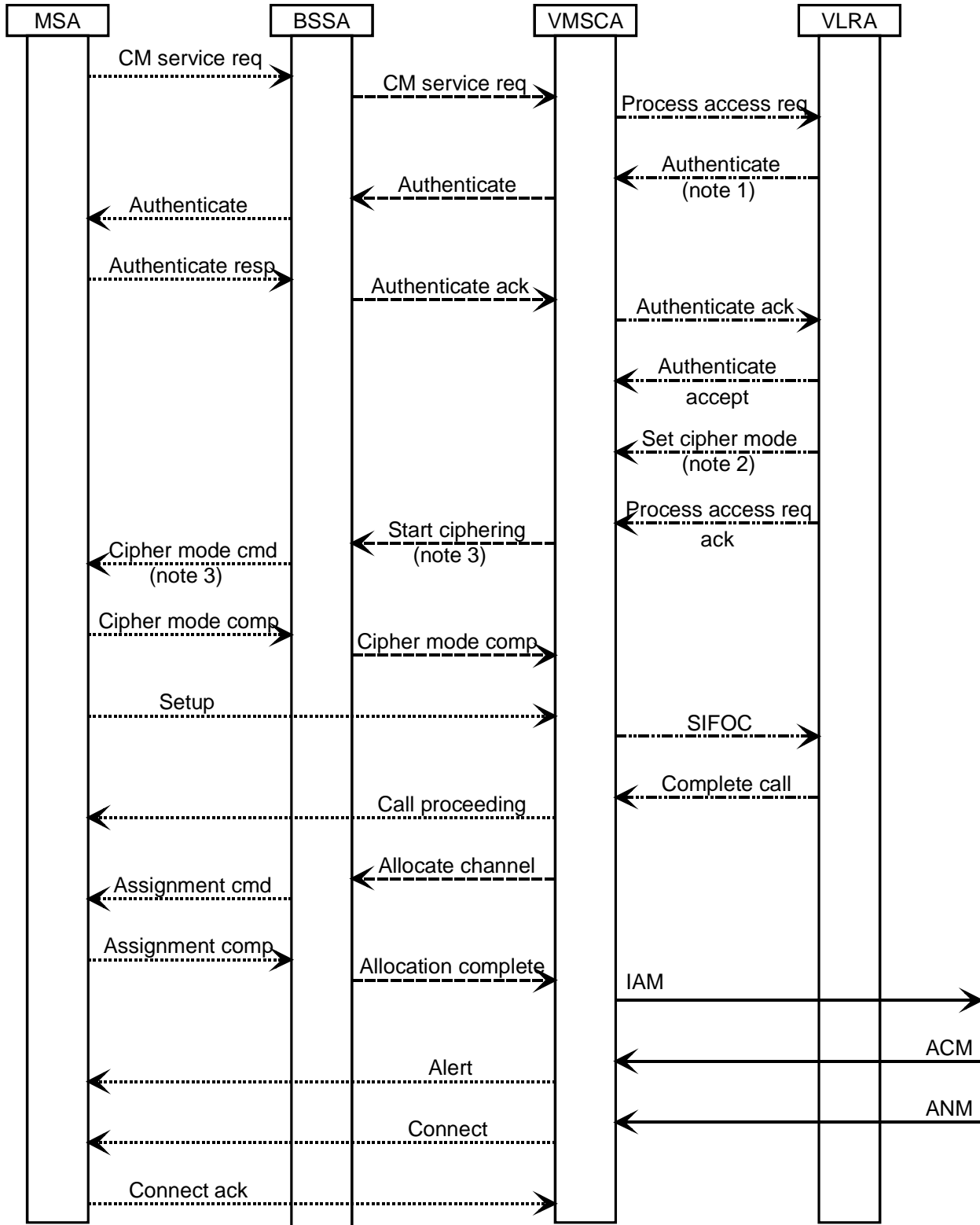


Figure 3: Information flow for a basic mobile originated call

- NOTE 1: Authentication may occur at any stage during the establishment of an MO call; its position in this message flow diagram is an example.
- NOTE 2: Ciphering may be initiated at any stage after authentication; its position in this message flow diagram is an example.
- NOTE 3: If ciphering is not required, the MSC may send a CM service accept towards the MS; optionally it may instead send a "start ciphering" request indicating that no ciphering is required.
- NOTE 4: The network may request the IMEI from the MS, and may check the IMEI, at any stage during the establishment of an MO call, either as part of the procedure to start ciphering or explicitly after ciphering has started; this is not shown in this message flow diagram.

When the user wishes to originate a call, MSA establishes a signalling connection with BSSA, and sends a Connection Management (CM) service request to BSSA, which relays it to VMSCA. VMSCA sends a Process access request to VLRA. VLRA may then initiate authentication, as described in ETS 300 534 [3]. VLRA may also initiate ciphering at this stage, as described in ETS 300 534 [3].

If VLRA determines that MSA is allowed service, it sends a Process access request ack to VMSCA. If VMSCA has received a Set cipher mode message from VLRA, the Process access request ack message triggers a Start ciphering command message towards BSSA; otherwise VMSCA sends a CM service accept message towards BSSA.

If BSSA receives a Start ciphering command from VMSCA, it initiates ciphering as described in ETS 300 534 [3]; when ciphering is successfully initiated, MSA interprets this in the same way as a CM service accept. If ciphering is not required at this stage, BSSA relays the CM service accept to MSA.

When MSA has received the CM service accept, or ciphering has been successfully initiated, MSA sends a Setup message containing the B subscriber address via BSSA to VMSCA. MSA also uses the Setup message to indicate the bearer capability required for the call; VMSCA translates this bearer capability into a GSM basic service, and determines whether an interworking function is required. VMSCA sends to VLRA a request for information to handle the outgoing call, using a Send Info For Outgoing Call (SIFOC) message containing the B subscriber address.

If VLRA determines that the call should be connected, it sends a Complete Call message to VMSCA. VMSCA sends a Call Proceeding message via BSSA to MSA, to indicate that the call request has been accepted, and sends an Allocate channel message to BSSA, to trigger BSSA and MSA to set up a traffic channel over the radio interface. The Call Proceeding message includes bearer capability information if any of the negotiable parameters of the bearer capability has to be changed. When the traffic channel assignment process is complete (indicated by the Allocation complete message from BSSA to VMSCA), VMSCA constructs an ISUP IAM using the B subscriber address, and sends it to the destination exchange.

When the destination exchange returns an ISUP Address Complete Message (ACM), VMSCA sends an Alert message via BSSA to MSA, to indicate to the calling user that the B subscriber is being alerted.

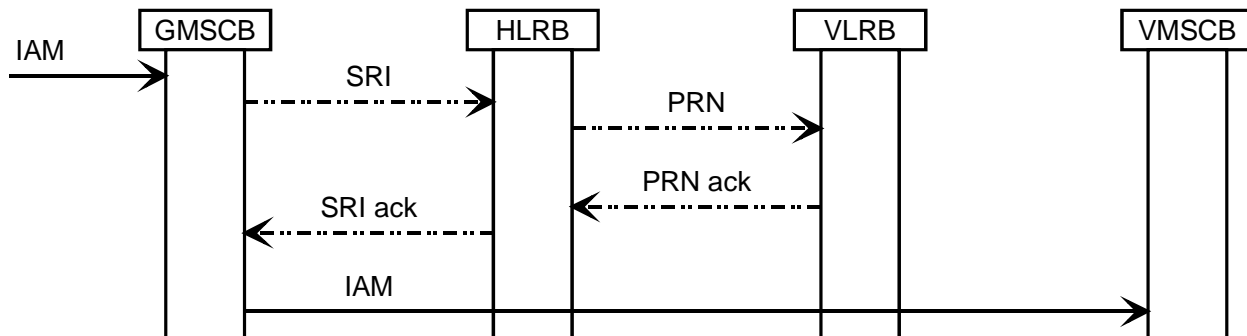
When the destination exchange returns an ISUP ANswer Message (ANM), VMSCA sends a Connect message via BSSA to MSA, to instruct MSA to connect the speech path.

The network then waits for the call to be cleared.

For an emergency call, a different CM service type (emergency call) is used, and the mobile may identify itself by an IMEI. It is a network operator option whether to allow an emergency call when the mobile identifies itself by an IMEI. Details of the handling are shown in clause 7.

## 5.2 Information flow for retrieval of routing information for an MT call

The information flow for retrieval of routing information for an MT call is shown in figure 4. ISUP signalling between the originating exchange and GMSCB, and between GMSCB and VMSCB is shown by solid lines; signalling over the MAP interfaces between GMSCB and HLRB and between HLRB and VLRB is shown by chain lines.

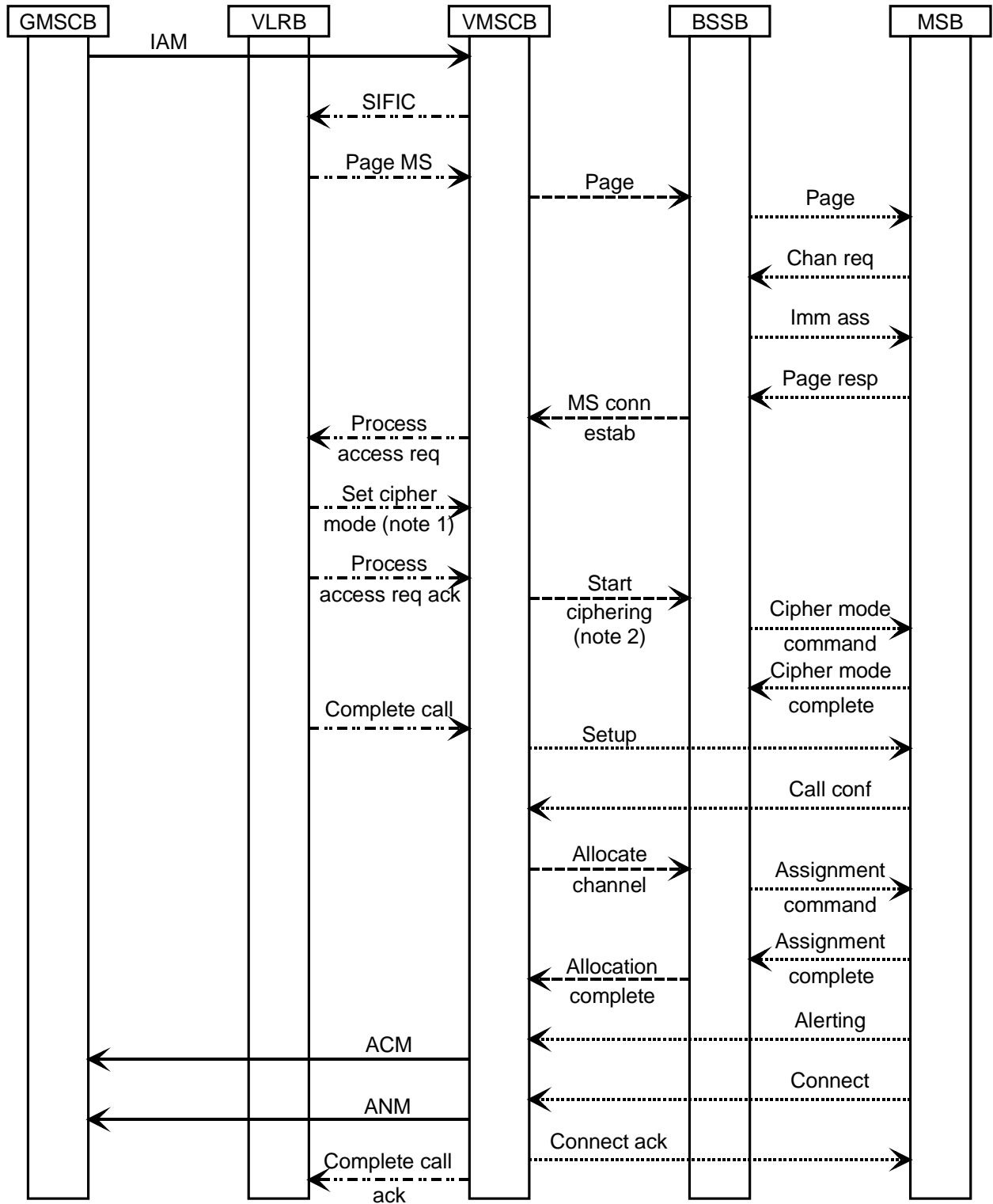


**Figure 4: Information flow for retrieval of routing information for a basic mobile terminated call**

When GMSCB receives an IAM, it analyses the called party address. If GMSCB can derive an HLR address from the B party address, it sends a request for routing information (SRI) to HLRB. HLRB sends a request for a roaming number (PRN) to VLRB. VLRB returns the roaming number in the PRN ack, and HLRB relays the roaming number to GMSCB in the SRI ack. GMSCB constructs an IAM using the roaming number, and sends it to VMSCB.

### 5.3 Information flow for an MT call

An example information flow for an MT call is shown in figure 5; many variations are possible. ISUP signalling between GMSCB and VMSCB is shown by solid lines; signalling over the B interface between VMSCB and VLRB is shown by chain lines; signalling over the "A" interface between VMSCB and BSSB is shown by dashed lines; and signalling over the radio interface between VMSCB or BSSB and MSB is shown by dotted lines.



**Figure 5: Information flow for a basic mobile terminated call**

NOTE 1: Ciphering may be initiated at any stage after the network has accepted the page response; its position in this message flow diagram is an example.

- NOTE 2: If ciphering is not required, the MSC may send a "start ciphering" request indicating that no ciphering is required.
- NOTE 3: This message flow diagram assumes that the MS has already been authenticated on location registration. If this is not so (for the first MT call after VLR restoration), the network may initiate authentication after the MS responds to paging.
- NOTE 4: The network may request the IMEI from the MS, and may check the IMEI, at any stage after the MS responds to paging, either as part of the procedure to start ciphering or explicitly after ciphering has started; this is not shown in this message flow diagram.

When VMSCB receives an IAM from GMSCB it sends to VLRB a request for information to handle the incoming call, using a Send Info For Incoming Call (SIFIC) message containing the roaming number received in the IAM.

If VLRB recognizes the roaming number, and MSB is allowed service, it sends a request to VMSCB to page MSB. If a radio connection between the network and MSB is already established, VMSCB responds immediately to the page request. If no radio connection exists, VMSCB sends a page request to BSSB, and BSSB broadcasts the page on the paging channel.

If MSB detects the page, it sends a channel request to BSSB, which responds with an immediate assignment command, to instruct MSB to use the specified signalling channel. MSB then sends a page response on the signalling channel; BSSB relays this to VMSCB. VMSCB sends a Process access request message to VLRB to indicate that MSB has responded to paging. VLRB may then initiate authentication, as described in ETS 300 534 [3]. VLRB may also initiate ciphering at this stage, as described in ETS 300 534 [3].

If VLRB determines that MSB is allowed service, it sends a Process access request ack to VMSCB. The Process access request ack message triggers a Start ciphering command message towards BSSB; if VMSCB has not received a Set cipher mode message from VLRB, the Start ciphering command indicates no ciphering.

VLRB then sends a Complete call message to VMSCB. VMSCB sends a Setup message towards MSB. The Setup message may include bearer capability information for the call.

When MSB receives the Setup message from BSSB, it responds with a Call confirmed message. The Call Confirmed message includes bearer capability information if any of the negotiable parameters of the bearer capability has to be changed. When VMSCB receives the Call confirmed message via BSSB, it sends an Allocate channel message to BSSB. BSSB instructs MSB to tune to a traffic channel by sending an Assignment command. When MSB has tuned to the specified traffic channel it responds with an Assignment complete, message, which BSSB relays to VMSCB as an Allocation complete, and sends an Alerting message to indicate that the called user is being alerted. VMSCB sends an ACM to GMSCB, which relays it to the originating exchange.

When the called user answers, MSB sends a Connect message, which BSSB relays to VMSCB. VMSCB:

- responds with a Connect ack message towards MSB;
- sends an ANM to GMSCB, which relays it to the originating exchange;
- sends a Complete call ack to VLRB.

The network then waits for the call to be cleared.



## 6 Principles for interactions with supplementary services

This clause specifies the principles used to describe the invocation of the GSM supplementary services which were standardized when this specification was drafted. Registration, erasure, activation, deactivation and interrogation are call-independent operations; they are therefore outside the scope of this specification. Descriptions may be found in the stage 2 specifications for each supplementary service.

In the modelling used in this specification, each supplementary service which a network entity supports is managed by a supplementary service handler, which handles data in the entity in which it runs. The call handling processes defined in this specification use the data to define the contents of messages to other entities. The basic call handling processes defined in this specification interact with the supplementary service handlers as shown in the SDL diagrams and the supporting text. If a network entity does not support a supplementary service, it bypasses the interaction with the handler for that supplementary service. Exceptions to this general principle are described later in this clause.

### 6.1 Line identification services (GSM 03.81)

#### 6.1.1 Calling Line Identification Presentation (CLIP)

The basic call handling processes ICH\_VLR and ICH\_MSC interact with the processes CLIP\_MAF001 and CLIP\_MAF002 (ETS 300 542 [6]) as described in subclauses 7.3.2 and 7.3.1.

#### 6.1.2 Calling Line Identification Restriction (CLIR)

The basic call handling processes OCH\_MSC and OCH\_VLR interact with the processes CLIR\_MAF004 and CLIR\_MAF003 (ETS 300 542 [6]) as described in subclauses 7.1.1 and 7.1.2.

#### 6.1.3 Connected Line Identification Presentation (COLP)

The basic call handling processes OCH\_MSC and OCH\_VLR interact with the processes COLP\_MAF006 and COLP\_MAF005 (ETS 300 542 [6]) as described in subclauses 7.1.1 and 7.1.2.

The basic call handling processes MT\_GMSC and ICH\_MSC interact with the process COLP\_MAF039 [6] as described in subclauses 7.2.1 and 7.3.1.

#### 6.1.4 Connected Line Identification Restriction (COLR)

The basic call handling processes ICH\_VLR and ICH\_MSC interact with the processes COLR\_MAF040 and COLR\_MAF041 (ETS 300 542 [6]) as described in subclauses 7.3.2 and 7.3.1.

### 6.2 Call forwarding services (GSM 03.82)

#### 6.2.1 Call Forwarding Unconditional (CFU)

The basic call handling process SRI\_HLR interacts with the process MAF007(ETS 300 543 [7]) as described in subclause 7.2.2.

#### 6.2.2 Call Forwarding on mobile subscriber Busy (CFB)

The basic call handling process ICH\_VLR interacts with the process MAF008 (ETS 300 543 [7]) as described in subclause 7.3.2.

#### 6.2.3 Call Forwarding on No Reply (CFNRy)

The basic call handling process ICH\_VLR interacts with the process MAF009 (ETS 300 543 [7]) as described in subclause 7.3.2.

#### 6.2.4 Call Forwarding on mobile subscriber Not Reachable (CFNRc)

The basic call handling processes SRI\_HLR and ICH\_VLR interact with the process MAF010 (ETS 300 543 [7]) as described in subclauses 7.2.2 and 7.3.2.

### **6.3 Call wait (GSM 03.83)**

The basic call handling process ICH\_VLR interacts with the process MAF013(ETS 300 544 [8]) as described in subclause 7.3.2. Further details of the handling of call waiting are given in subclauses 7.3.1 and 7.3.2.

### **6.4 Call hold (GSM 03.83)**

Invocation of call hold before a basic call has been established will be rejected.

### **6.5 Multiparty (GSM 03.84)**

Invocation of multiparty before a basic call has been established will be rejected.

### **6.6 Closed user group (GSM 03.85)**

The basic call handling process OCH\_VLR interacts with the process CUG\_MAF014 (ETS 300 546 [10]) as described in subclause 7.1.2.

The basic call handling process SRI\_HLR interacts with the process CUG\_MAF015 (ETS 300 546 [10]) as described in subclause 7.2.2.

The interactions between call forwarding and CUG (ETS 300 546 [10]) are handled as described in subclause 7.2.2.6.

### **6.7 Advice of charge (GSM 03.86)**

The interactions between Advice of Charge (ETS 300 547 [11]) and MO calls are handled as described in subclauses 7.1.1 and 7.1.2.

The interactions between Advice of Charge (ETS 300 547 [11]) and MT calls are handled as described in subclauses 7.3.1 and 7.3.2.

### **6.8 Call barring (GSM 03.88)**

#### **6.8.1 Barring of outgoing calls**

The basic call handling process OCH\_VLR interacts with the processes MAF017, MAF018 and MAF020 (ETS 300 548 [12]) as described in subclause 7.1.2.

#### **6.8.2 Barring of incoming calls**

The basic call handling process SRI\_HLR interacts with the processes MAF022 and MAF023 (ETS 300 548 [12]) as described in subclause 7.2.2.

### **6.9 Explicit Call Transfer (GSM 03.91)**

There is no interaction between Explicit Call Transfer and the basic call handling described in this specification.

## 7 Functional requirements of network entities

The text in this clause is a supplement to the definition in the SDL diagrams; it does not duplicate the information in the SDL diagrams.

The entities described in this clause interwork with other entities over three different types of interface:

- The A interface, used to interwork between the MSC and the BSS or the MS.
- The C, D & F interfaces, used to interwork between the MSC & HLR (C), VLR & HLR (D) and MSC & EIR (F).
- Telephony signalling interfaces, used to interwork between an MSC and another exchange.

The protocols used over the A interface are BSSMAP, which is specified in ETS 300 590 [15], for interworking with the BSS and DTAP, which is specified in ETS 300 557 [13], for interworking with the MS.

The protocol used over the C, D & F interfaces is MAP, which is specified in ETS 300 599 [16].

For the purposes of this specification, the protocol used over telephony signalling interfaces is ISUP, which is specified in ETS 300 356-1 [20]; other telephony signalling systems may be used instead.

This specification shows the call handling application processes interworking with a protocol handler for each of the protocols listed above. Each protocol defines supervision timers. If a supervision timer expires before a distant entity responds to a signal, the handling is as defined in the appropriate protocol specification. In general, the protocol handler reports timer expiry to the application as an error condition or negative response. Where a timer is shown in this specification, therefore, it is an **application** timer rather than a **protocol** timer. Interworking with the protocol handlers uses functional signal names which do not necessarily have a one-to-one correspondence with the names of messages used in the protocols.

An MSC which receives an IAM from an originating exchange may react in three different ways:

- It acts as a transit exchange, i.e. it relays the IAM to a destination exchange determined by analysis of the called party address, and thereafter relays other telephony signalling between the originating and destination exchange until the connection is released. This behaviour is not specific to GSM.
- It acts as a terminating exchange, i.e. it attempts to connect the call to an MS currently registered in the service area of the MSC.
- It acts as a GMSC, i.e. it interrogates an HLR for information to route the call. If the HLR returns routing information, the MSC uses the routing information from the HLR to construct an IAM, which it sends to a destination exchange determined by analysis of the routing information from the HLR.

Annex A describes the method which the MSC uses to decide how to process the IAM.

### 7.1 MO call

#### 7.1.1 Functional requirements of serving MSC

##### 7.1.1.1 Process OCH\_MSC

Sheet 1: the MSC converts the GSM bearer capability negotiated between the MSC and the MS to a GSM basic service according to the rules defined in ETS 300 582 [14].

Sheet 2, sheet 4: at any stage after the Setup has been received, the MS may terminate the transaction with the network by sending a Release transaction request.

##### 7.1.1.2 Procedure Process\_Access\_Request\_MSC

Sheet 1, sheet 2: instead of using the explicit procedure Obtain\_IMEI\_MSC, the MSC may encapsulate the request for the IMEI in the Start ciphering request; the BSS relays the response in the Cipher Mode complete message to the MSC.

Sheet 2: the MSC maps the negative response received on the B interface to the appropriate reject cause according to the rules defined in ETS 300 607 [18].

Sheet 2: The Start ciphering request may indicate one of several ciphering algorithms, or no ciphering.

Sheet 2, sheet 3: At any stage, the MS may terminate the transaction with the network by sending a CM service abort message.

Sheet 2, sheet 3: if the MSC receives a Setup message from the MS while the access request is being handled, the message is saved for processing after the access request has been handled.

#### **7.1.1.3 Procedure Set\_CLI\_Presentation\_Indicator\_MSC**

The MS may terminate the transaction with the network by sending a Release transaction message while a response is awaited from the process CLIR\_MAF004. The message is saved for processing after return from the procedure.

#### **7.1.1.4 Procedure Set\_COLP\_Info\_MSC**

The MS may terminate the transaction with the network by sending a Release transaction message while a response is awaited from the process COLP\_MAF006. The message is saved for processing after return from the procedure.

#### **7.1.1.5 Procedure Handle\_AoC\_MO\_MSC**

The charging parameters and the Boolean variable Acknowledgement required are global data which can be read by the parent process.

#### **7.1.1.6 Procedure Obtain\_IMSI\_MSC**

The MS may terminate the transaction with the network while the MSC is waiting for the MS to return its IMSI. If a CC connection has not been established, the MS uses CM Service Abort; otherwise it uses a Release, Release Complete or Disconnect. The MSC aborts the transaction with the VLR and returns an aborted result to the parent process.

#### **7.1.1.7 Procedure Authenticate\_MSC**

The MS may terminate the transaction with the network while the MSC is waiting for the MS to respond to an authentication request. If a CC connection has not been established, the MS uses CM Service Abort; otherwise it uses a Release, Release Complete or Disconnect. The MSC aborts the transaction with the VLR and returns an aborted result to the parent process.

#### **7.1.1.8 Procedure Obtain\_IMEI\_MSC**

The MS may terminate the transaction with the network while the MSC is waiting for the MS to return its IMEI. If a CC connection has not been established, the MS uses CM Service Abort; otherwise it uses a Release, Release Complete or Disconnect. The MSC aborts the transaction with the VLR and returns an aborted result to the parent process.

#### **7.1.1.9 Procedure Check\_IMEI\_MSC**

The MS may terminate the transaction with the network while the MSC is waiting for the MS to return its IMEI. If a CC connection has not been established, the MS uses CM Service Abort; otherwise it uses a Release, Release Complete or Disconnect. The MSC aborts the transaction with the VLR and returns an aborted result to the parent process.

The MS may terminate the transaction with the network while the MSC is waiting for the result of the IMEI check from the EIR. If a CC connection has not been established, the MS uses CM Service Abort; otherwise it uses a Release, Release Complete or Disconnect. The MSC aborts the transaction with the VLR and returns an aborted result to the parent process.

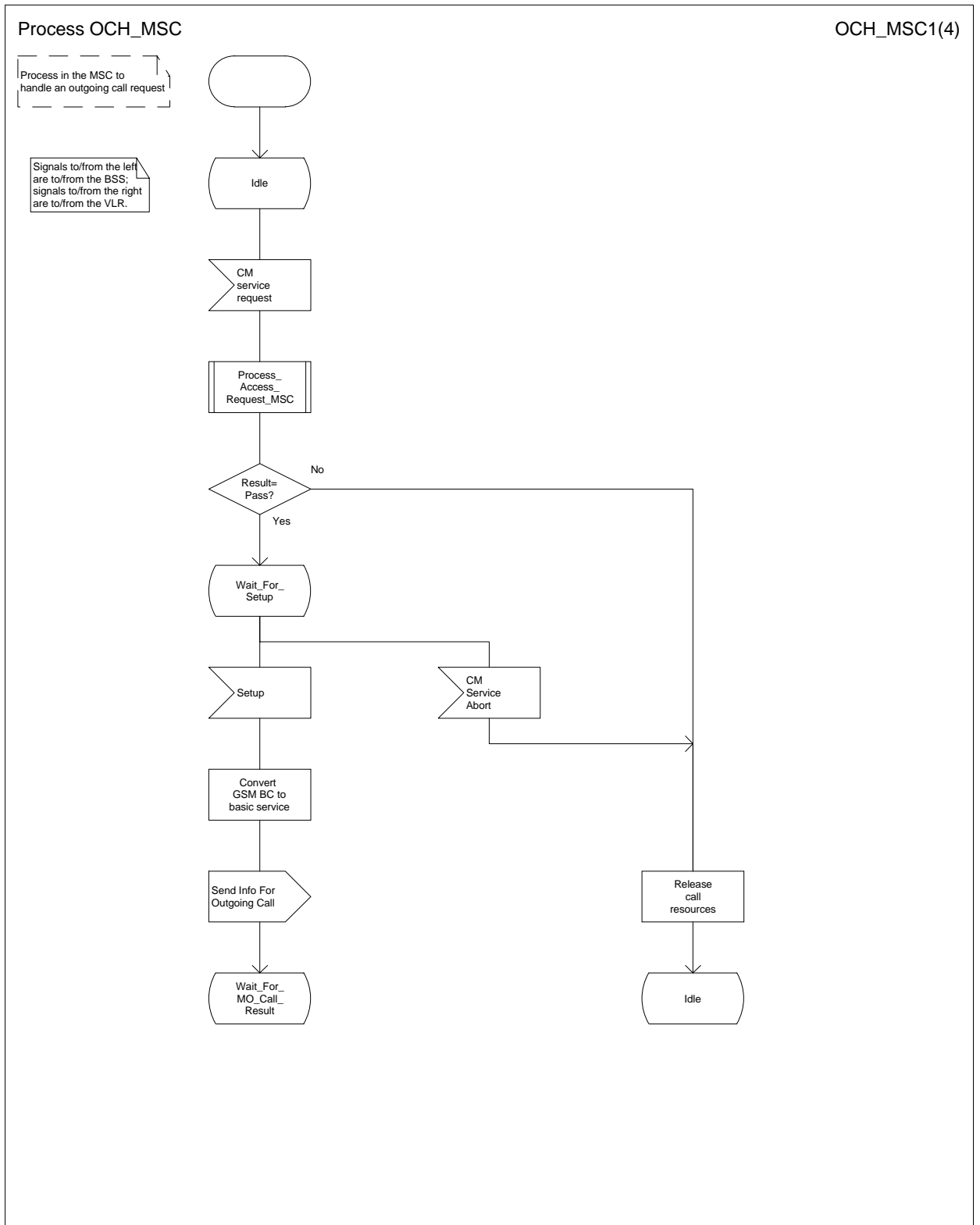


Figure 6a: Process OCH\_MSC (sheet 1)

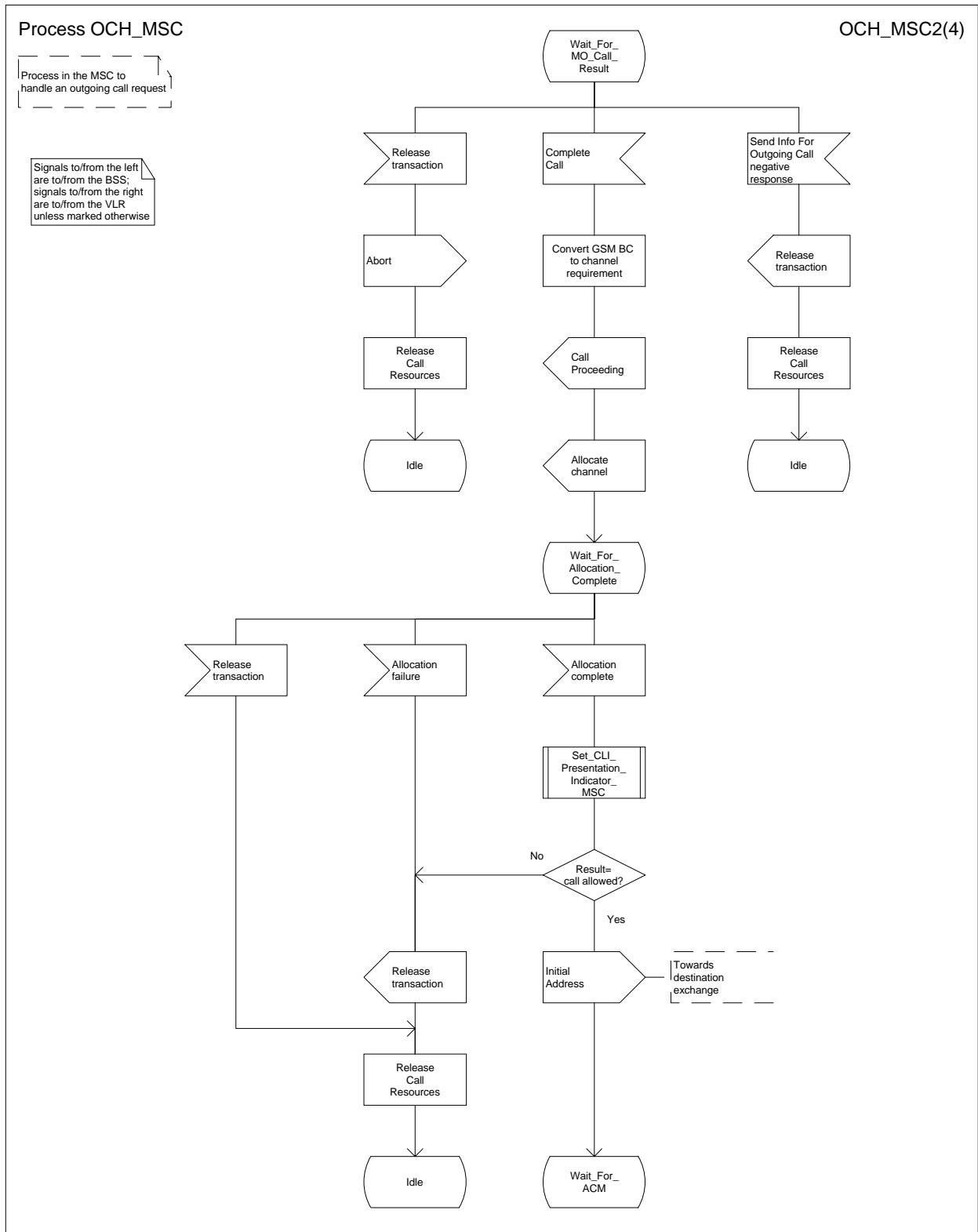


Figure 6b: Process OCH\_MSC (sheet 2)

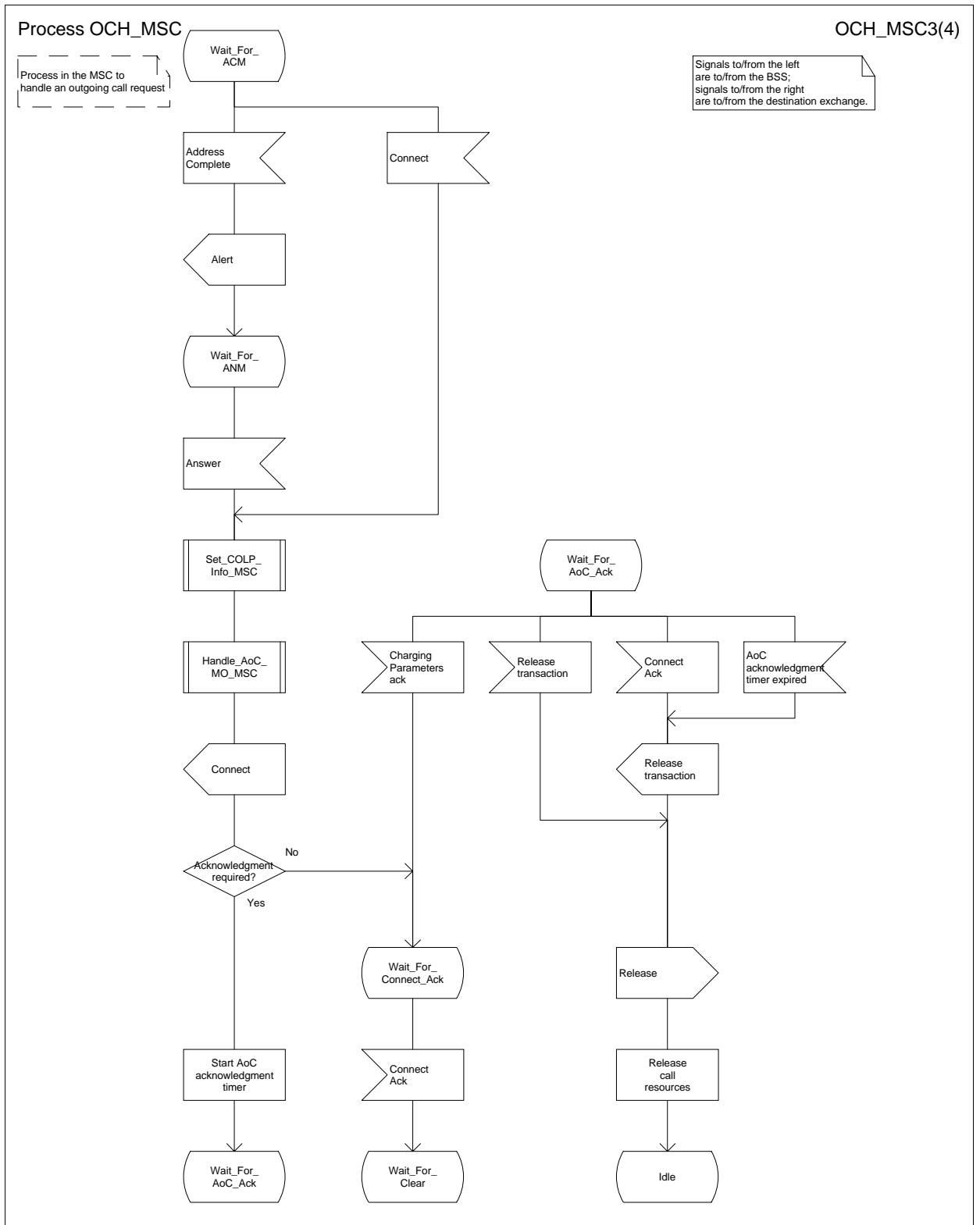


Figure 6c: Process OCH\_MSC (sheet 3)

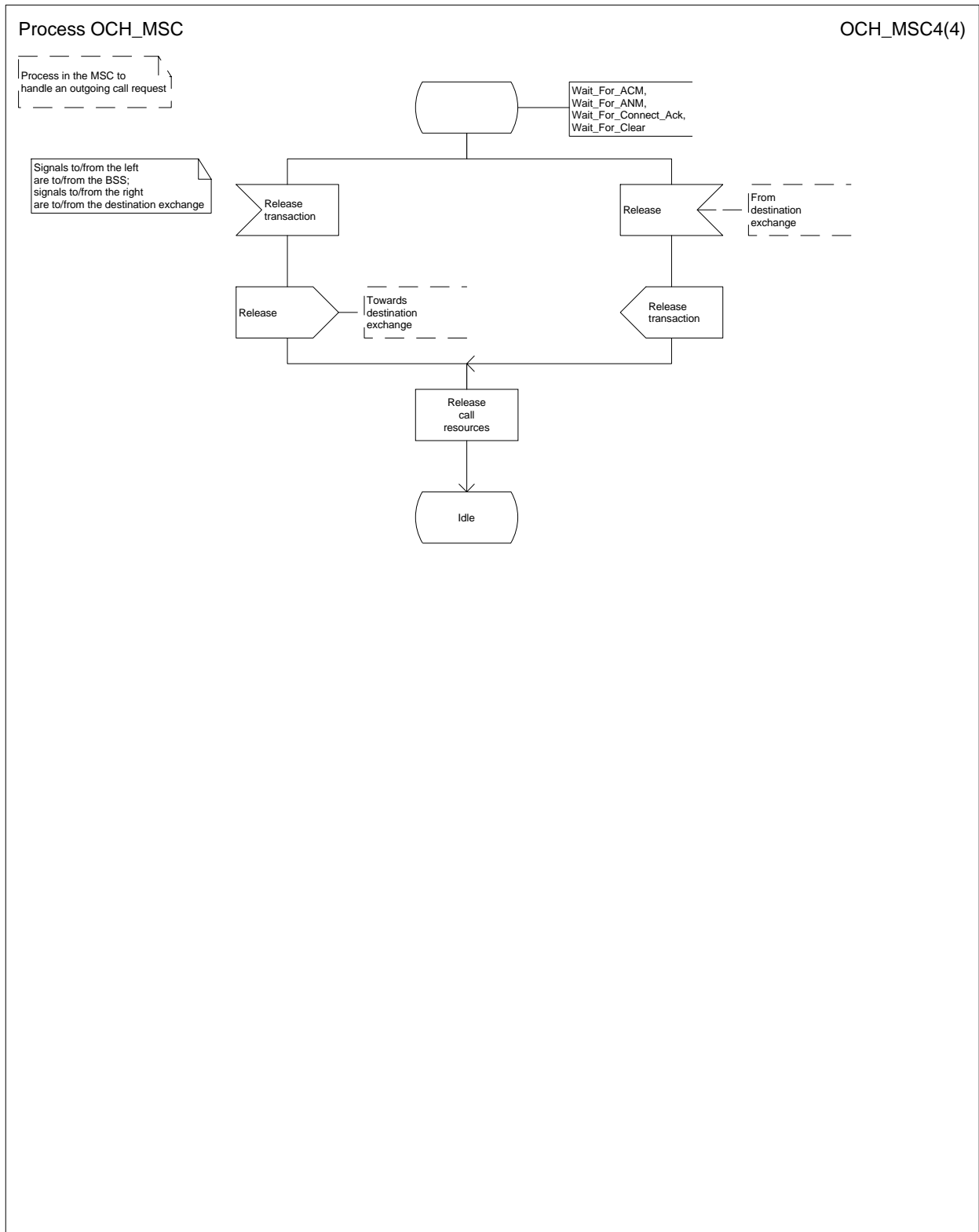


Figure 6d: Process OCH\_MSC (sheet 4)



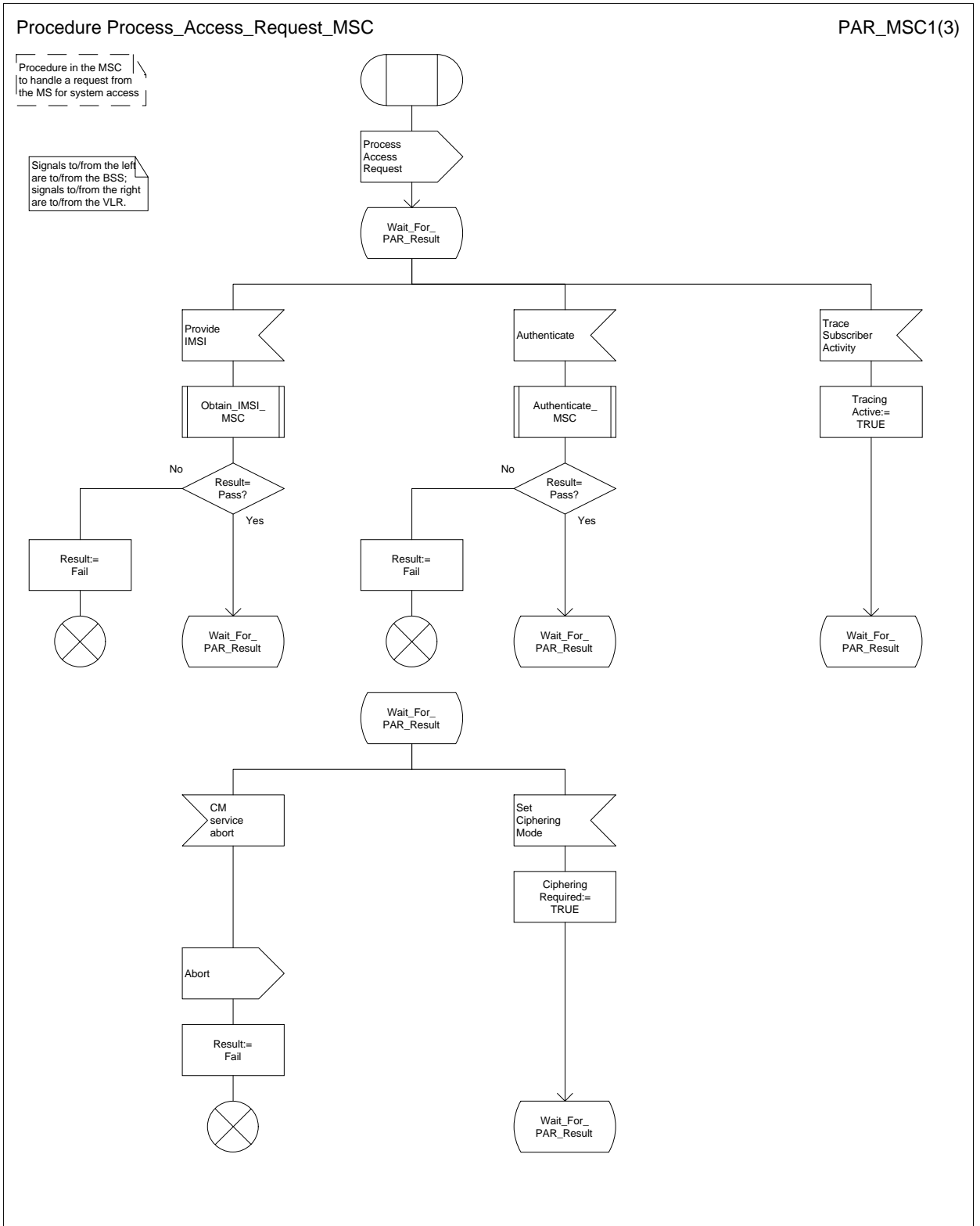


Figure 7a: Procedure Process\_Access\_Request\_MSC (sheet 1)

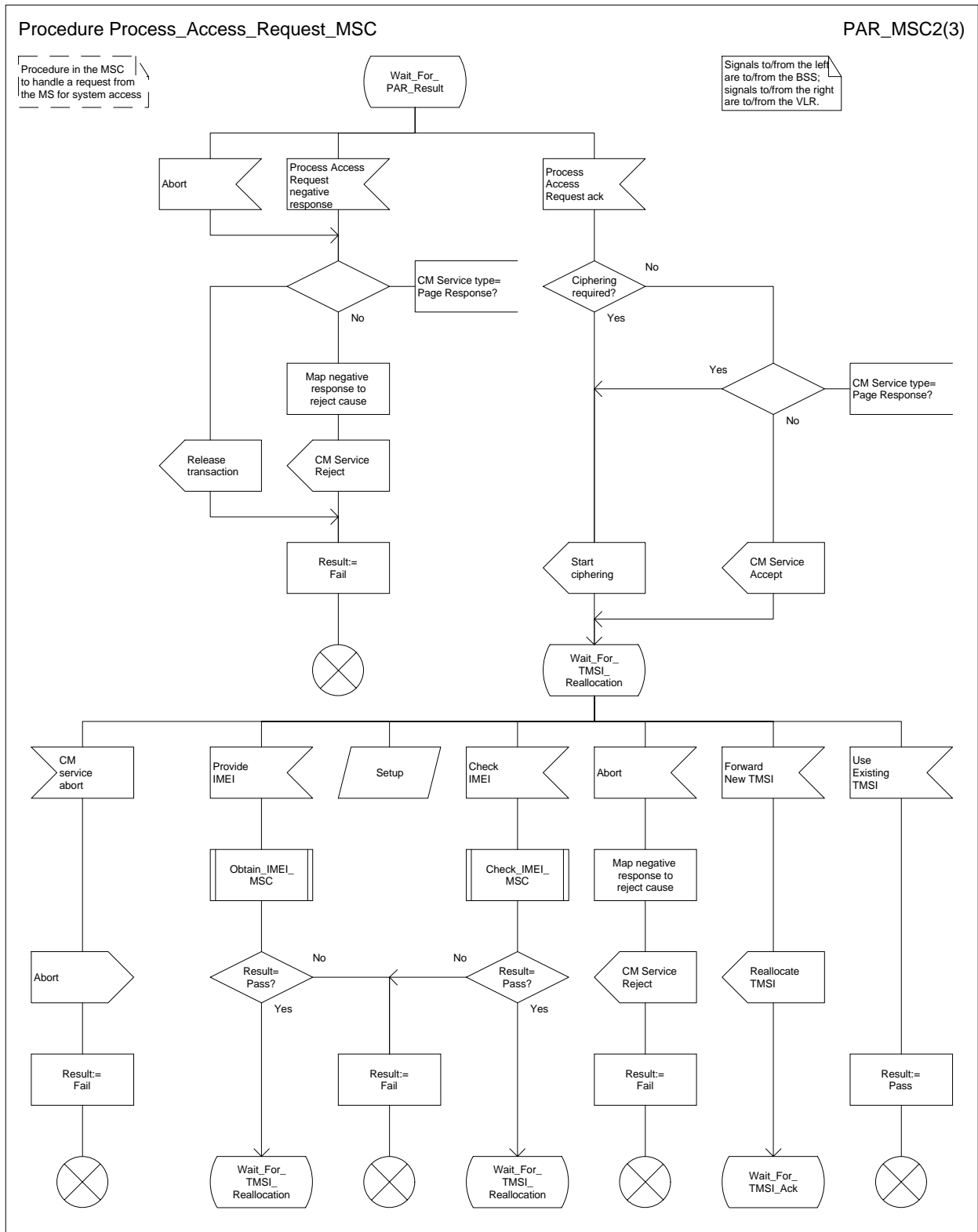


Figure 7b: Procedure Process\_Access\_Request\_MSC (sheet 2)

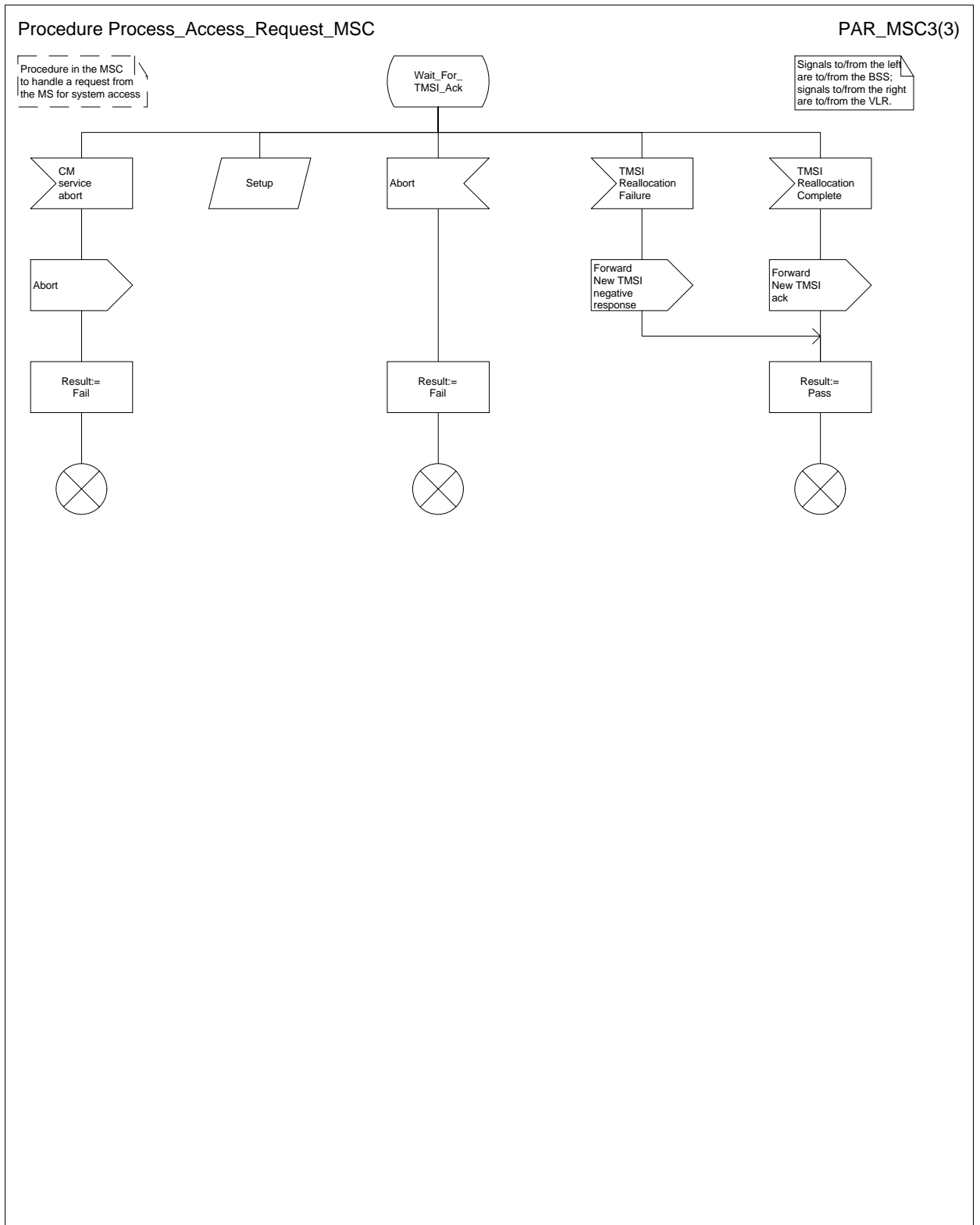


Figure 7c: Procedure Process\_Access\_Request\_MSC (sheet 3)

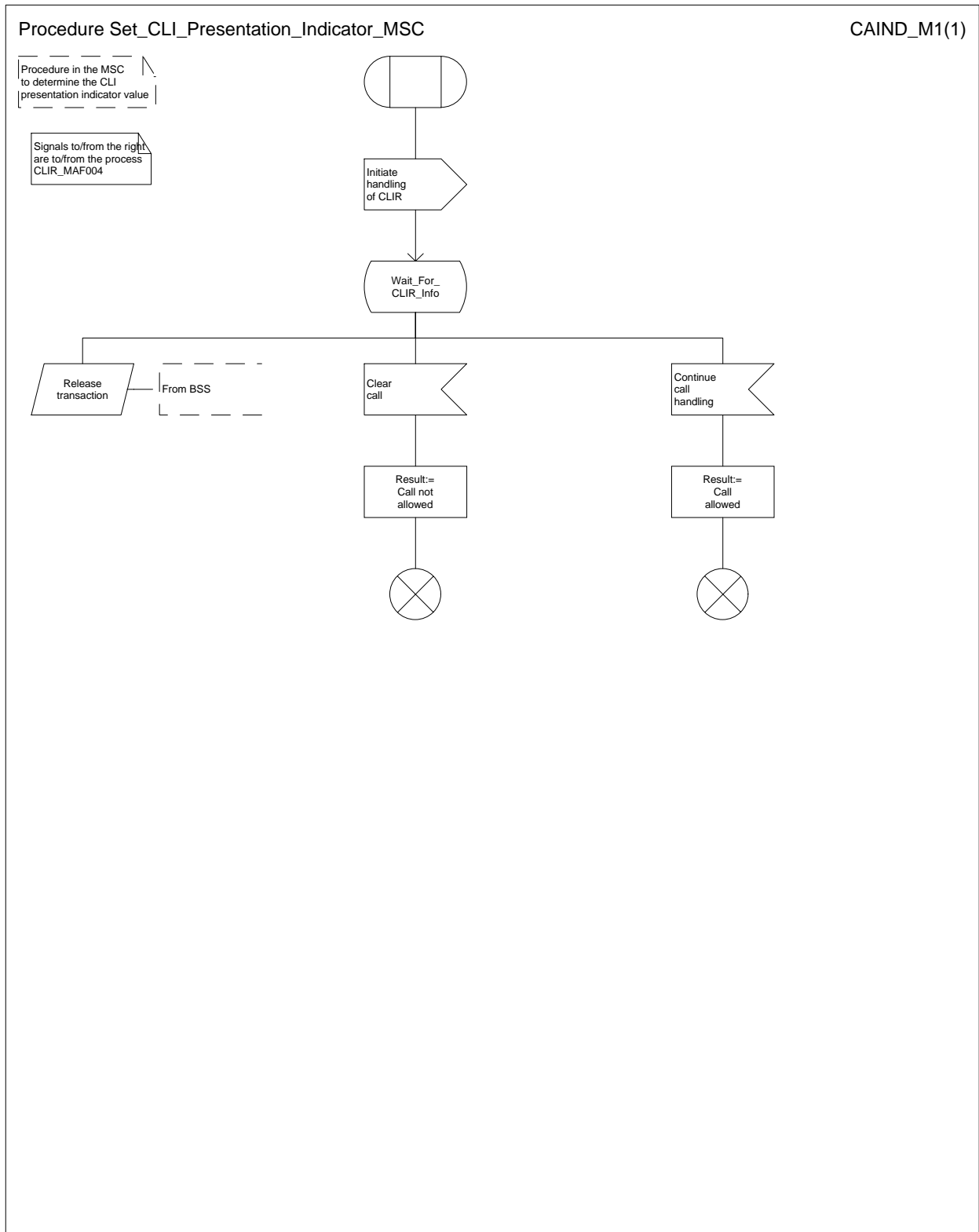


Figure 8: Procedure Set\_CLI\_Presentation\_Indicator\_MSC

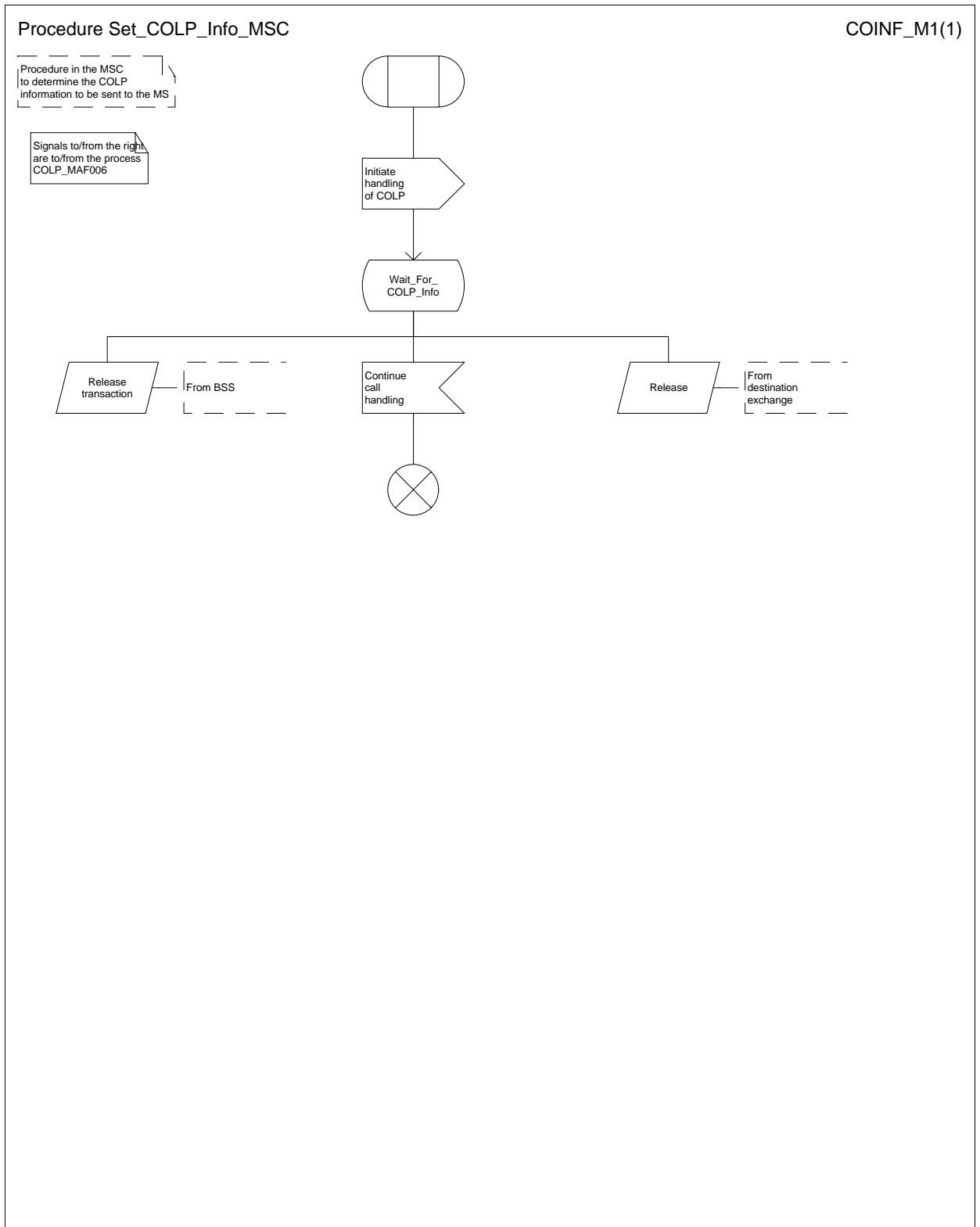


Figure 9: Procedure Set\_COLP\_Info\_MSC

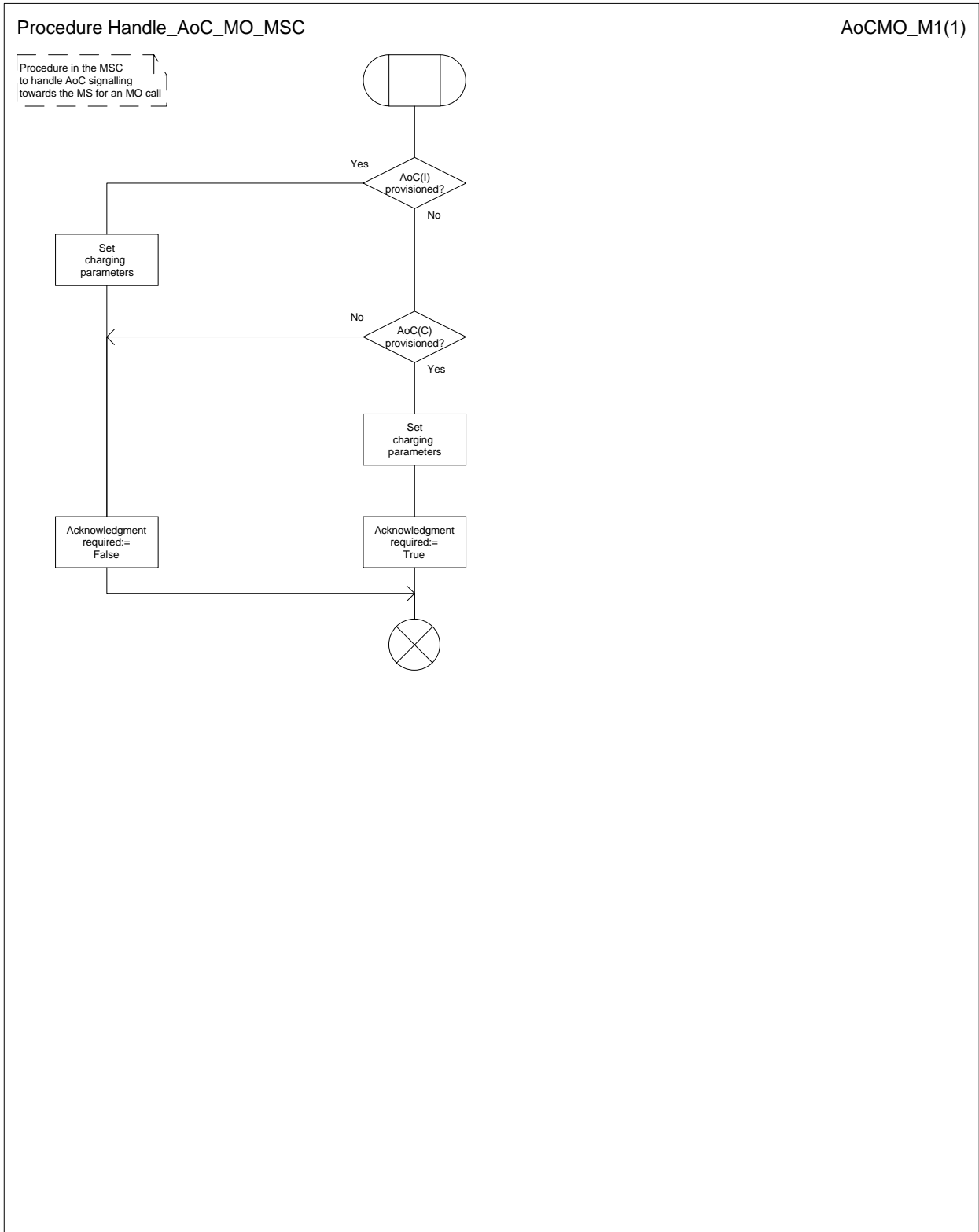


Figure 10: Procedure Handle\_AoC\_MO\_MSC

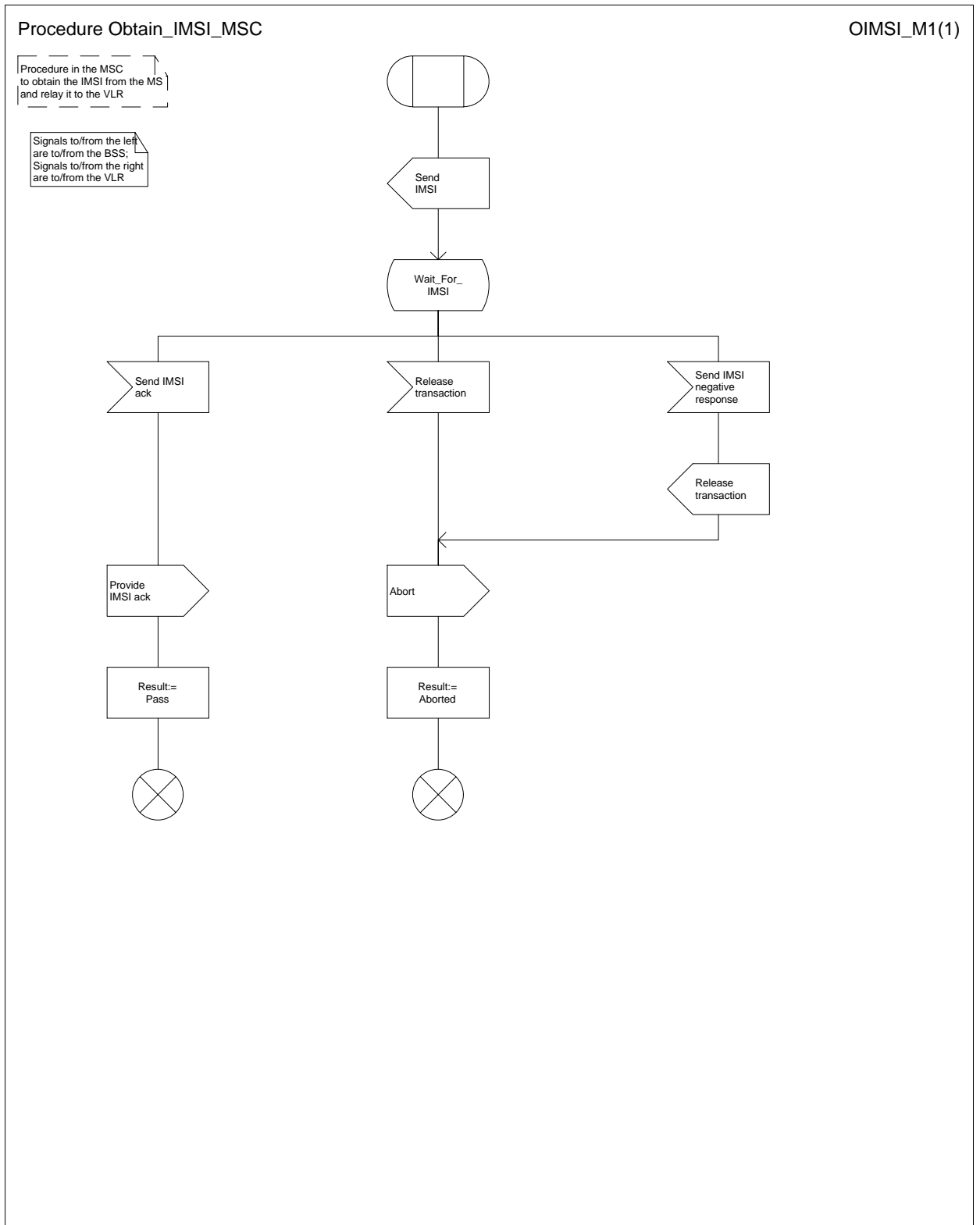


Figure 11: Procedure Obtain\_IMSI\_MSC

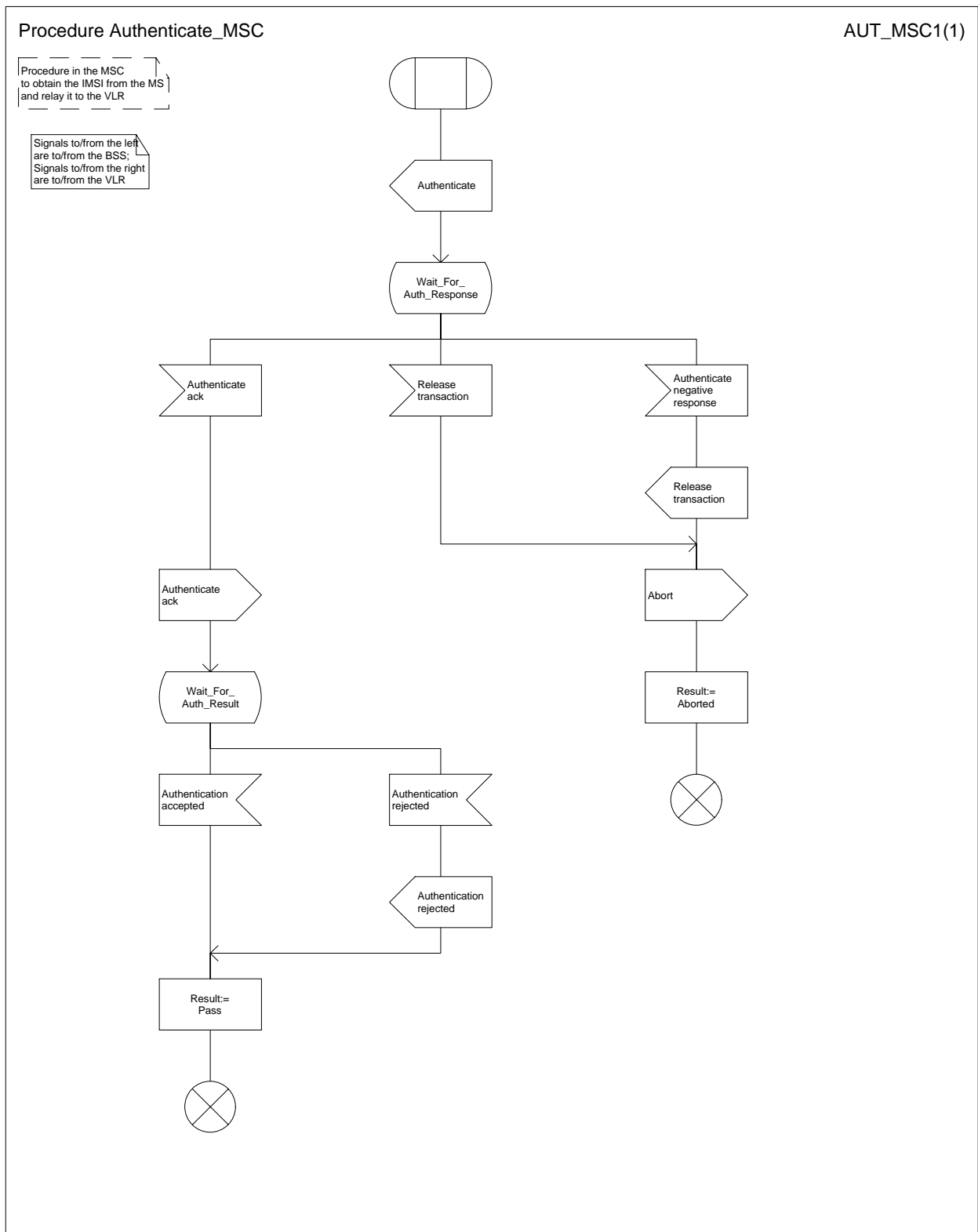


Figure 12: Procedure Authenticate\_MSC



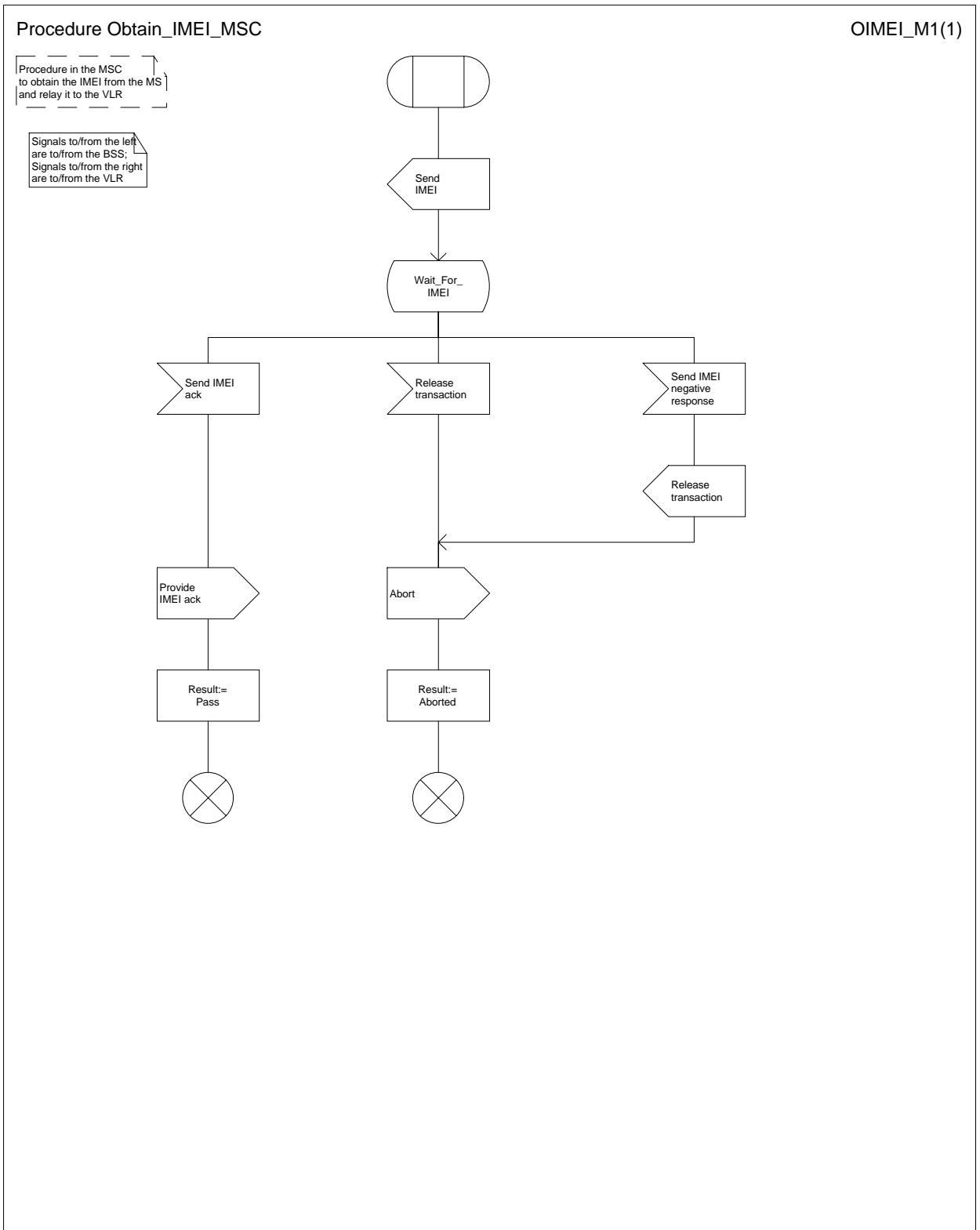


Figure 13: Procedure Obtain\_IMEI\_MSC

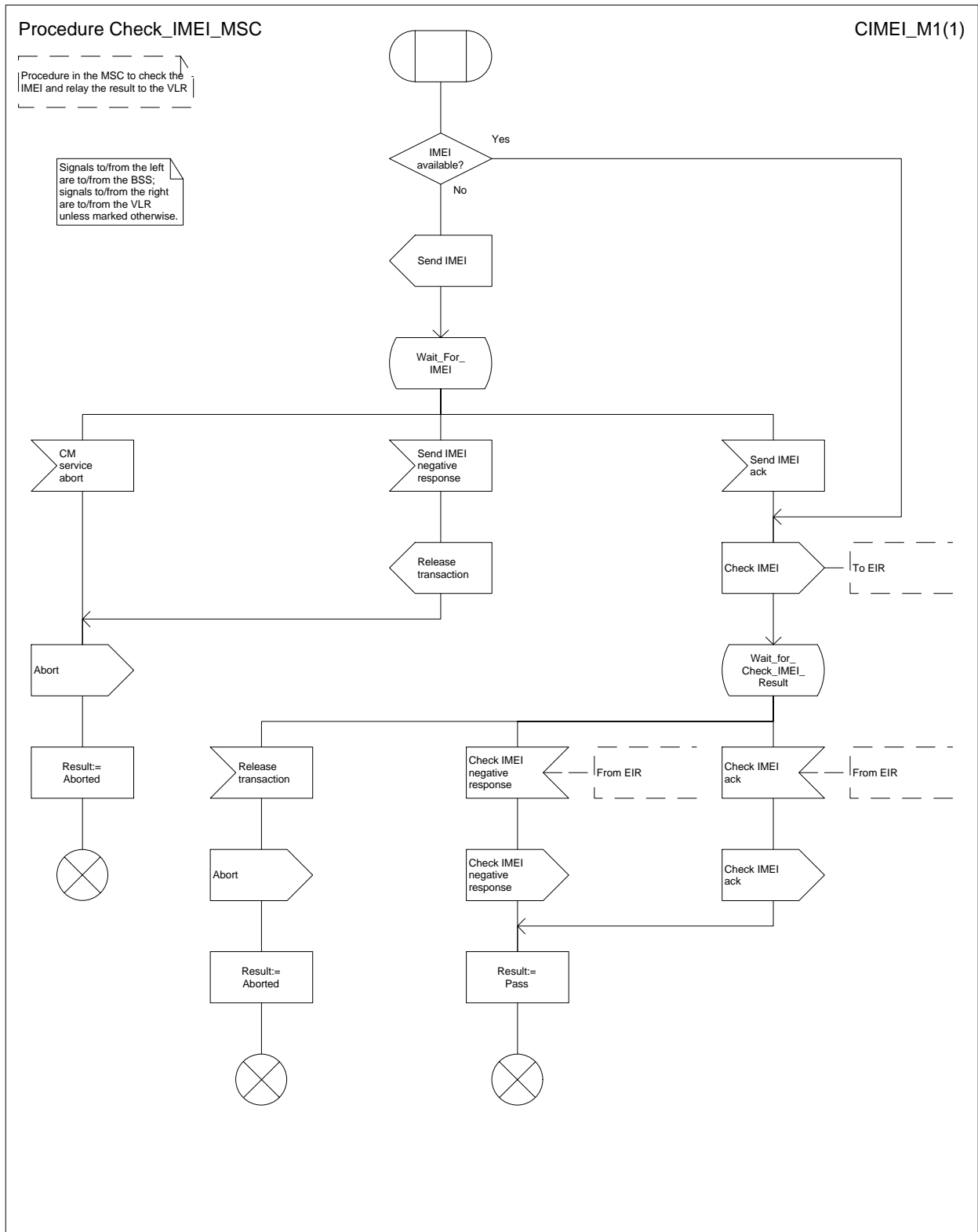


Figure 14: Procedure Check\_IMEI\_MSC

## **7.1.2 Functional requirements of VLR**

### **7.1.2.1 Process OCH\_VLR**

Sheet 2: it is an implementation option to carry out the check for operator determined barring of all outgoing calls before the check on provisioning of the requested basic service.

Sheet 2: the negative response "call barred" indicates whether the reason is operator determined barring or supplementary service barring, according to the result returned by the procedure Check\_OG\_Barring.

### **7.1.2.2 Procedure Process\_Access\_Request\_VLR**

Sheet 1: it is a network operator decision (subject to MoU requirements) how often an MS should be authenticated.

Sheet 2: the processes Update\_Location\_VLR and Subscriber\_Present\_VLR are described in ETS 300 599 [16].

Sheet 2: it is a network operator decision (subject to MoU requirements) whether a connection should be ciphered.

Sheet 3: it is a network operator decision (subject to MoU requirements) how often an IMEI should be checked.

Sheet 5: it is a network operator decision whether emergency calls are allowed from an ME with no SIM.

### **7.1.2.3 Procedure Check\_BAOC**

Sheet 1: if the VLR receives an Abort message from the MSC while it is awaiting a response from the process MAF017, the message is saved for handling after return from the procedure.

### **7.1.2.4 Procedure OG\_CUG\_Check**

If the VLR receives an Abort message from the MSC while it is awaiting a response from the process MAF014, the message is saved for handling after return from the procedure.

### **7.1.2.5 Procedure Check\_OG\_Barring**

Sheet 2: if the VLR receives an Abort message from the MSC while it is awaiting a response from the process MAF018 or MAF019, the message is saved for handling after return from the procedure.

### **7.1.2.6 Procedure Get\_LI\_Subscription\_Info\_MO\_VLR**

If the VLR receives an Abort message from the MSC while it is awaiting a response from the process CLIR\_MAF0003 or CLIR\_MAF005, the message is saved for handling after return from the procedure.

### **7.1.2.7 Procedure Get\_AoC\_Subscription\_Info\_VLR**

The indicator of whether or not AoC is provisioned is global data which can be read by the parent process.

### **7.1.2.8 Procedure Obtain\_Identity\_VLR**

It is a network operator decision whether open (unciphered) identification of the MS by its IMSI is allowed.

### **7.1.2.9 Procedure Obtain\_IMSI\_VLR**

### **7.1.2.10 Procedure Authenticate\_VLR**

Sheet 1: the number of unused authentication sets which triggers the VLR to request further authentication sets from the HLR is an operator option.

**7.1.2.11 Procedure Obtain\_Authentication\_Sets\_VLR****7.1.2.12 Procedure Start\_Tracing\_VLR****7.1.2.13 Procedure Check\_IMEI\_VLR**

If the response from the EIR to a request to check an IMEI is:

- blacklisted, then service is not granted;
- greylisted, then service is granted, but the network operator may decide to initiate tracing;
- whitelisted, then service is granted.

**7.1.2.14 Procedure Obtain\_IMEI\_VLR****7.1.2.15 Process Fetch\_Authentication\_Sets\_VLR**

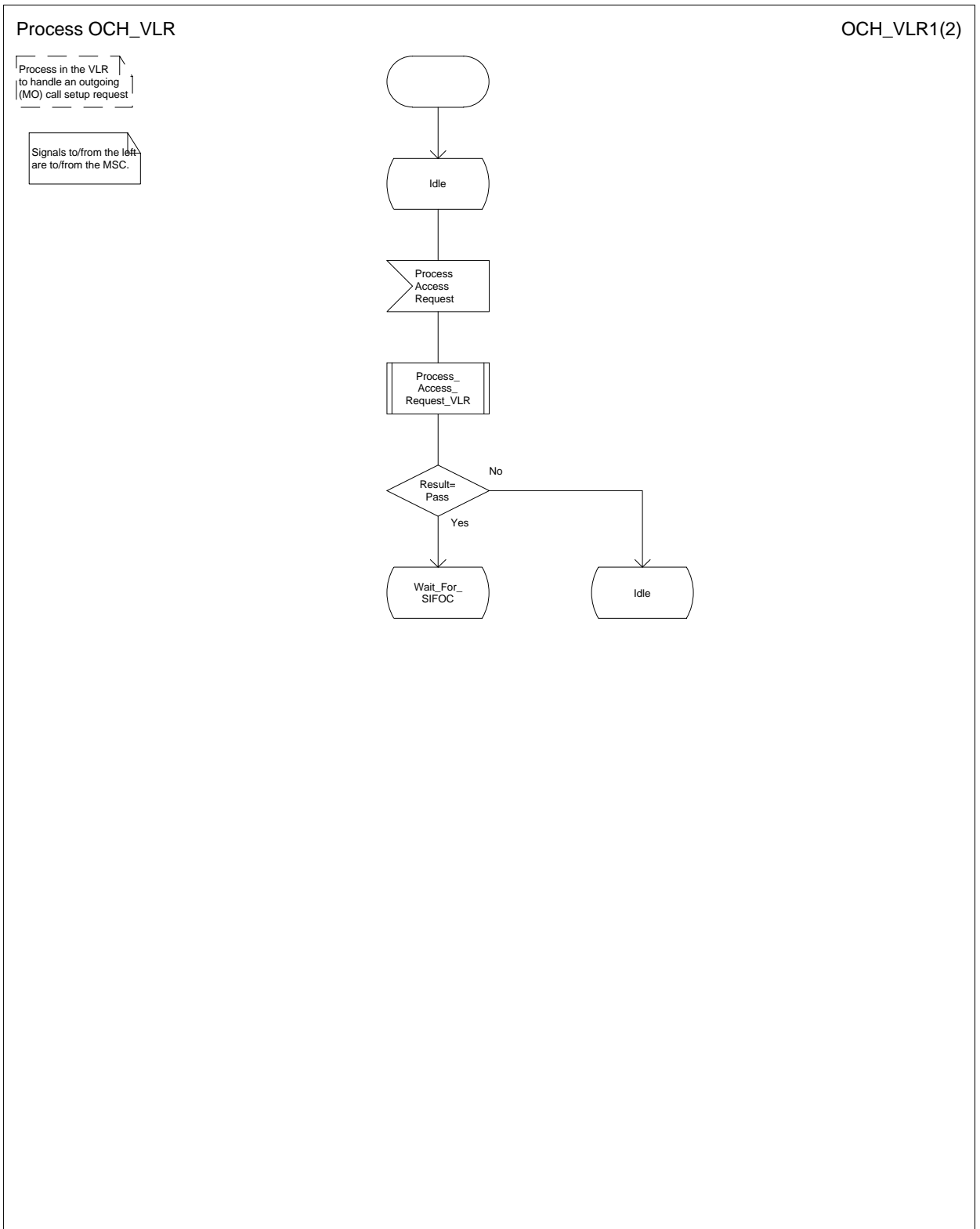


Figure 15a: Process OCH\_VLR (sheet 1)

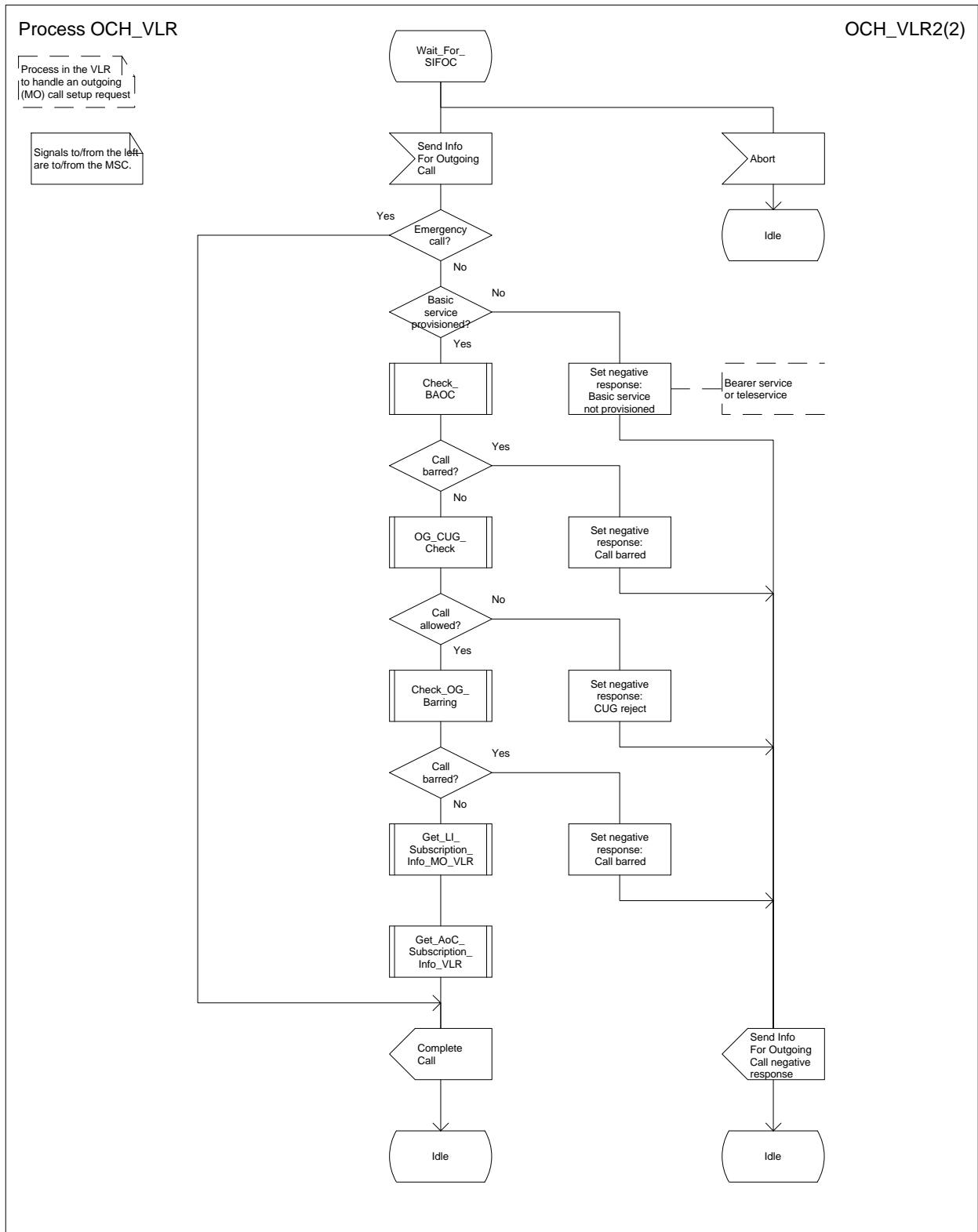


Figure 15b: Process OCH\_VLR (sheet 2)

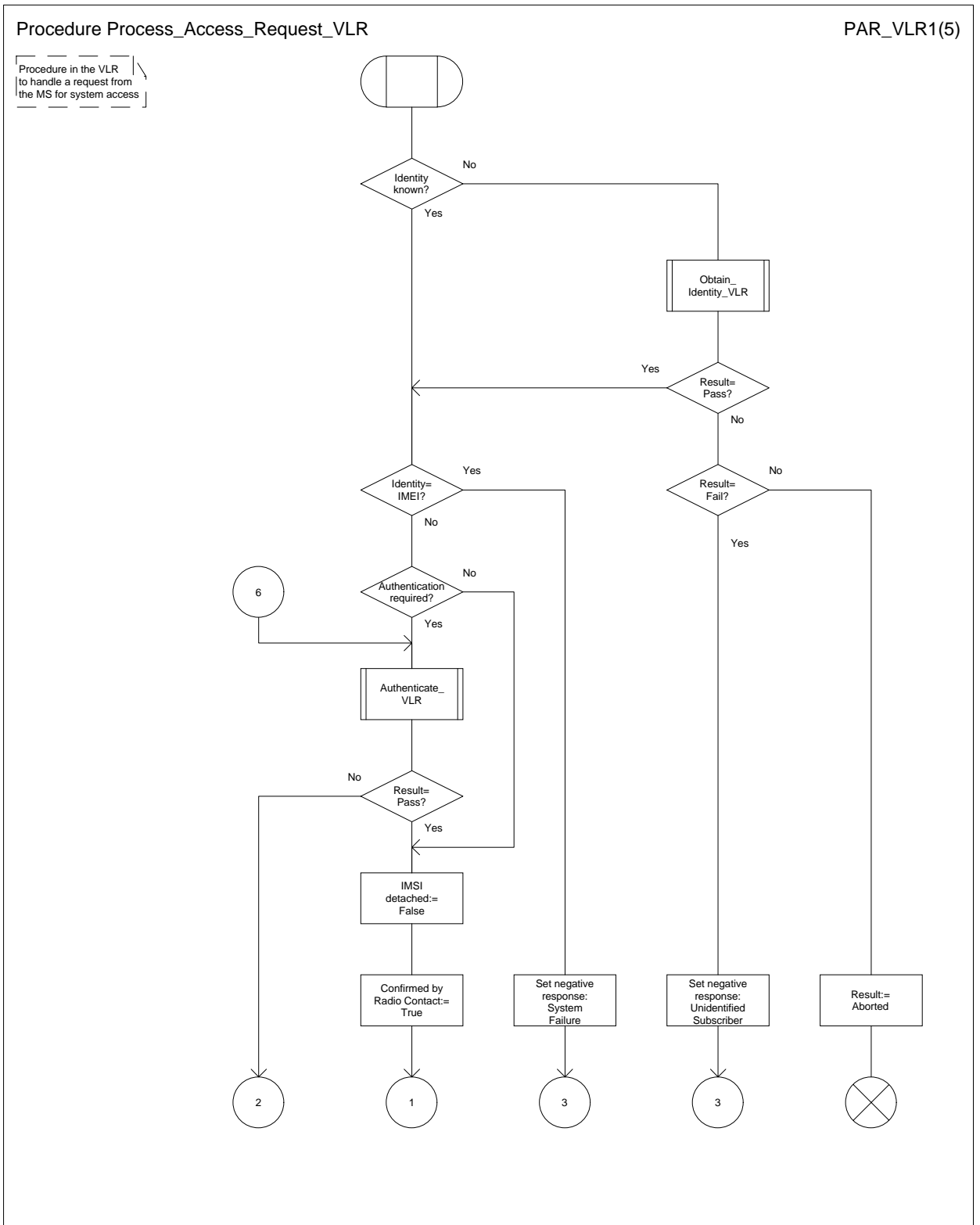


Figure 16a: Procedure Process\_Access\_Request\_VLR (sheet 1)

Procedure Process\_Access\_Request\_VLR

PAR\_VLR2(5)

Procedure in the VLR  
to handle a request from  
the MS for system access

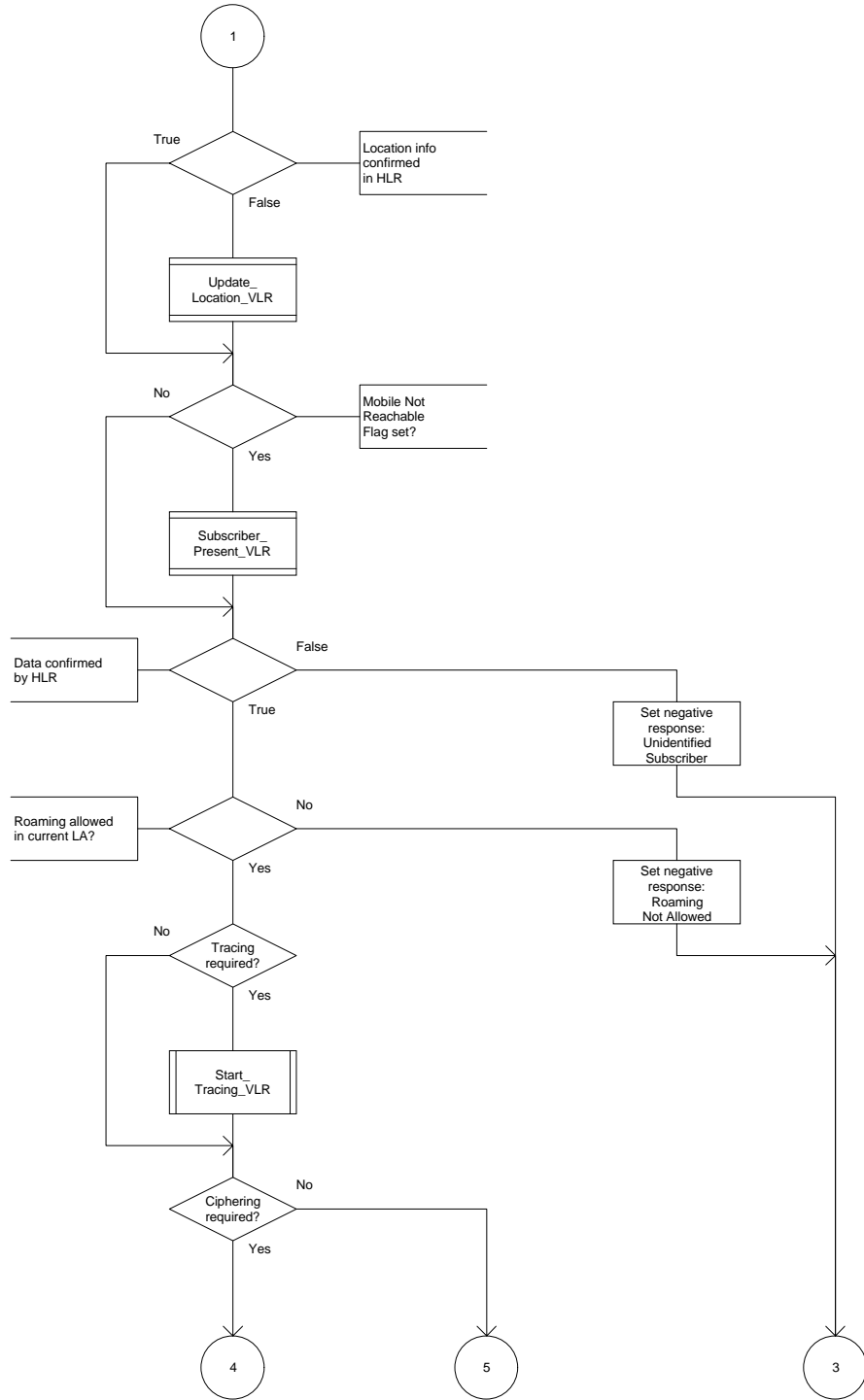


Figure 16b: Procedure Process\_Access\_Request\_VLR (sheet 2)



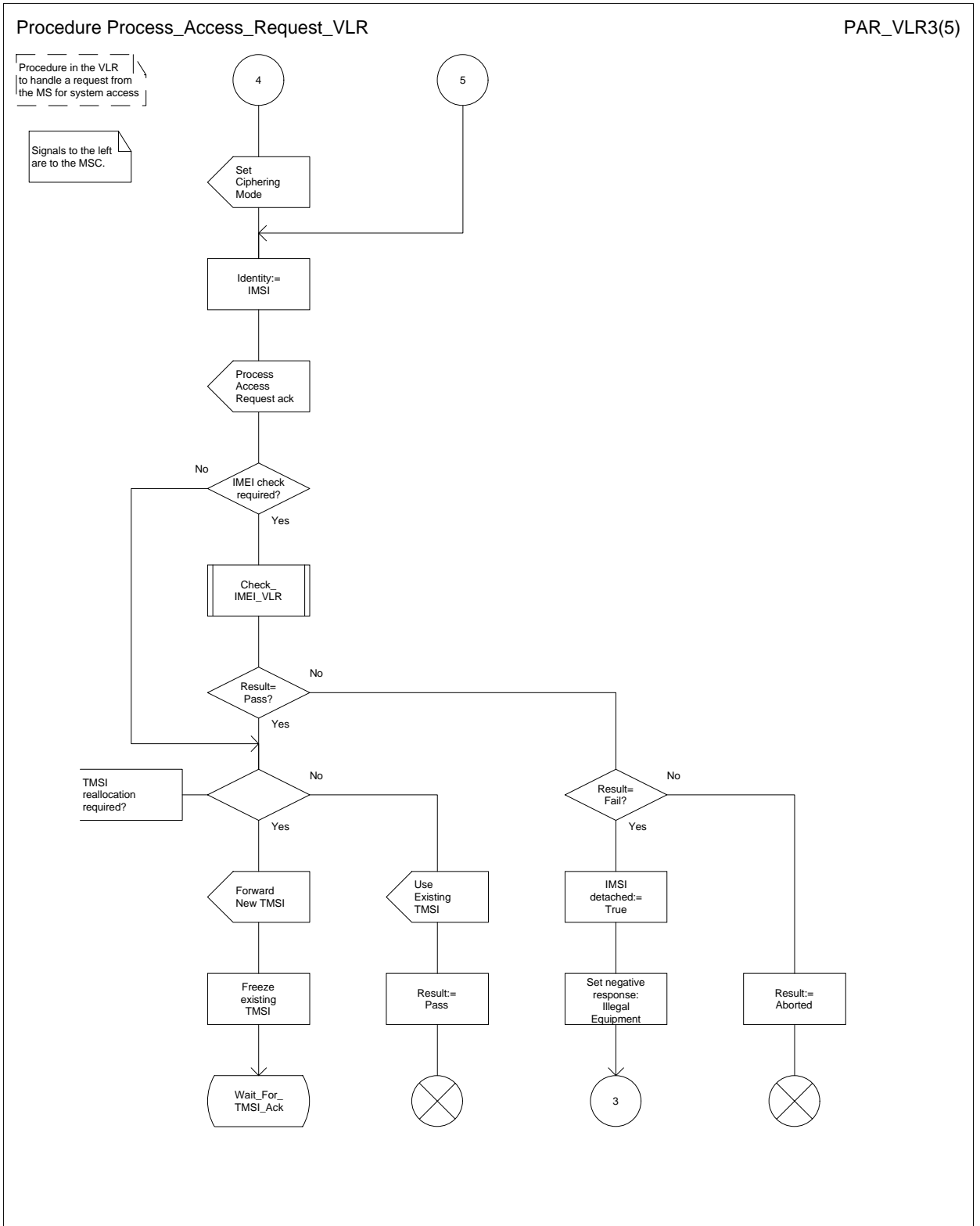


Figure 16c: Procedure Process\_Access\_Request\_VLR (sheet 3)

Procedure Process\_Access\_Request\_VLR

PAR\_VLR4(5)

Procedure in the VLR to handle a request from the MS for system access

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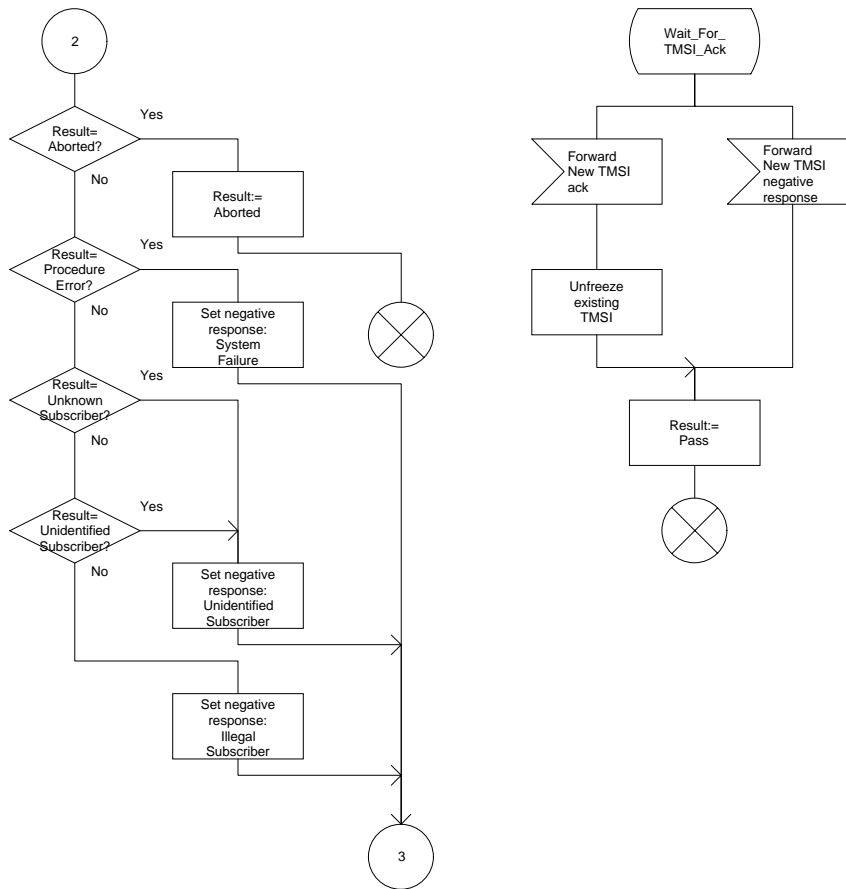


Figure 16d: Procedure Process\_Access\_Request\_VLR (sheet 4)

Procedure Process\_Access\_Request\_VLR

PAR\_VLR5(5)

Procedure in the VLR to handle a request from the MS for system access

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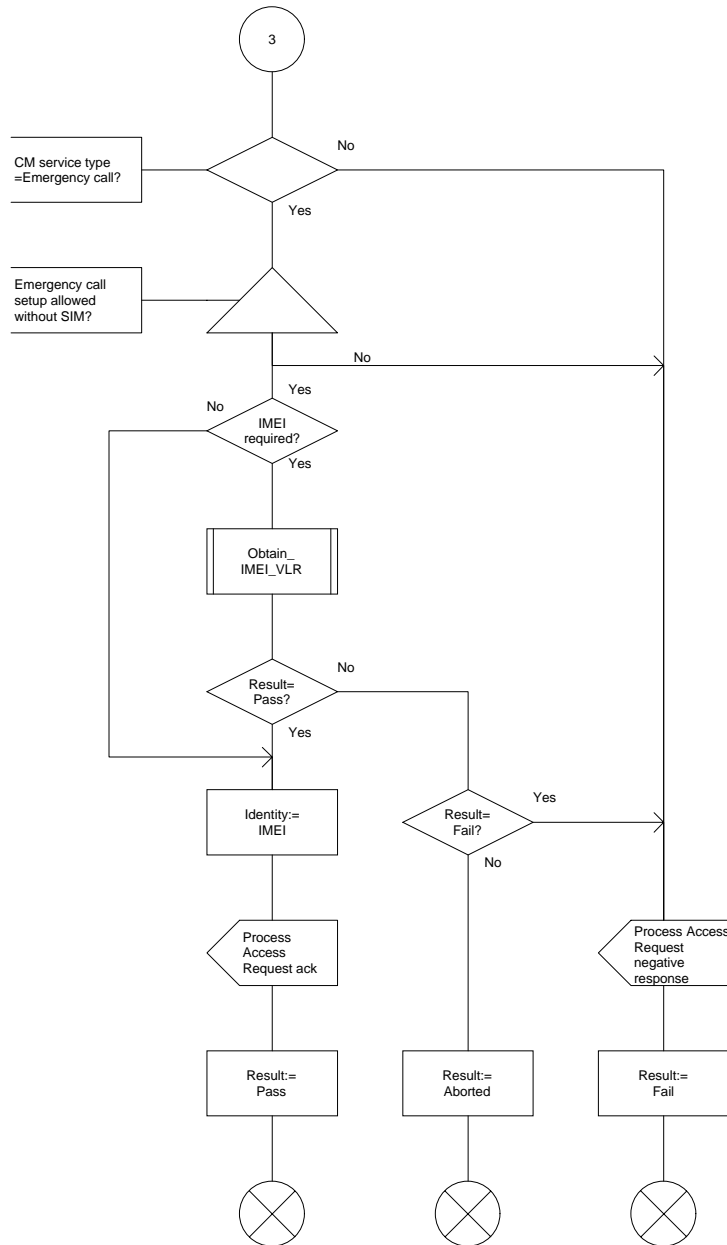


Figure 16e: Procedure Process\_Access\_Request\_VLR (sheet 5)

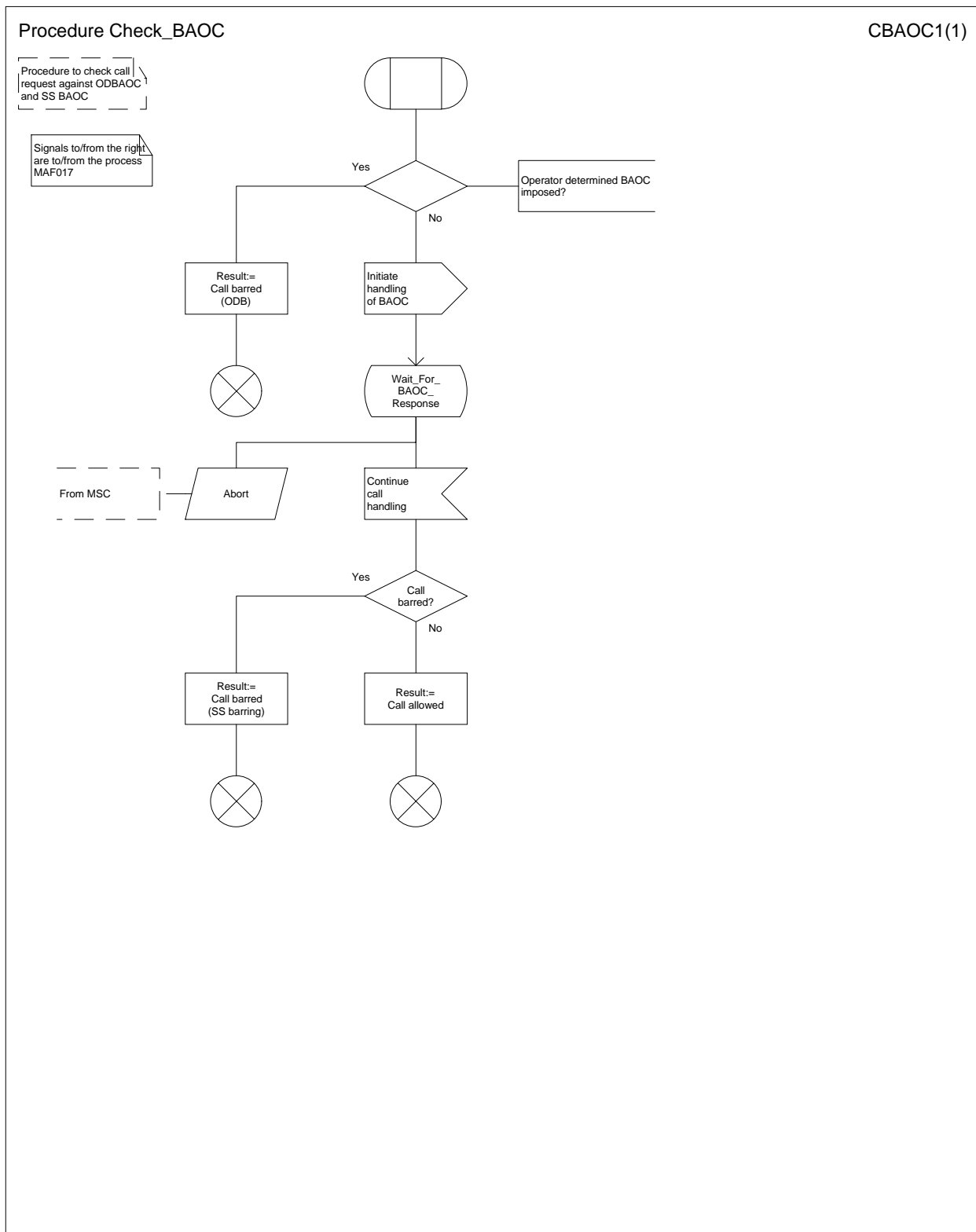


Figure 17: Procedure Check\_BAOC

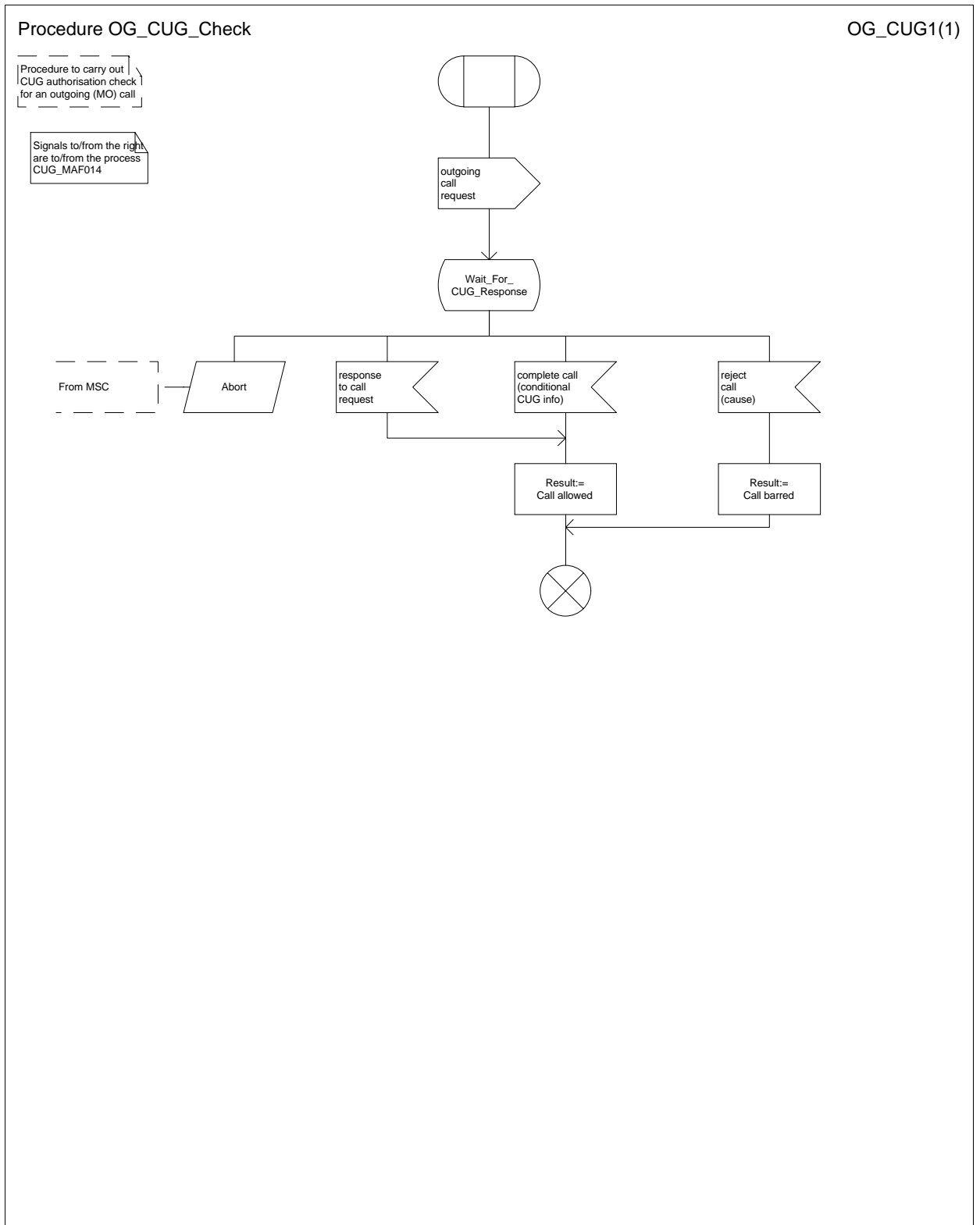


Figure 18: Procedure OG\_CUG\_Check

Procedure Check\_OG\_Barring

COB1(3)

Procedure to check call request against SS barring and ODB categories

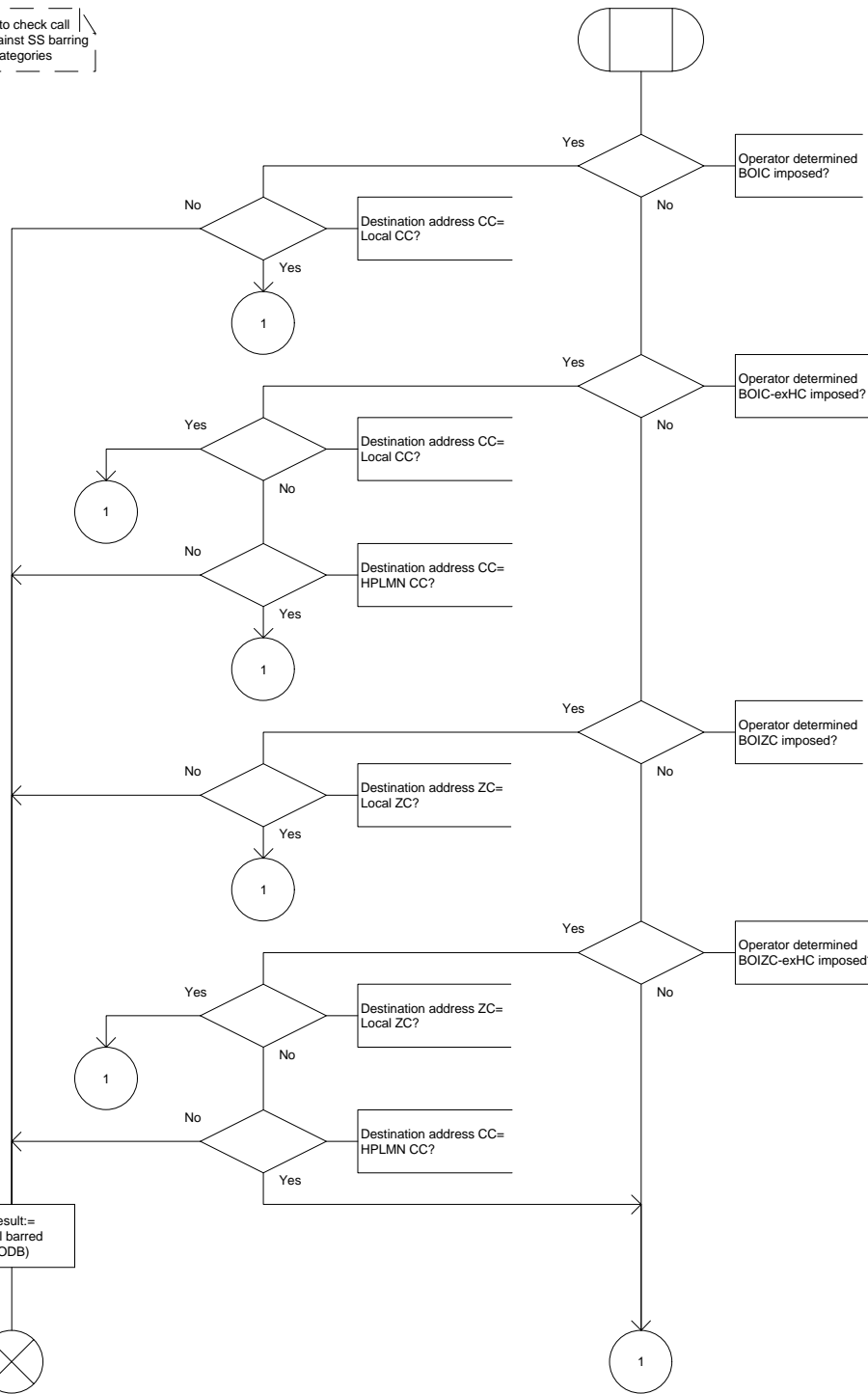


Figure 19a: Procedure Check\_OG\_Barring (sheet 1)

Procedure Check\_OG\_Barring

COB2(3)

Procedure to check call request against SS barring and ODB categories

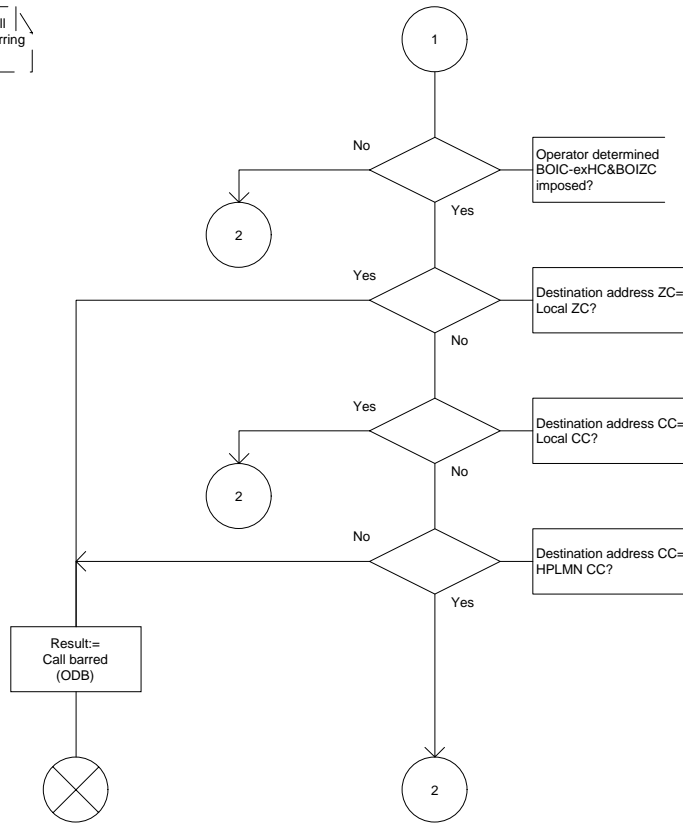


Figure 19b: Procedure Check\_OG\_Barring (sheet 2)

COB3(3)

Procedure Check\_OG\_Barring

Procedure to check call request against SS barring and ODB categories

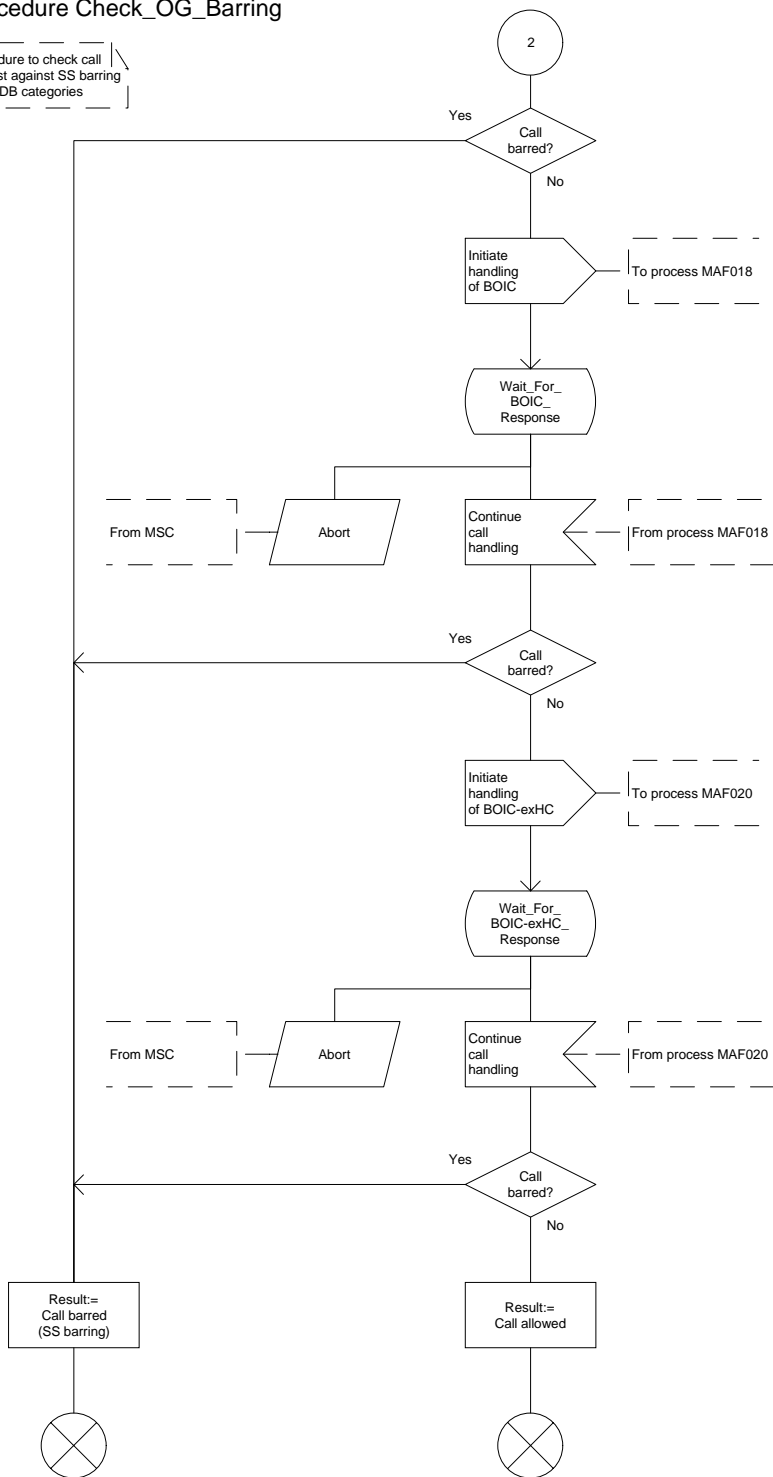


Figure 19c: Procedure Check\_OG\_Barring (sheet 3)



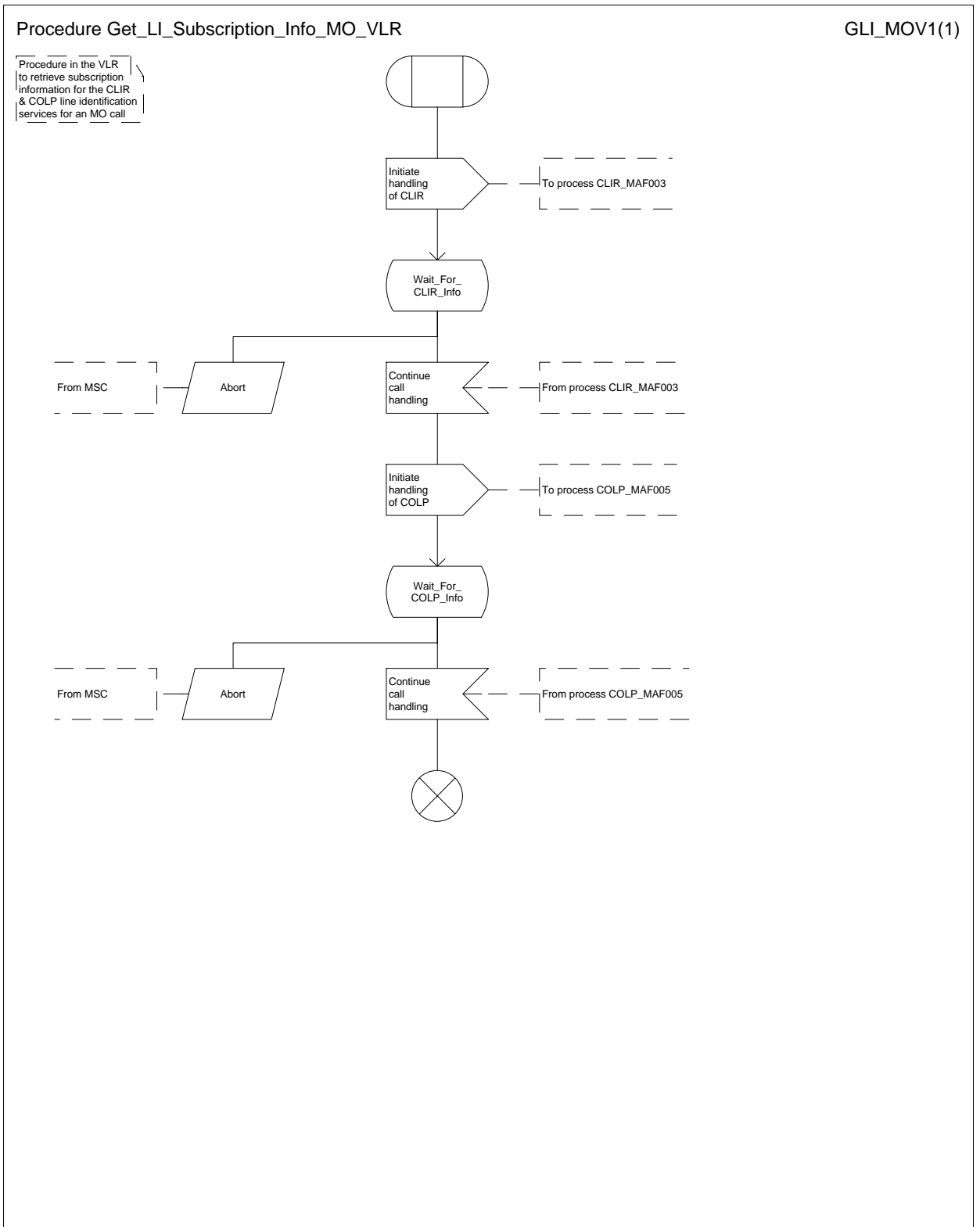


Figure 20: Procedure Get\_LI\_Subscription\_Info\_MO\_VLR

Procedure Get\_AoC\_Subscription\_Info\_VLR

GAOCI\_V1(1)

Procedure in the VLR  
to determine the subscription  
to Advice of Charge services

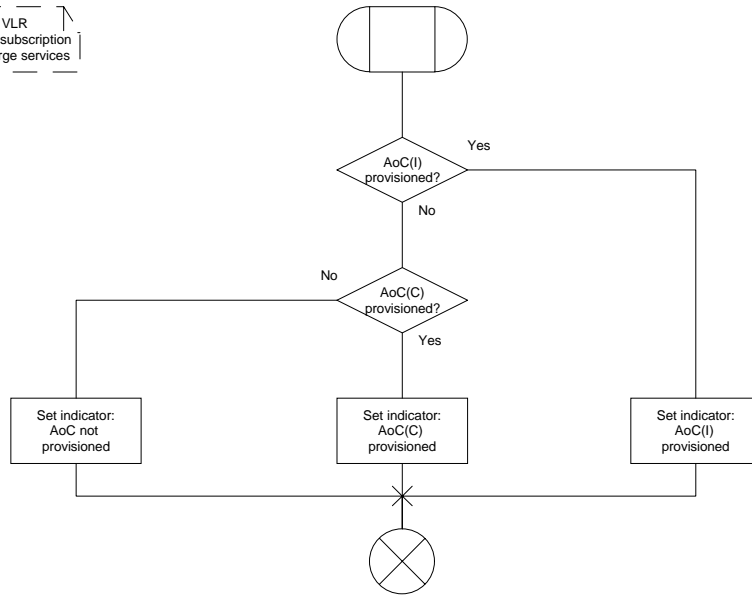


Figure 21: Procedure Get\_AoC\_Subscription\_Info\_VLR

Procedure Obtain\_Identity\_VLR

OID\_VLR1(1)

Procedure in the VLR  
to obtain the identity of an MS

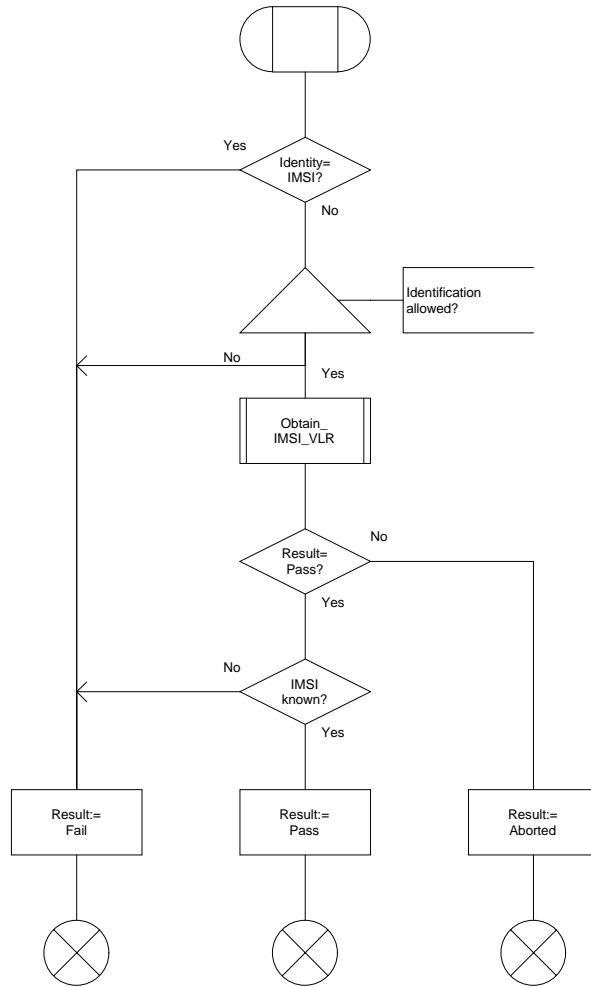


Figure 22: Procedure Obtain\_Identity\_VLR

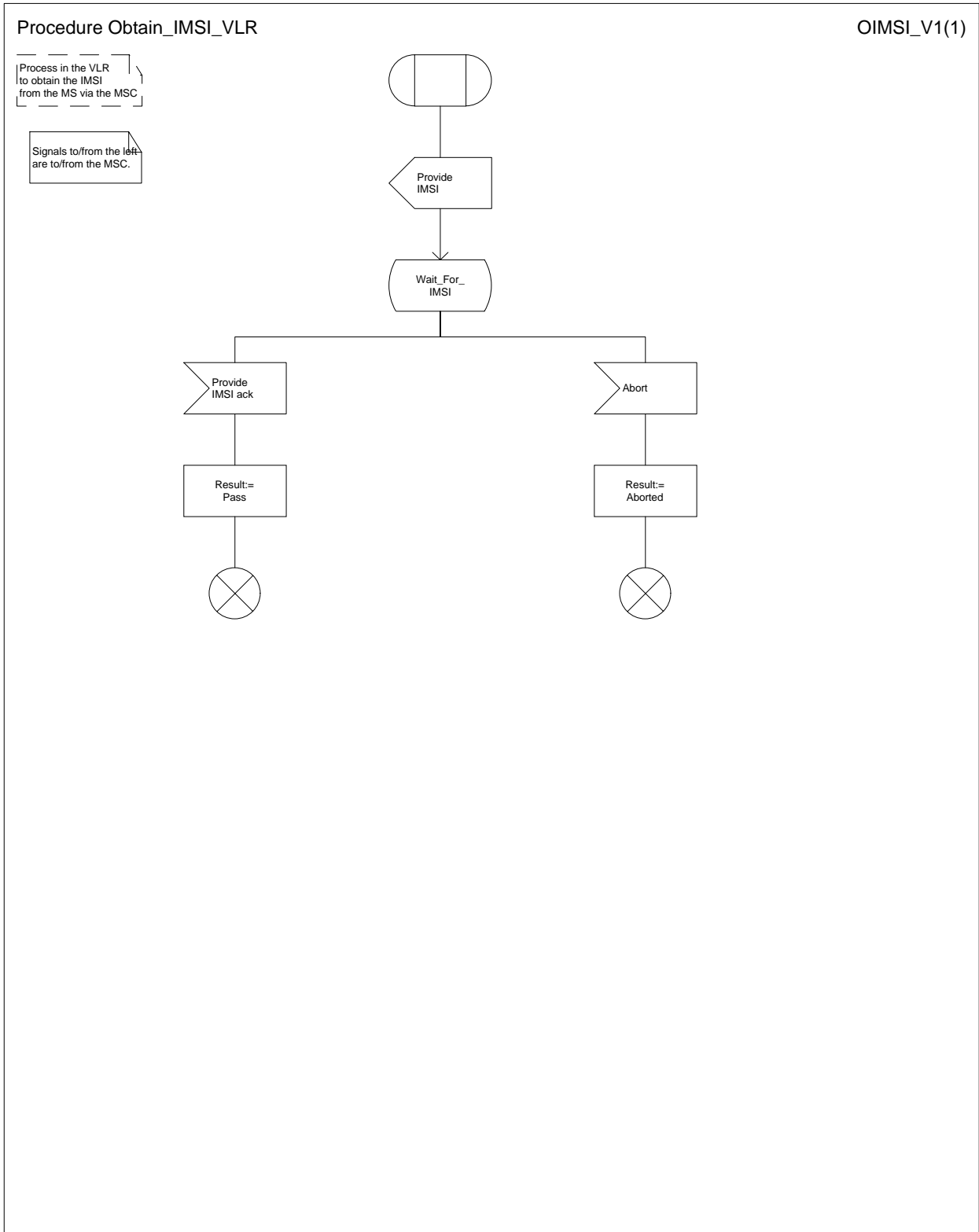


Figure 23: Procedure Obtain\_IMSI\_VLR

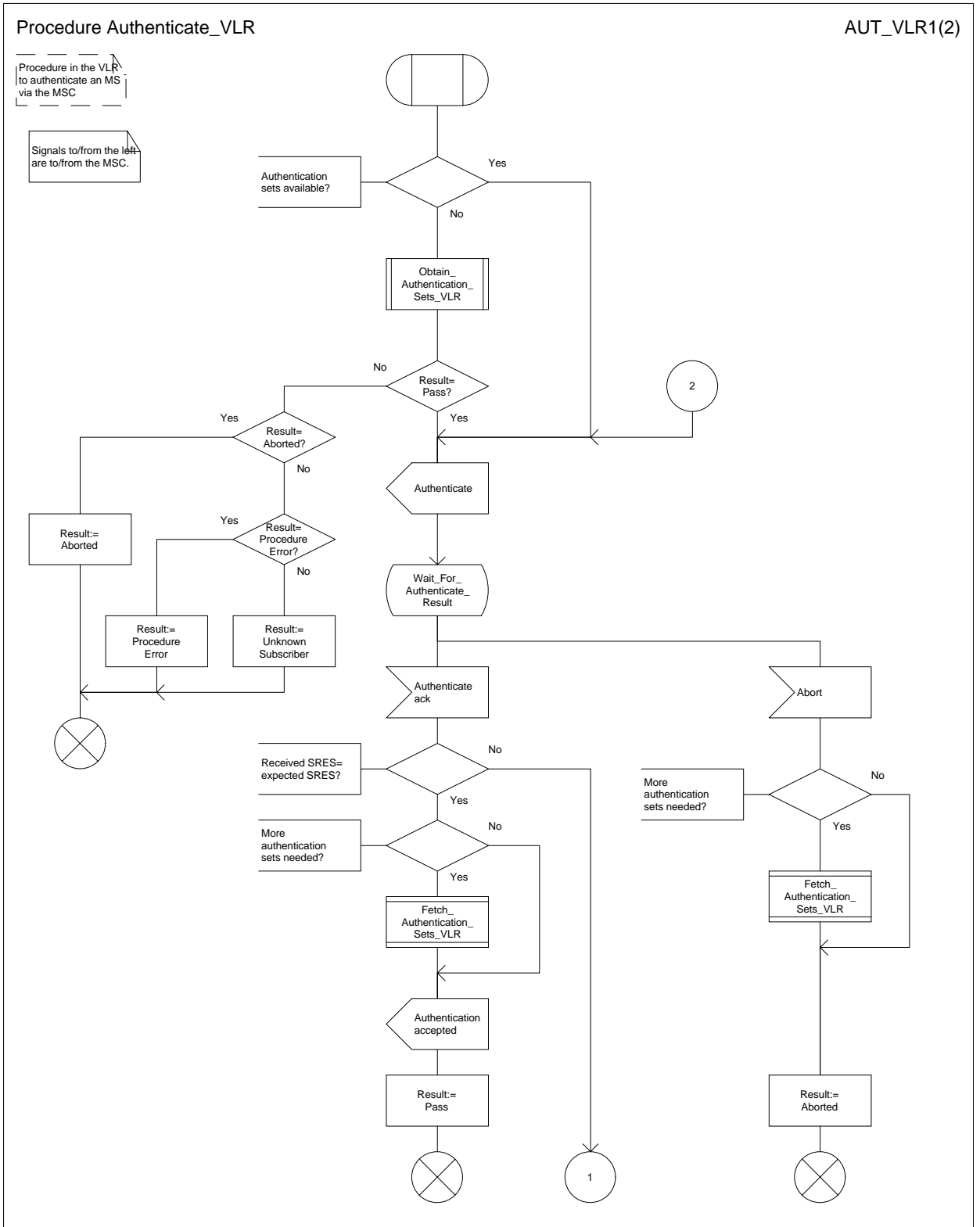


Figure 24a: Procedure Authenticate\_VLR (sheet 1)

Procedure Authenticate\_VLR

AUT\_VLR2(2)

Procedure in the VLR to authenticate an MS via the MSC

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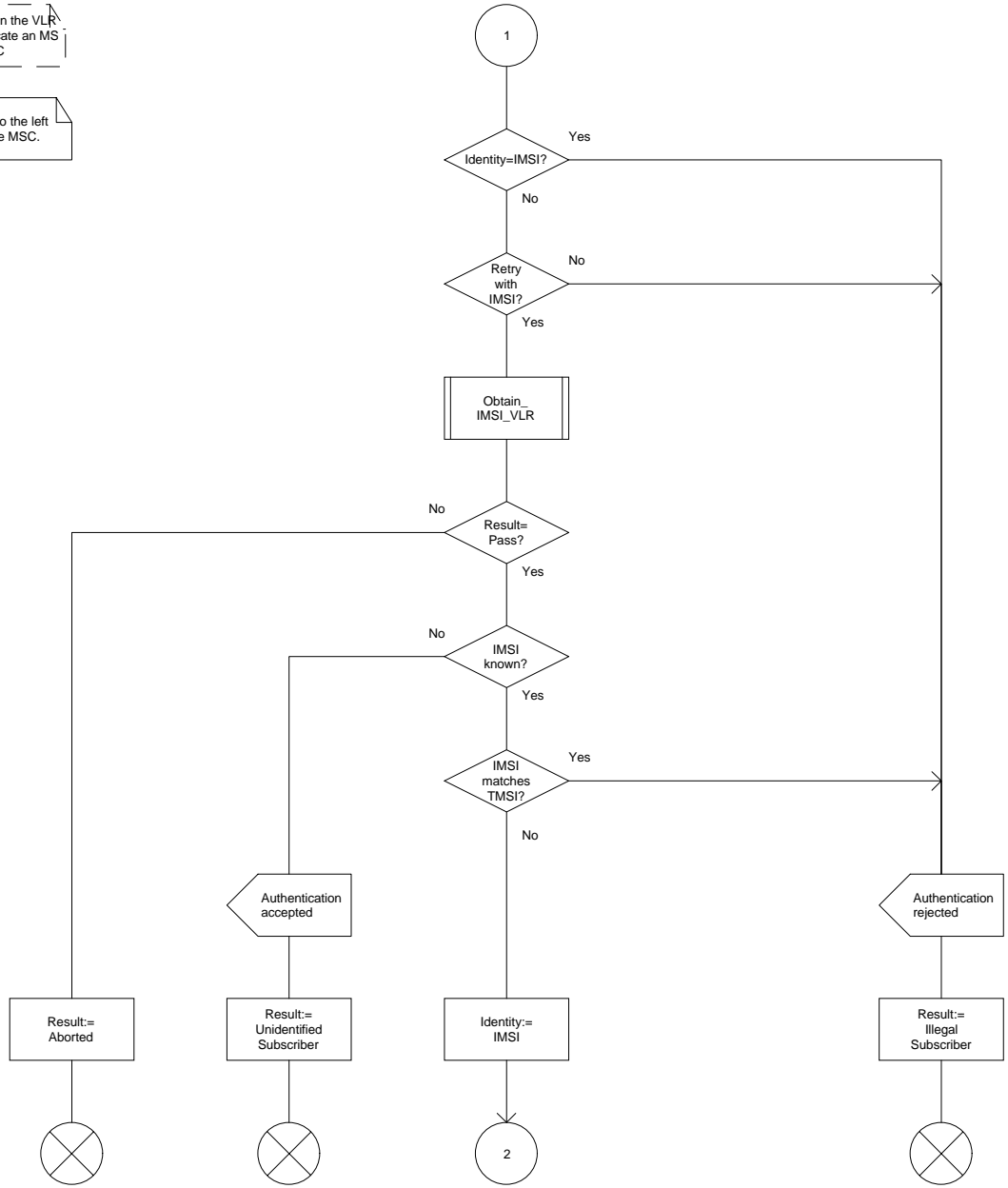


Figure 24b: Procedure Authenticate\_VLR (sheet 2)

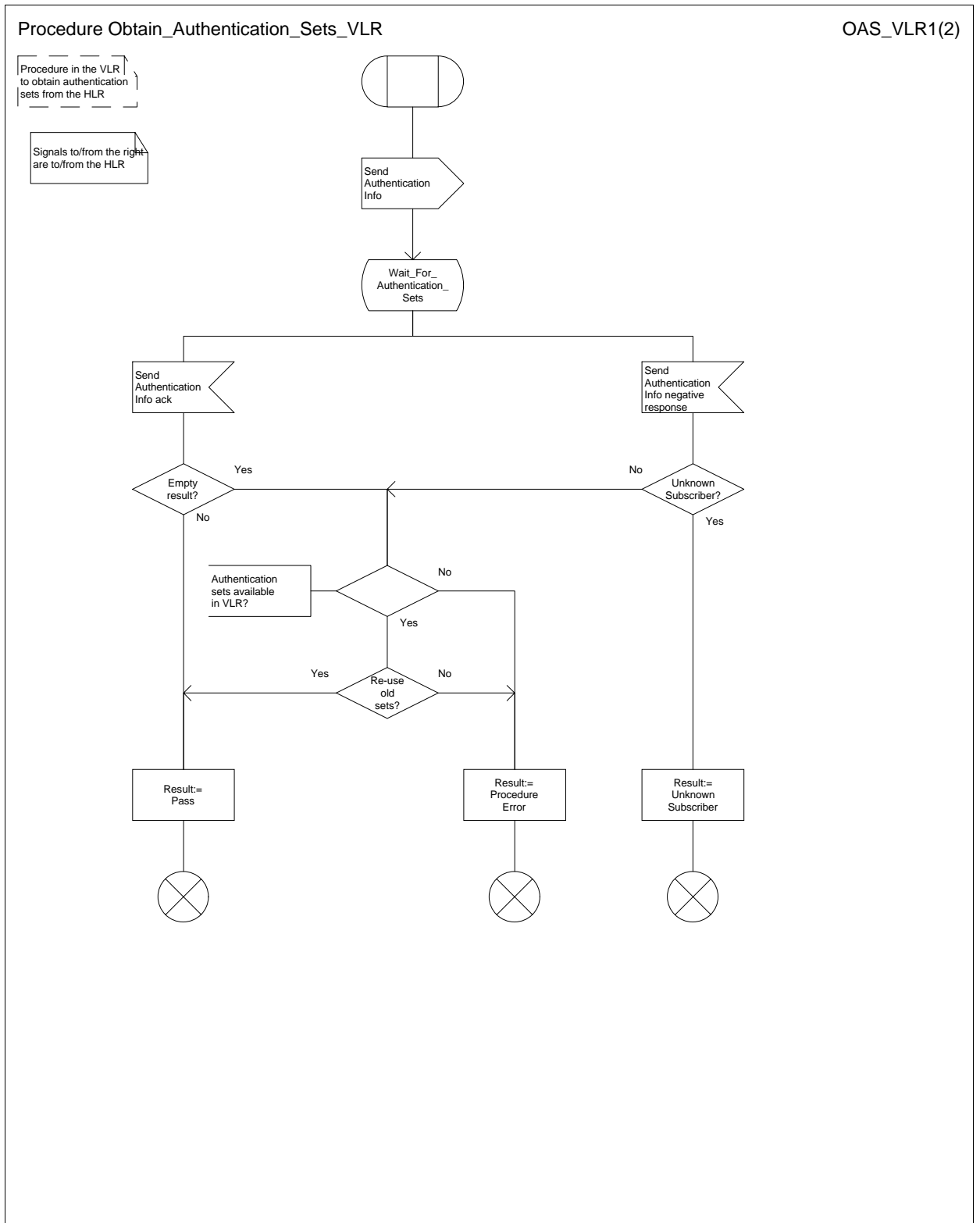


Figure 25a: Procedure Obtain\_Authentication\_Sets\_VLR (sheet 1)

Procedure Obtain\_Authentication\_Sets\_VLR

OAS\_VLR2(2)

Procedure in the VLR  
to obtain authentication  
sets from the HLR

Signals to/from the left  
are to/from the MSC;  
Signals to/from the right  
are to/from the HLR

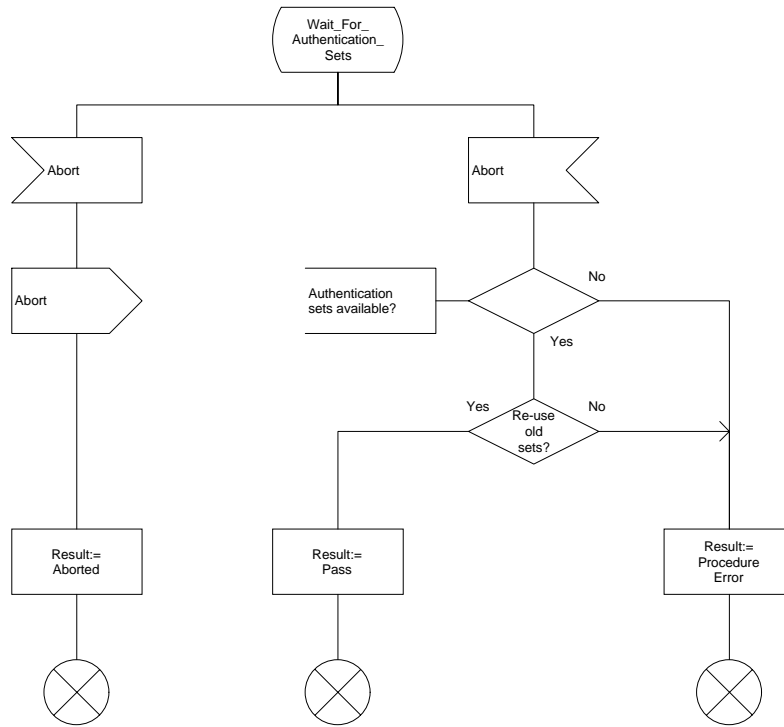


Figure 25b: Procedure Obtain\_Authentication\_Sets\_VLR (sheet 2)



Procedure Start\_Tracing\_VLR

ST\_TR\_V1(1)

Procedure in the VLR to request the MSC to start activity tracing

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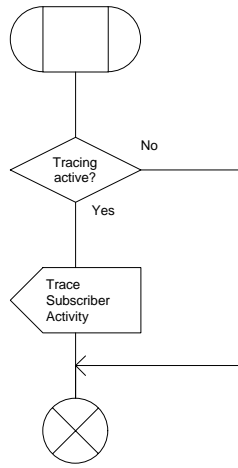


Figure 26: Procedure Start\_Tracing\_VLR

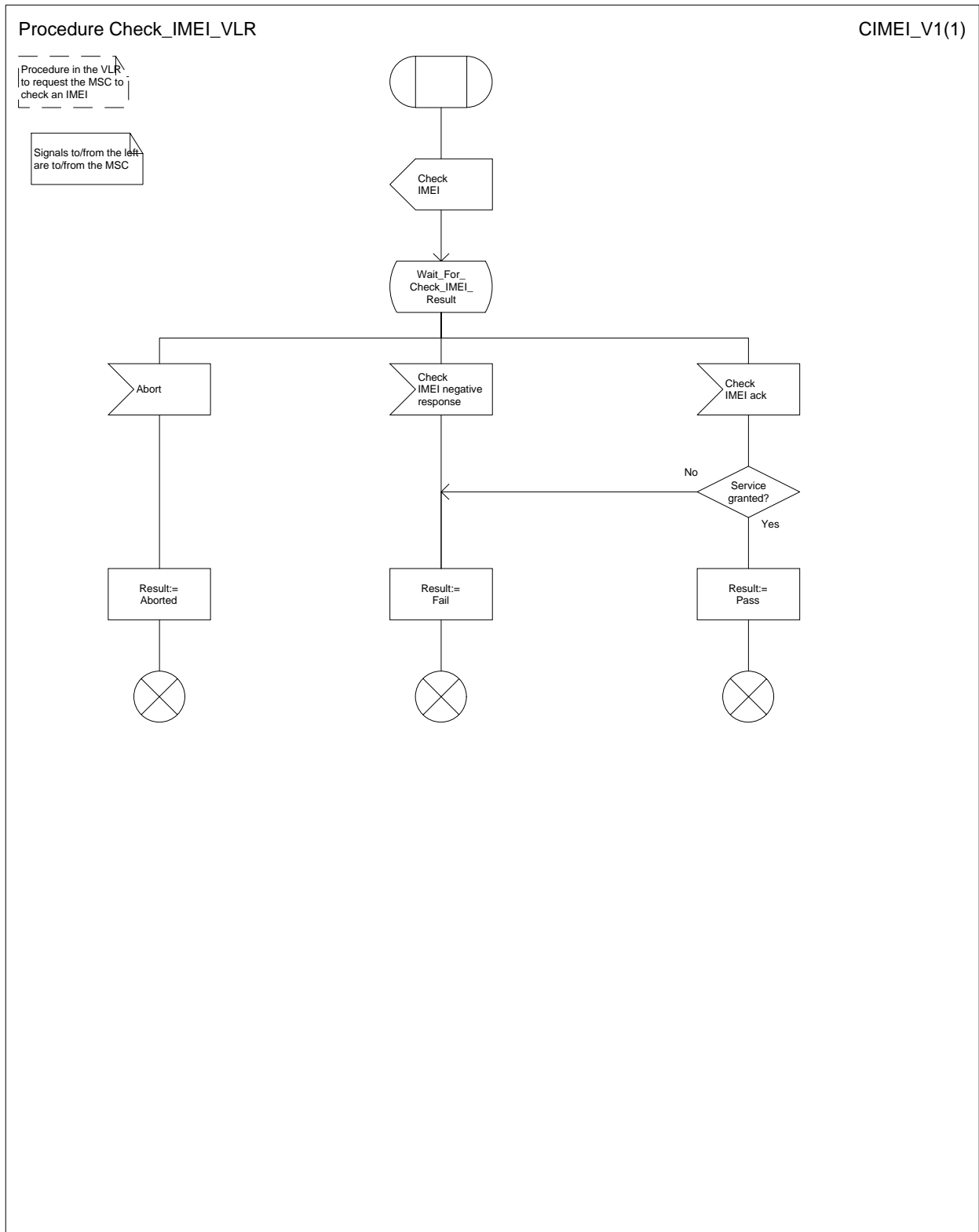


Figure 27: Procedure Check\_IMEI\_VLR

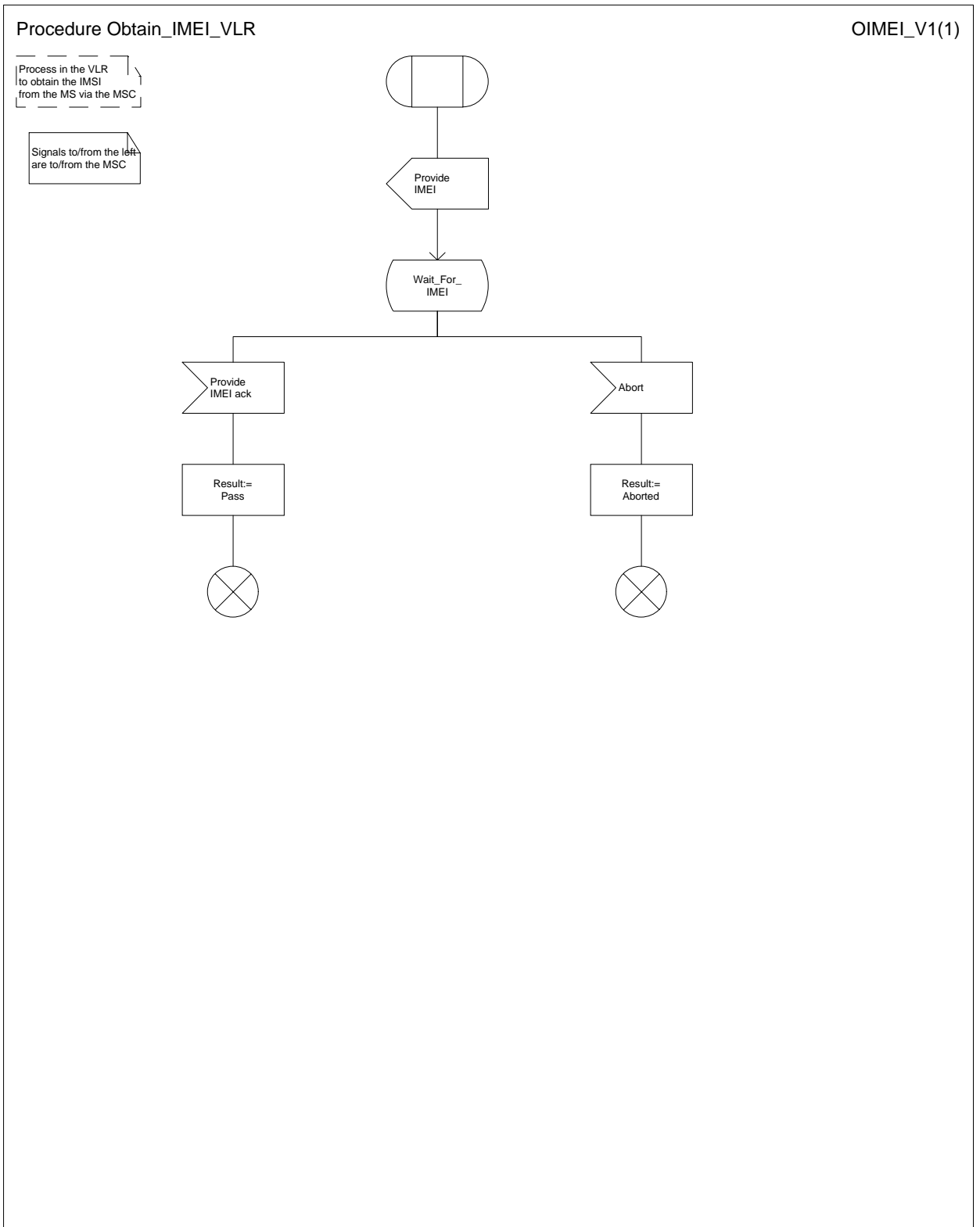


Figure 28: Procedure Obtain\_IMEI\_VLR

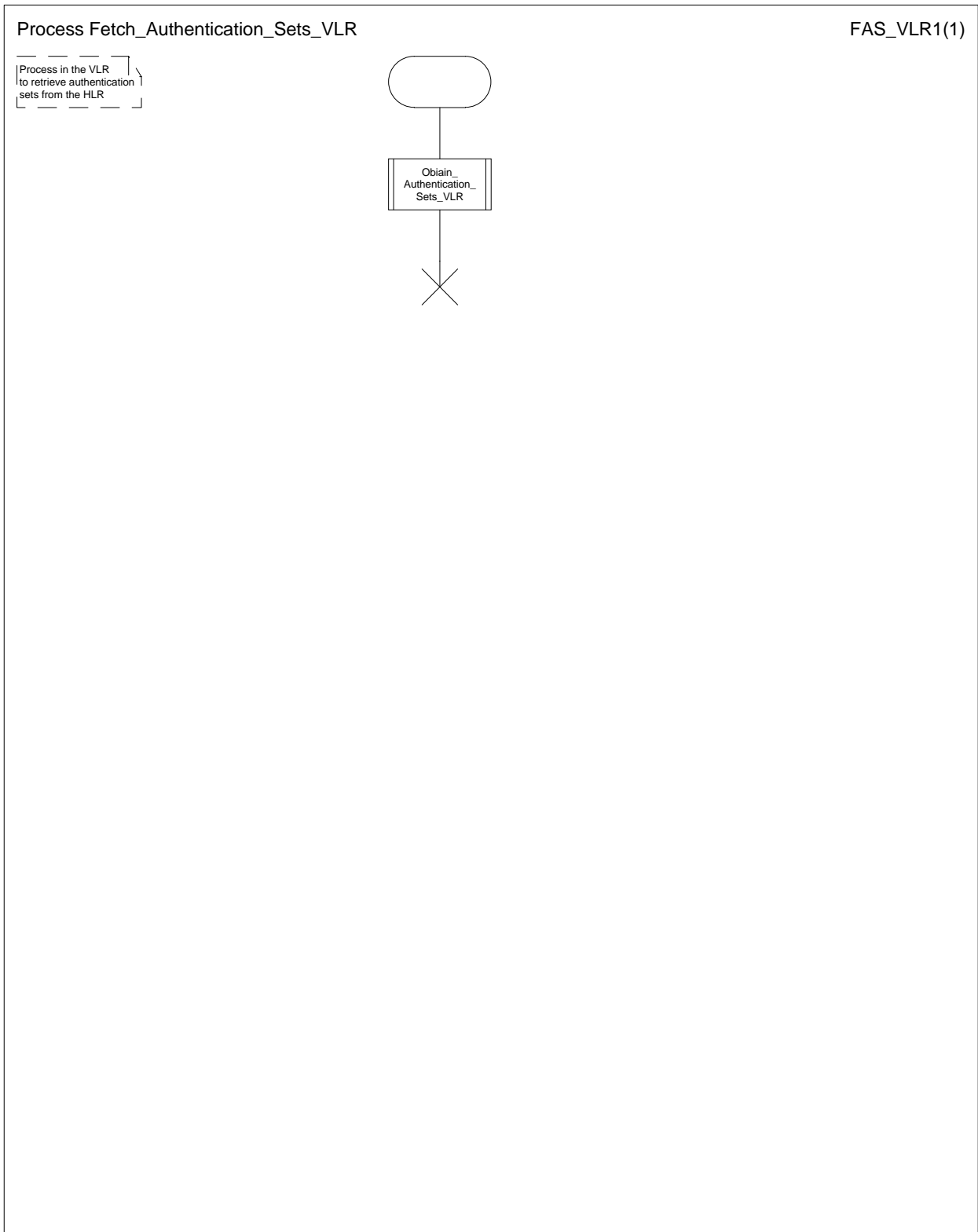


Figure 29: Process Fetch\_Authentication\_Sets\_VLR

## 7.2 Retrieval of routing information for MT call

### 7.2.1 Functional requirements of GMSC

#### 7.2.1.1 Process MT\_GMSC

Sheet 1: the suggested mapping from values of the Send Routing Info negative response information element to values of the ISUP release cause (see ITU-T Recommendation Q.850 [21]) is shown in table 1. The mapping used is a matter for the network operator, depending on the telephony signalling system used.

Sheet 3: after the GMSC has sent an IAM to the destination VMSC or the forwarded-to exchange, it acts as a transparent relay for messages received from the originating exchange and the destination VMSC or the forwarded-to exchange. Any message other than Address Complete, Connect, Answer or Release causes no change of state in the process MT\_GMSC.

**Table 1: Suggested mapping of Send Routing Info (SRI) negative responses to ISUP release causes**

<b>SRI negative response</b>	<b>ISUP release cause number</b>	<b>ISUP release cause name</b>
Absent subscriber	20	Subscriber absent
Bearer service not provisioned	57	Bearer capability not authorised
Call barred (ODB)	21	Call rejected
Call barred (SS barring)	21	Call rejected
CUG reject (Called party SS interaction violation)	21	Call rejected
CUG reject (Incoming calls barred within CUG)	55	Incoming calls barred within CUG
CUG reject (Subscriber not member of CUG)	87	User not member of CUG
CUG reject (Requested basic service violates CUG constraints)	87	User not member of CUG
Data missing	111	Protocol error, unspecified
Facility not supported	69	Requested facility not implemented
Forwarding violation	21	Call rejected
Number changed	22	Number changed
System failure	111	Protocol error, unspecified
Teleservice not provisioned	57	Bearer capability not authorised
Unexpected data value	111	Protocol error, unspecified
Unknown subscriber	1	Unallocated (unassigned) number

#### 7.2.1.2 Procedure Handle\_COLP\_Forwarding\_Interaction\_MSC

The originating exchange or the destination exchange may release the call while a response is awaited from the process COLP\_MAF039. The message is saved for processing after return from the procedure.

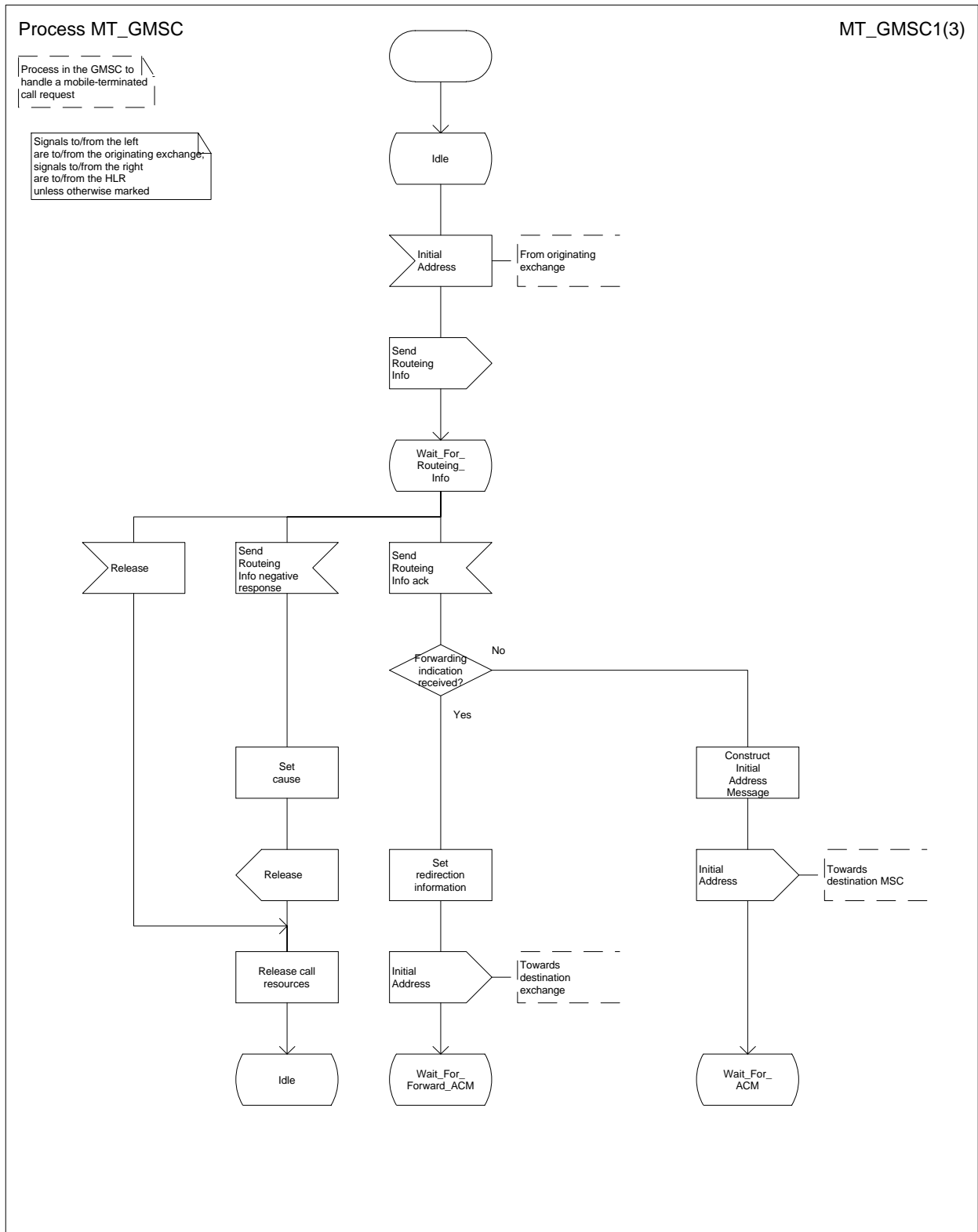


Figure 30a: Process MT\_GMSC (sheet 1)

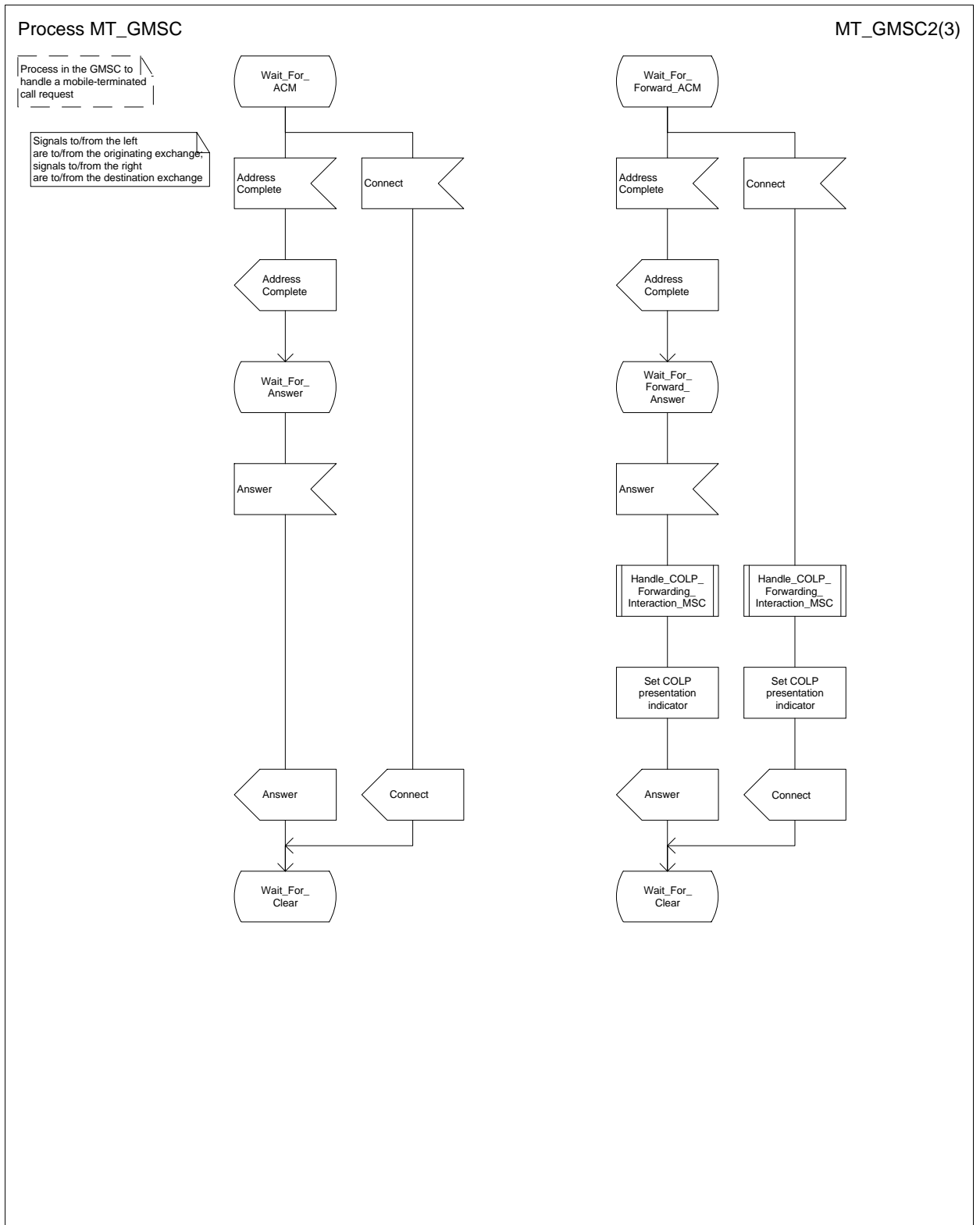


Figure 30b: Process MT\_GMSC (sheet 2)

Process MT\_GMSC

MT\_GMSC3(3)

Process in the GMSC to handle a mobile-terminated call request

Signals to/from the left are to/from the originating exchange, signals to/from the right are to/from the destination exchange

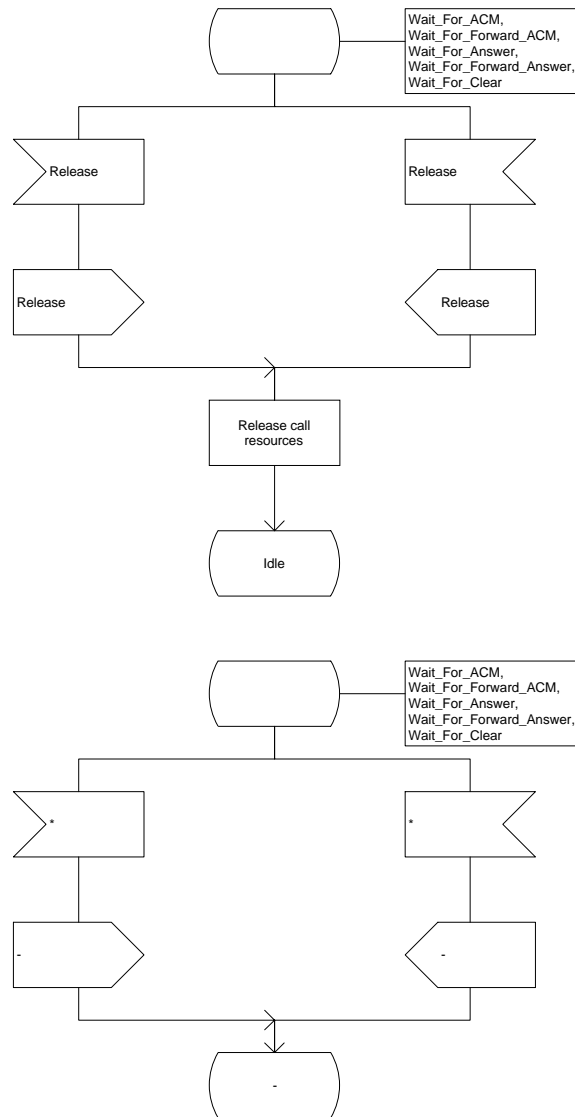


Figure 30c: Process MT\_GMSC (sheet 3)



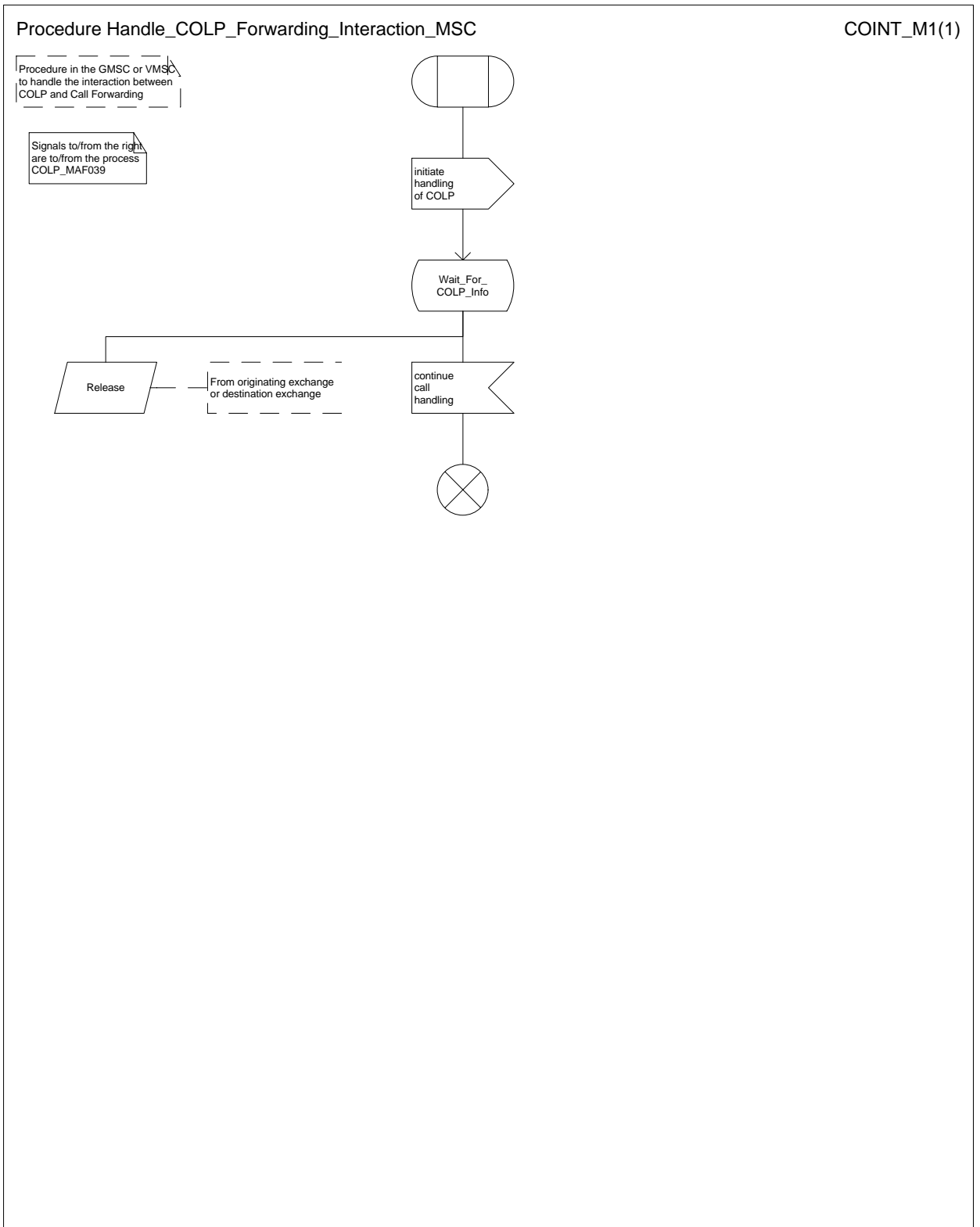


Figure 31: Procedure Handle\_COLP\_Forwarding\_Interaction\_MSC

## **7.2.2 Functional requirements of HLR**

### **7.2.2.1 Process SRI\_HLR**

Sheet 1: The procedures Check\_Parameters, Subscription\_Check\_HLR and First\_Forwarding\_HLR can set the negative response parameter which is used by the process SRI\_HLR to construct the Send Routeing Info negative response message. This negative response parameter is global data, accessible by the process SRI\_HLR.

Sheet 2: The procedure PRN\_Error\_HLR can set the negative response parameter which is used by the process SRI\_HLR to construct the Send Routeing Info negative response message. This negative response parameter is global data, accessible by the process SRI\_HLR.

### **7.2.2.2 Procedure Check\_Parameters**

If any parameters required by the rules in clause 8 are missing from the message, the procedure sets the negative response to "Data missing". If any parameter has a value which is not in the set of values expected for the parameter, the procedure sets the negative response to "Unexpected data value".

### **7.2.2.3 Procedure Subscription\_Check\_HLR**

It is an implementation option to carry out the check for operator determined barring of incoming calls before the check on provisioning of the requested basic service.

The negative response "Call barred" indicates whether the reason is operator determined barring or supplementary service barring, according to the result returned by the procedure Check\_IC\_Barring.

The negative response "CUG reject" indicates whether the reason is:

- Incoming calls barred within CUG;
- Requested basic service violates CUG constraints;
- Subscriber not member of CUG

according to the cause returned by the procedure IC\_CUG\_Check.

### **7.2.2.4 Procedure First\_Forwarding\_HLR**

### **7.2.2.5 Procedure PRN\_Error\_HLR**

### **7.2.2.6 Procedure Forward\_CUG\_Check**

### **7.2.2.7 Procedure Derive\_Requested\_Basic\_Service\_HLR**

The rules for deriving a GSM bearer capability from ISDN compatibility information or the MSISDN of the B subscriber are specified in ETS 300 604 [17]. If a GSM bearer capability cannot be derived from the ISDN compatibility information or the MSISDN of the B subscriber, the HLR applies a default basic service according to the requirements of the operator.

### **7.2.2.8 Procedure Check\_IC\_Barring**

### **7.2.2.9 Procedure IC\_CUG\_Check**

### **7.2.2.10 Procedure Handle\_CFU**

The test "Normal call" refers to the value of the indicator returned by the process MAF007.

### **7.2.2.11 Procedure Handle\_CFNRc**

The test "Mobile subscriber not reachable" refers to the value of the indicator returned by the process MAF010.

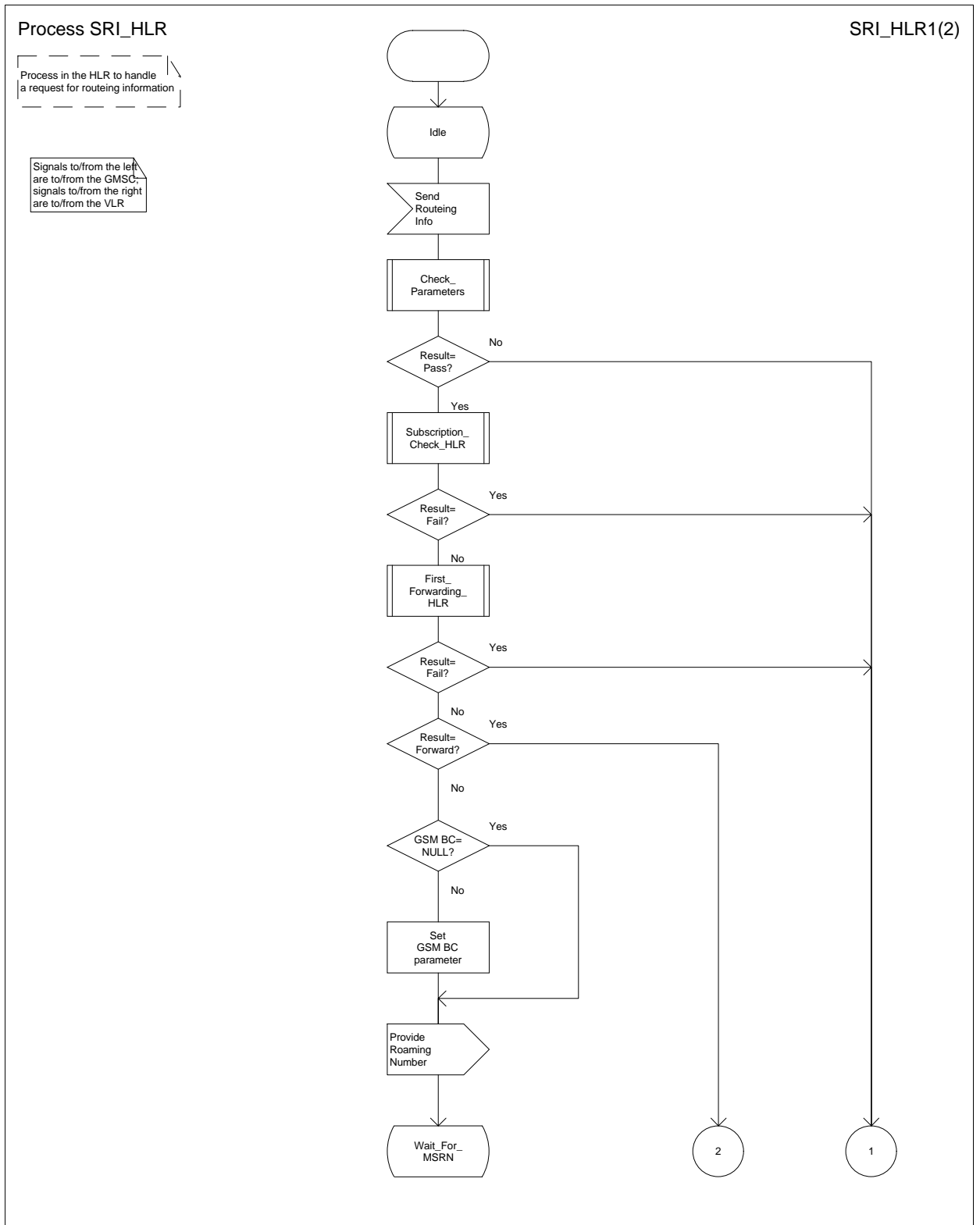


Figure 32a: Process SRI\_HLR (sheet 1)

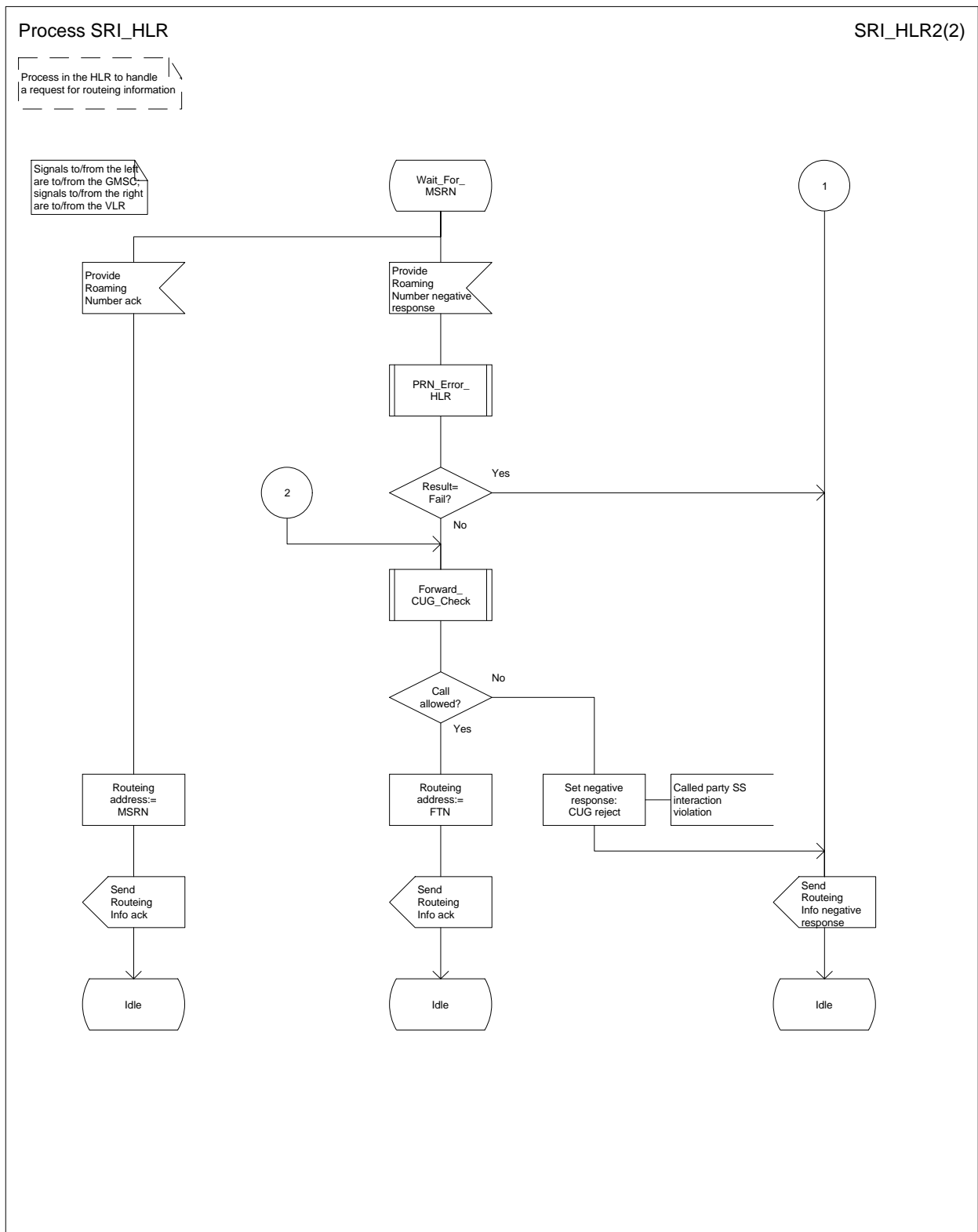


Figure 32b: Process SRI\_HLR (sheet 2)

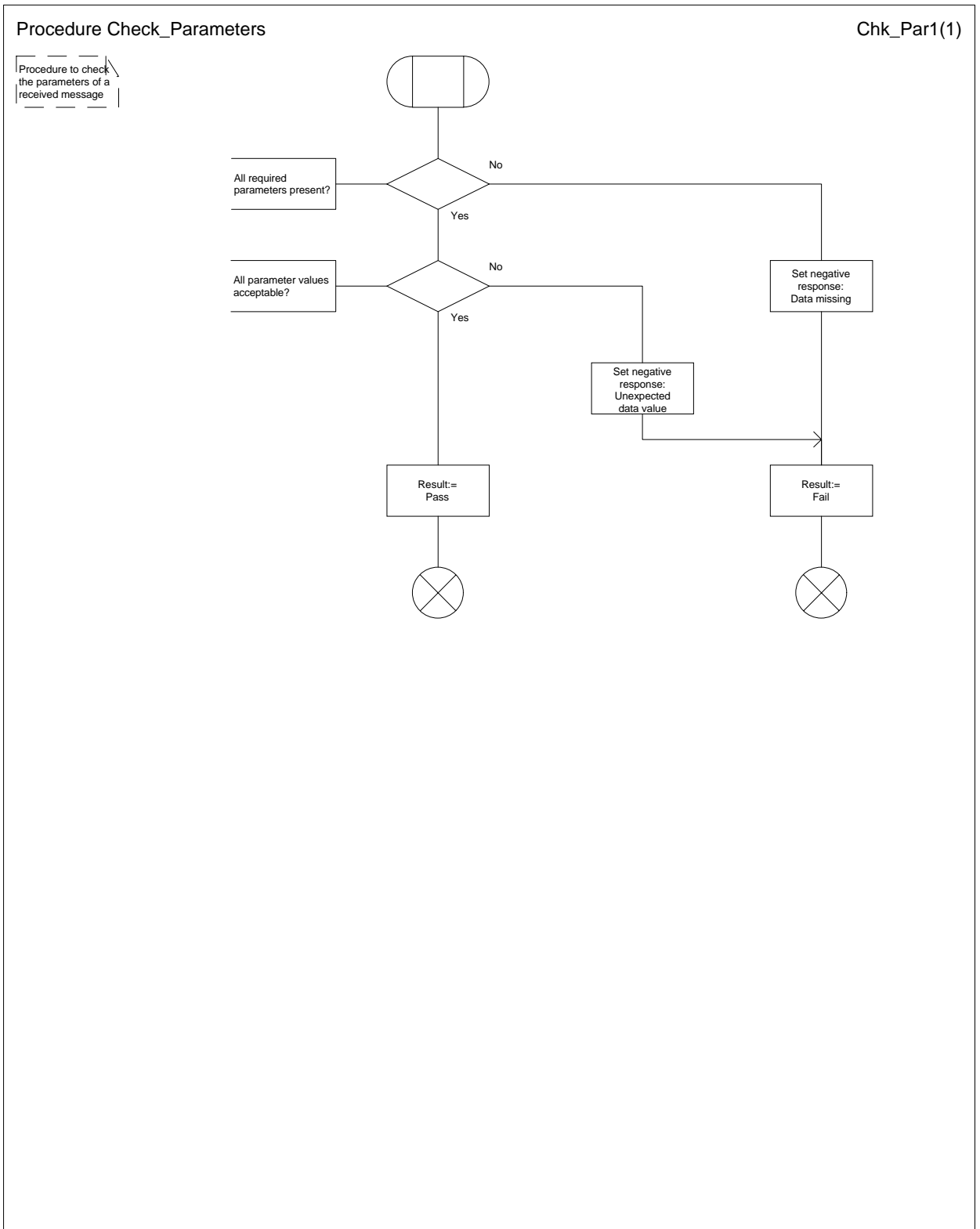


Figure 33: Procedure Check\_Parameters

Procedure Subscription\_Check\_HLR

SC\_HLR1(1)

Procedure in the HLR  
to make subscription  
checks for a mobile-  
terminated call

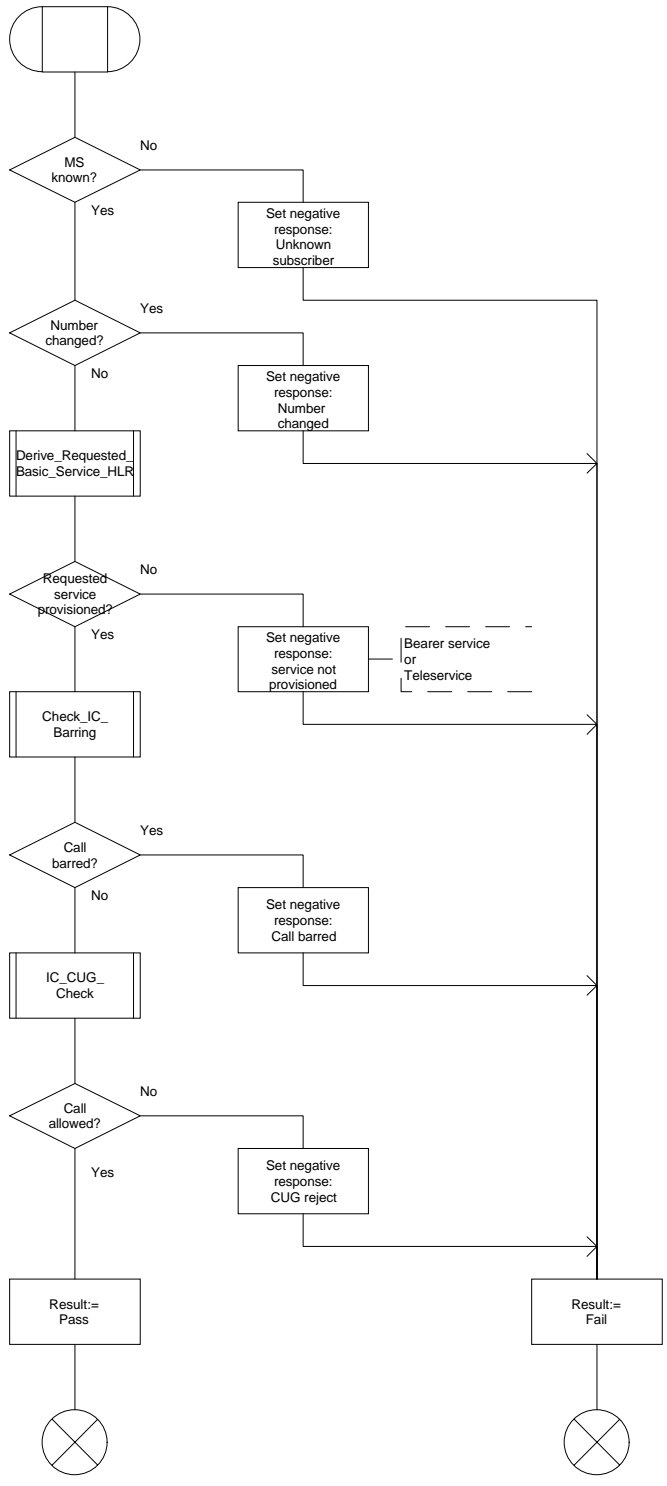


Figure 34: Procedure Subscription\_Check\_HLR

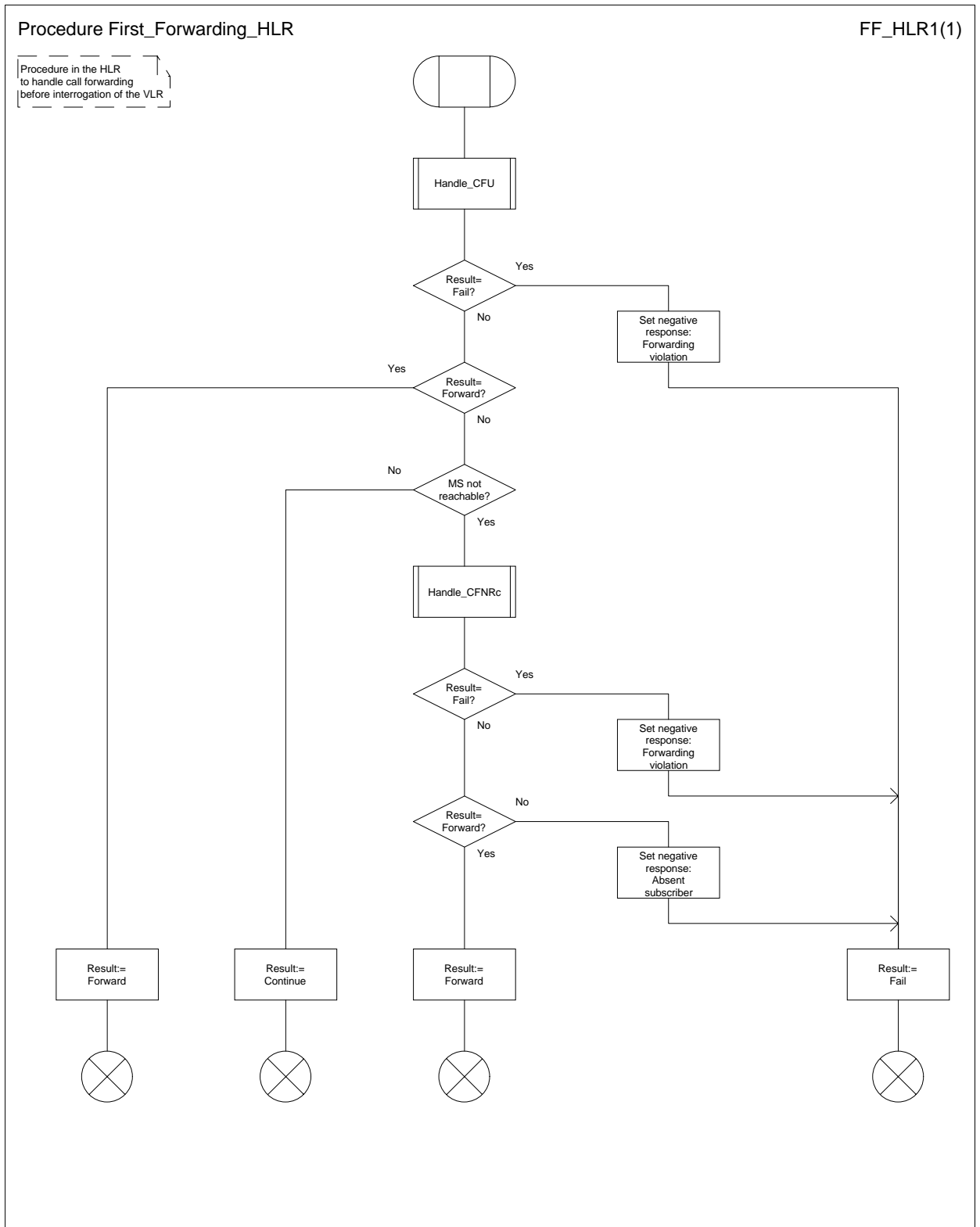


Figure 35: Procedure First\_Forwarding\_HLR

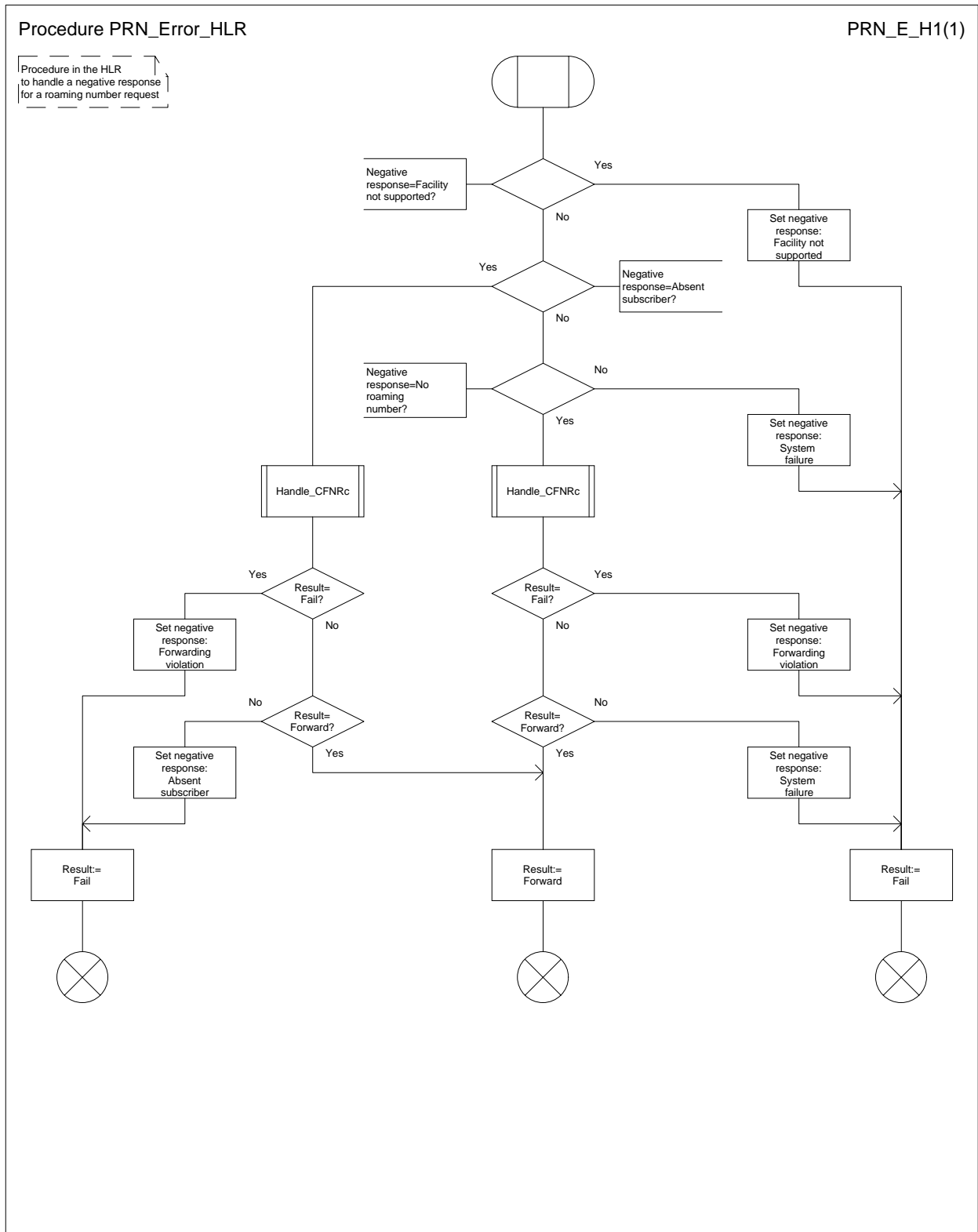


Figure 36: Procedure PRN\_Error\_HLR



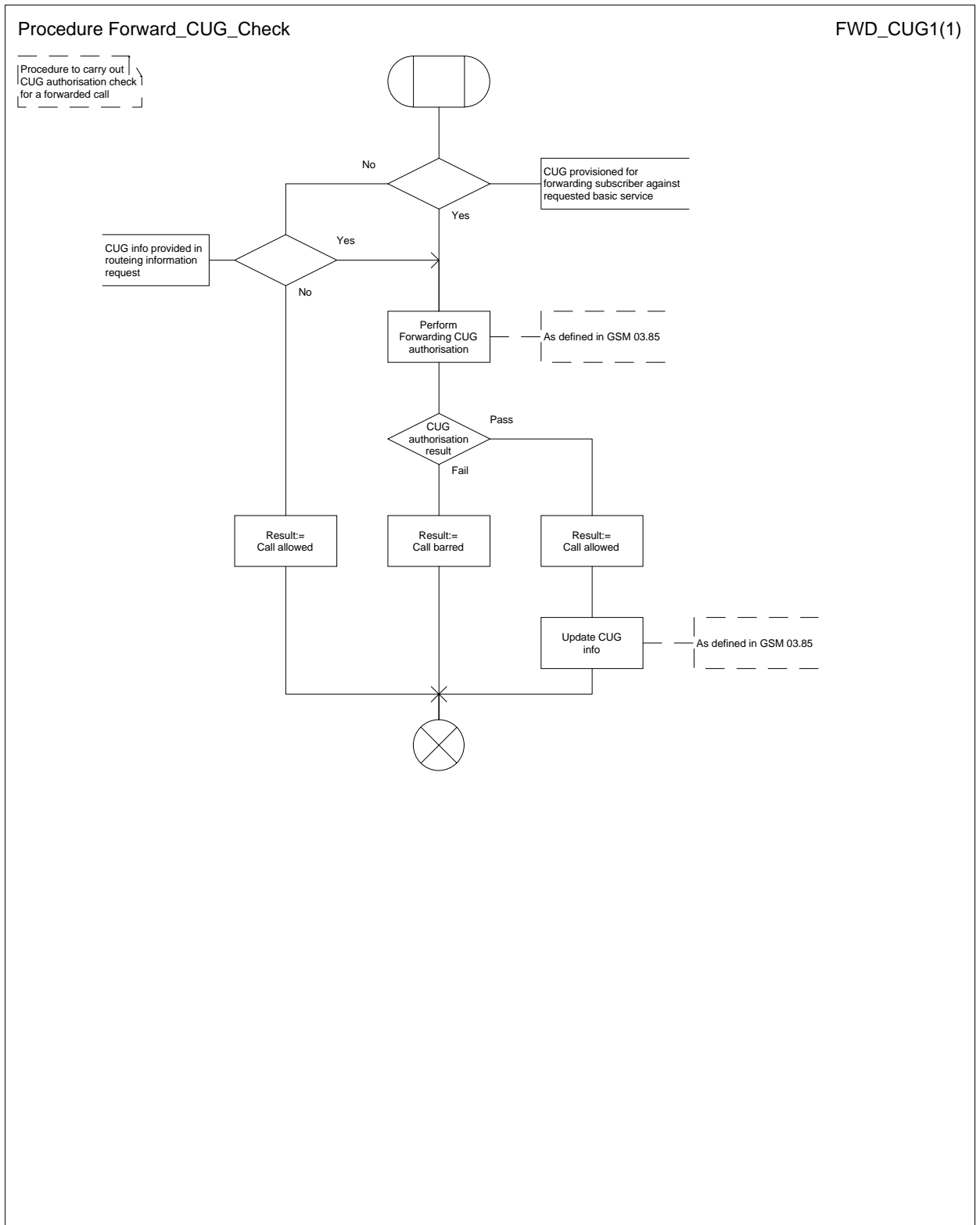


Figure 37: Procedure Forward\_CUG\_Check

Procedure Derive\_Requested\_Basic\_Service\_HLR

DRBS\_H1(1)

Procedure in the HLR to derive the requested basic service for an incoming (MT) call according to the rules of GSM 09.07

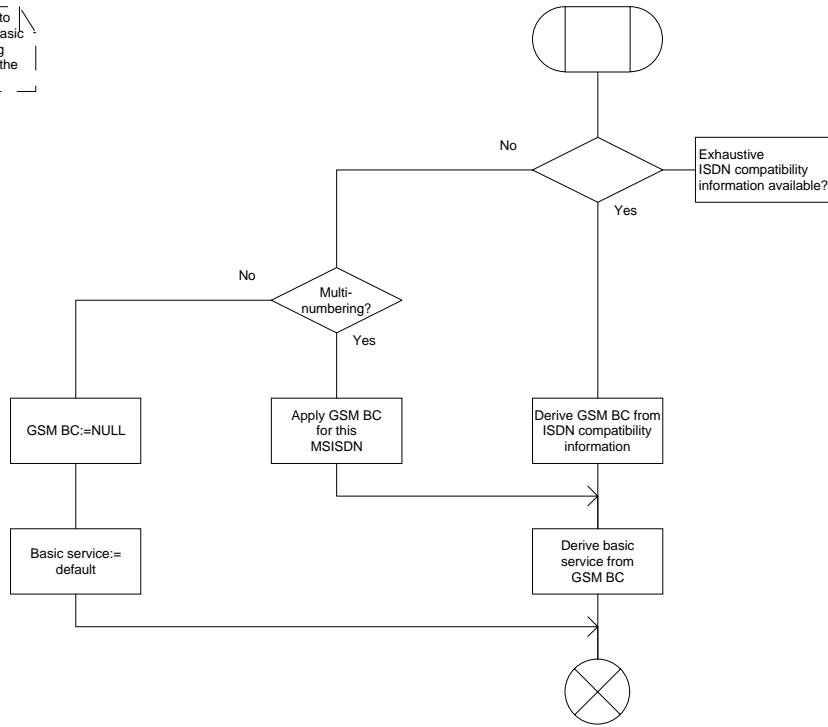


Figure 38: Procedure Derive\_Requested\_Basic\_Service\_HLR

Procedure Check\_IC\_Barring

CIB1(2)

Procedure to check call request against SS barring and ODB categories

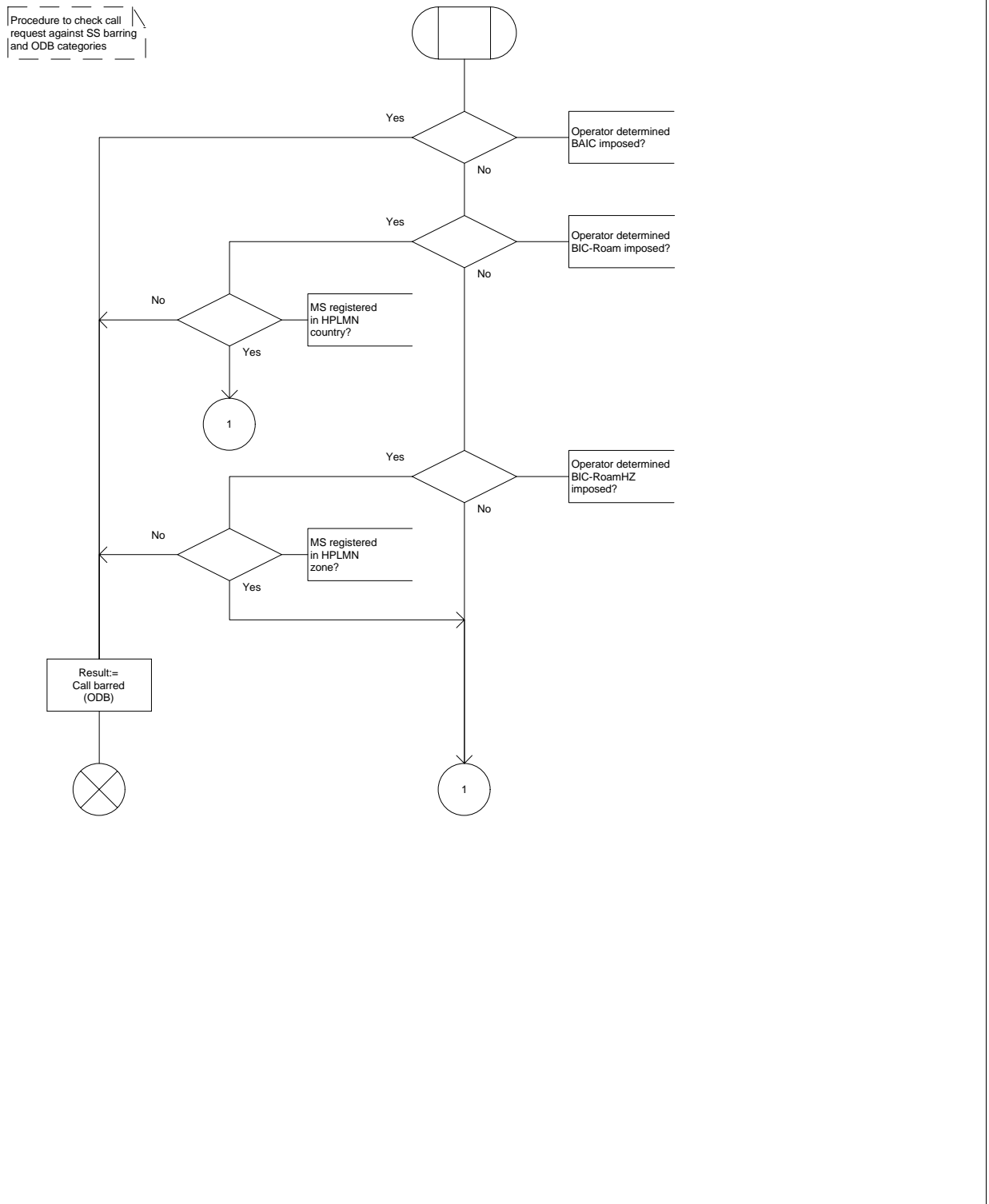


Figure 39a: Procedure Check\_IC\_Barring (sheet 1)

Procedure Check\_IC\_Barring

CIB2(2)

Procedure to check call request against SS barring and ODB categories

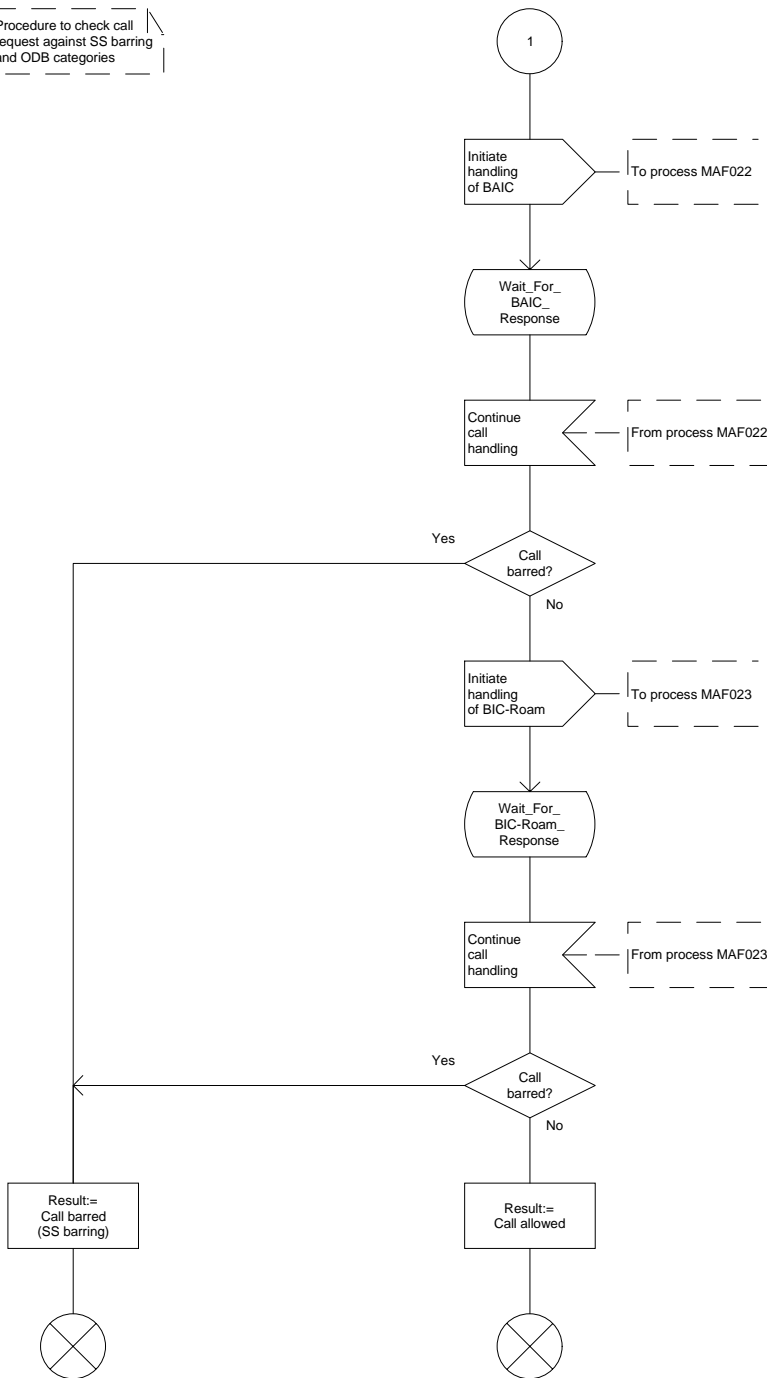


Figure 39b: Procedure Check\_IC\_Barring (sheet 2)

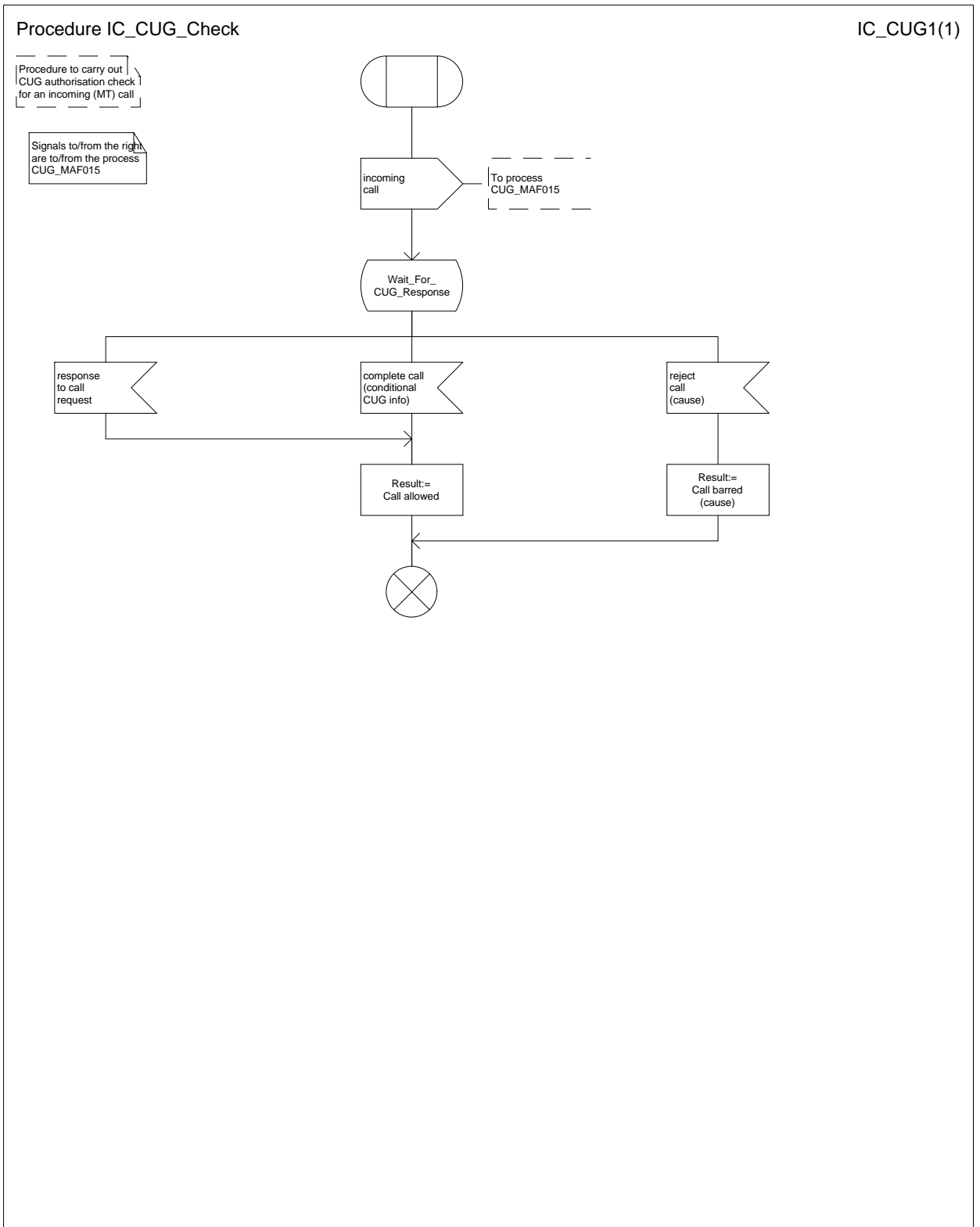


Figure 40: Procedure IC\_CUG\_Check

Procedure Handle\_CFU

H\_CFU1(1)

Procedure in the HLR to handle Call Forwarding Unconditional

Signals to/from the right are to/from the process MAF007

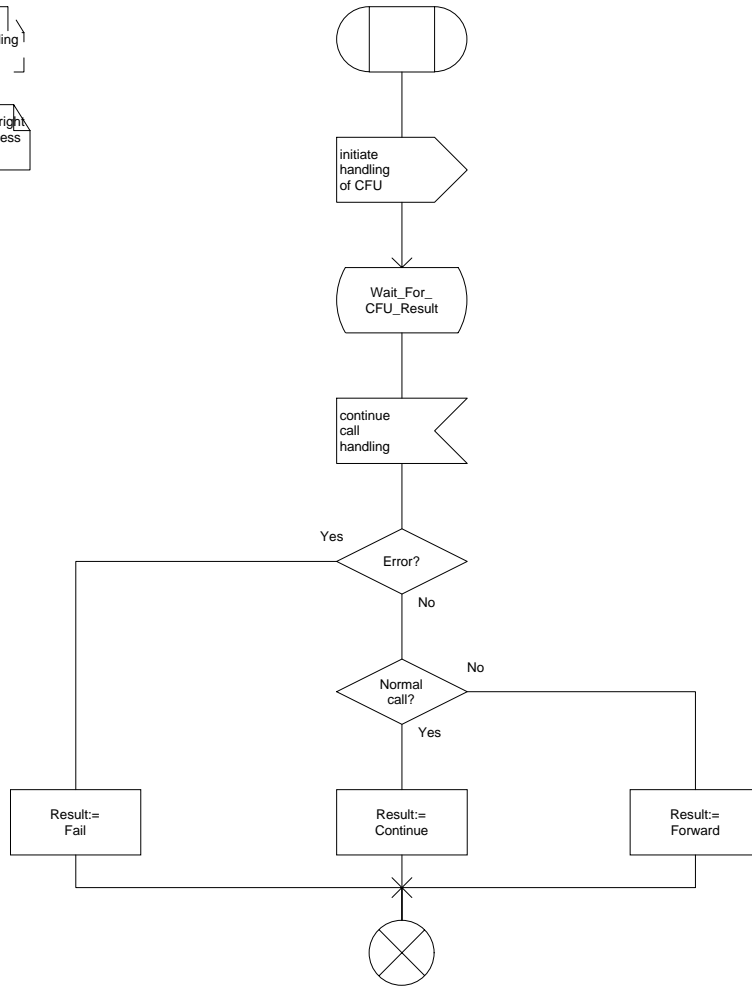


Figure 41: Procedure Handle\_CFU

Procedure Handle\_CFNRc

H\_CFNRc1(1)

Procedure in the HLR or VLR to handle Call Forwarding on Mobile Subscriber Not Reachable

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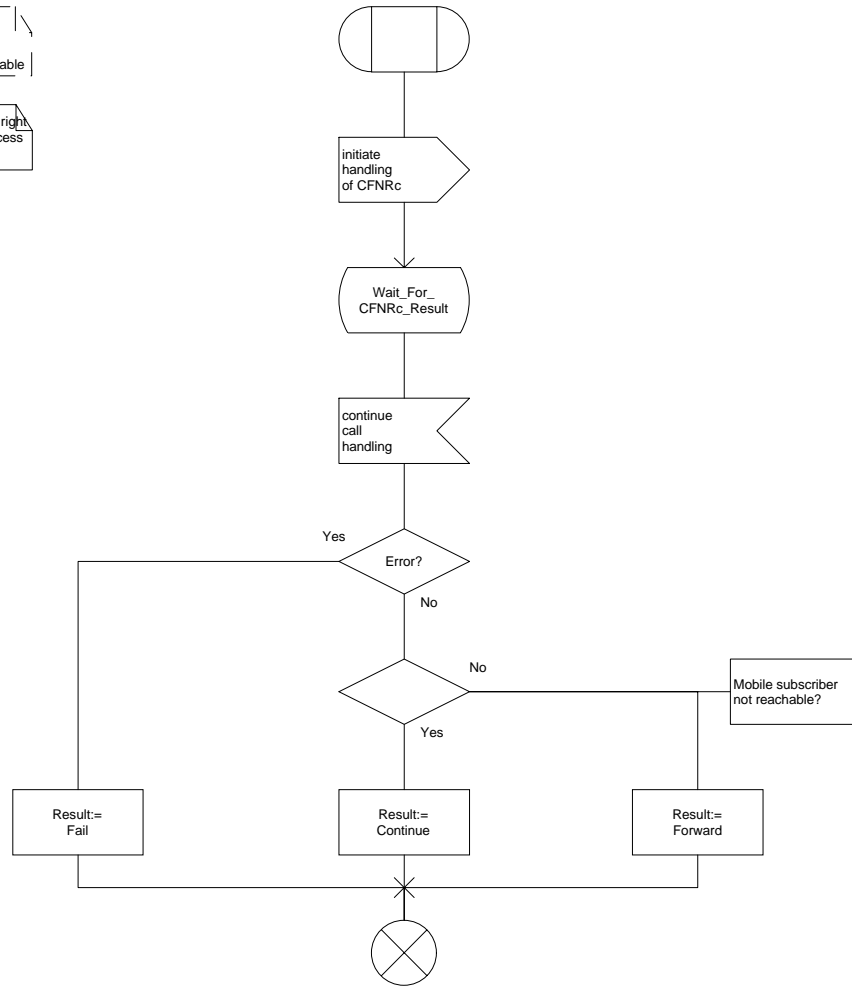


Figure 42: Procedure Handle\_CFNRc

### **7.2.3 Functional requirements of VLR**

#### **7.2.3.1 Process PRN\_VLR**

Sheet 1: the procedure Check\_Parameters is specified in subclause 7.2.2.2.

Sheet 2: the number of unused authentication sets which triggers the VLR to request further authentication sets from the HLR is an operator option.

Sheet 2: the process Fetch\_Authentication\_Sets\_VLR is specified in subclause 7.1.2.15.

#### **7.2.3.2 Process Restore\_Subscriber\_Data\_VLR**

#### **7.2.3.3 Process PSI\_VLR**

Sheet 1: the procedure Check\_Parameters is specified in subclause 7.2.2.2.

Sheet 2: the task "Set Location Info" encompasses:

- Insertion of the cell ID if it was received from the MSC, otherwise retrieval of the stored location area ID;
- Derivation of the location number and geographical information from the cell ID or location area ID if the VLR is capable of doing so;
- Insertion of the age of the location information received from the MSC;
- Insertion of the VLR number.

Sheet 2: the task "Set subscriber state" consists of inserting the subscriber state if it was received from the MSC, otherwise inserting the state "Network determined not reachable".



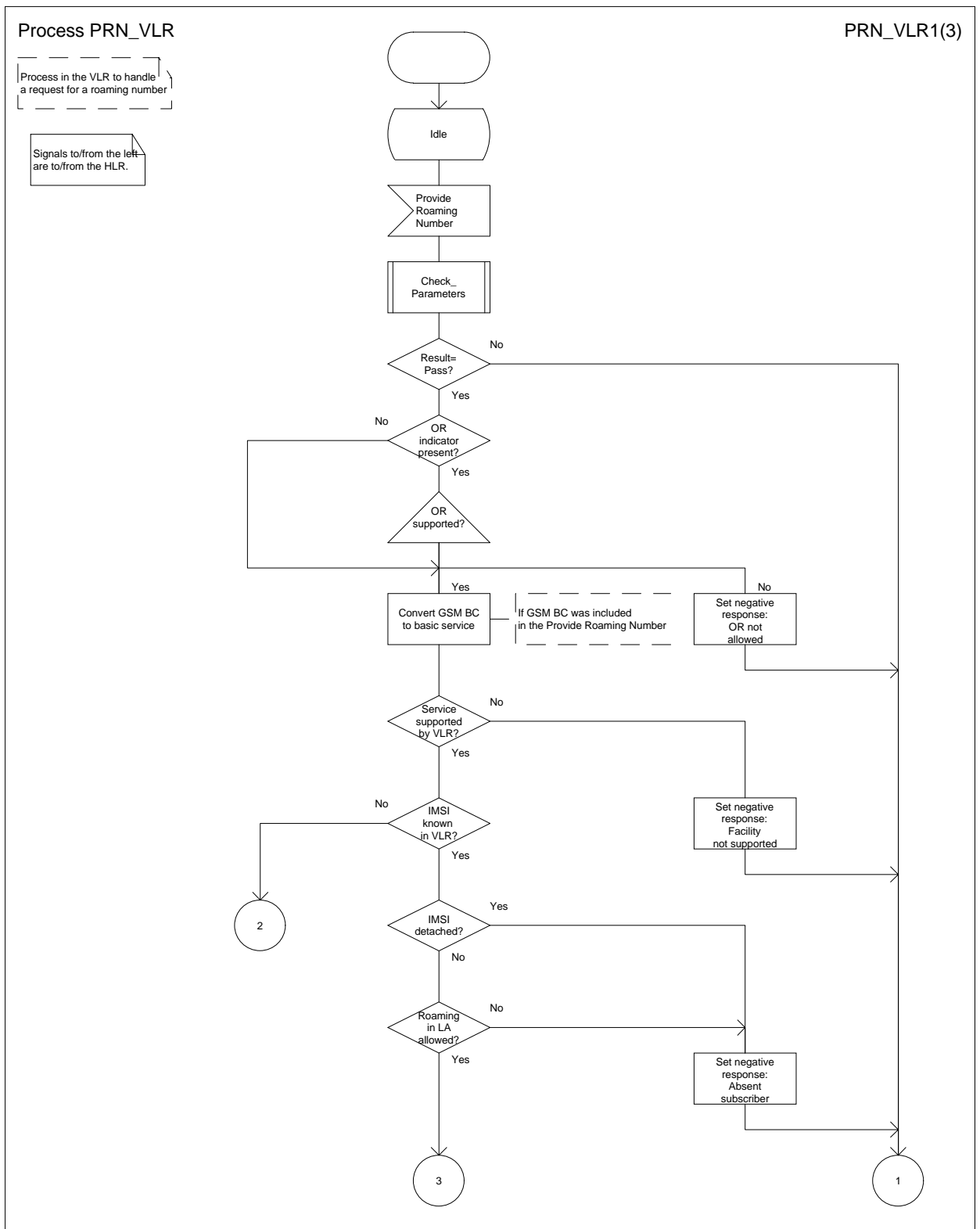


Figure 43a: Process PRN\_VLR (sheet 1)

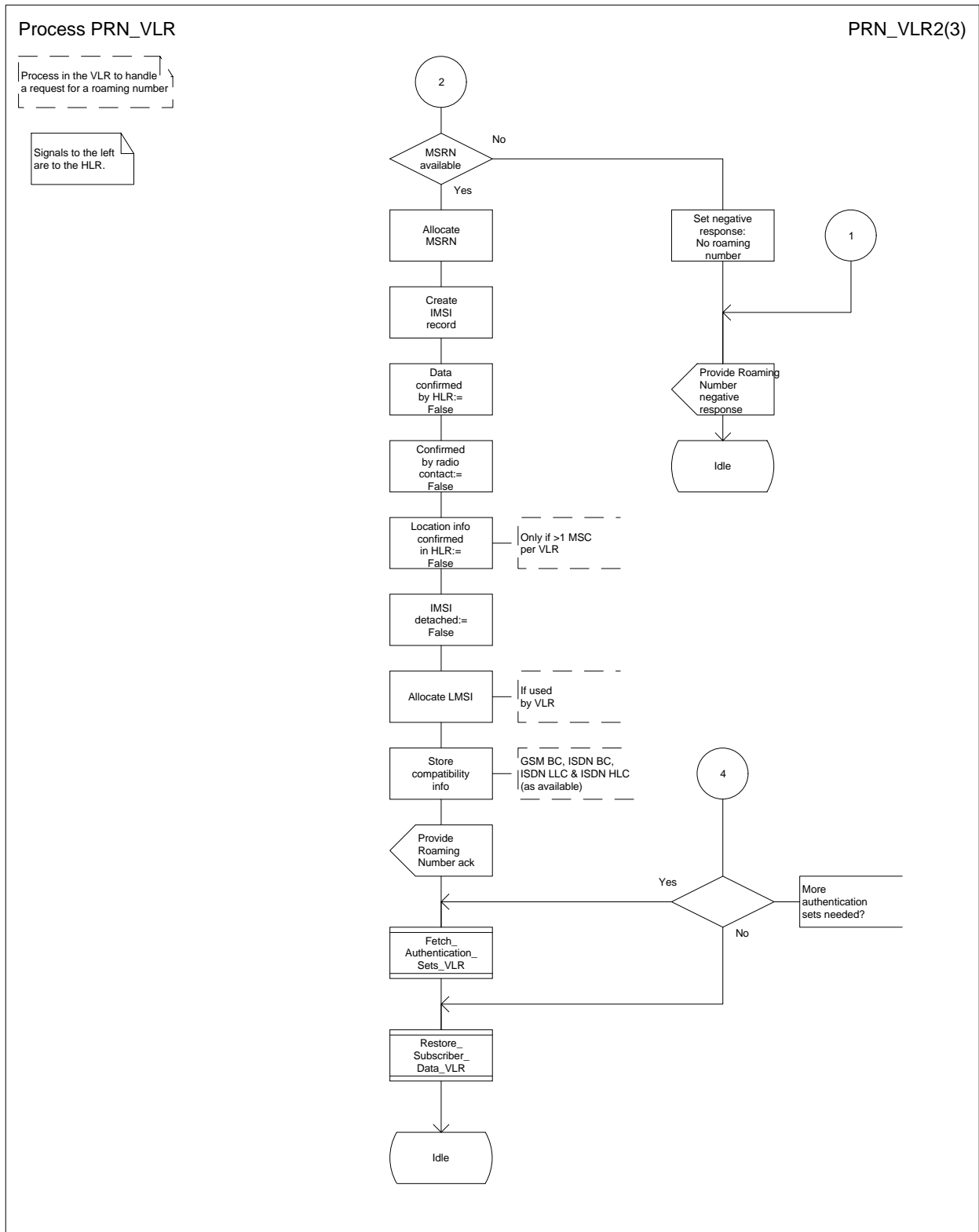


Figure 43b: Process PRN\_VLR (sheet 2)

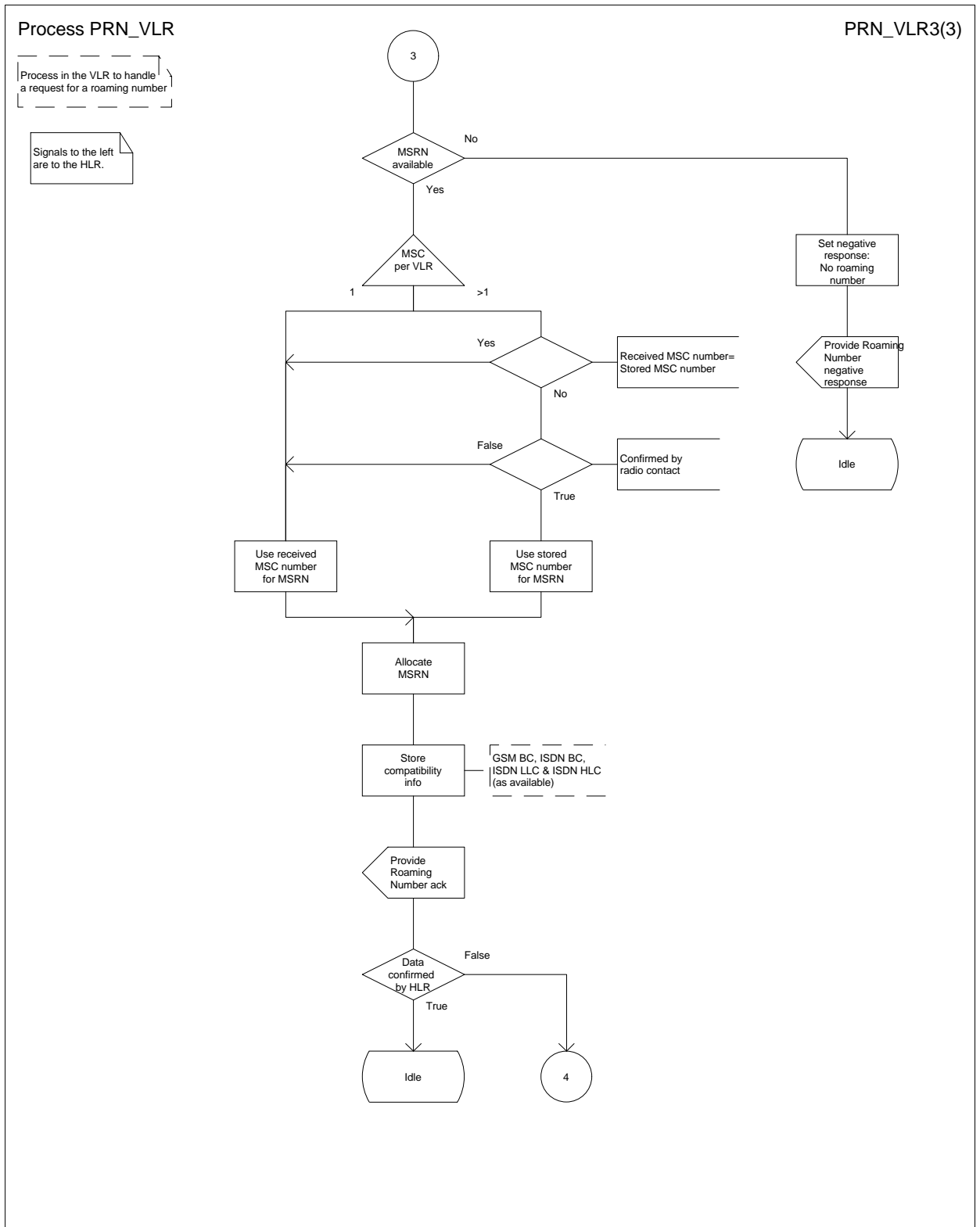


Figure 43c: Process PRN\_VLR (sheet 3)

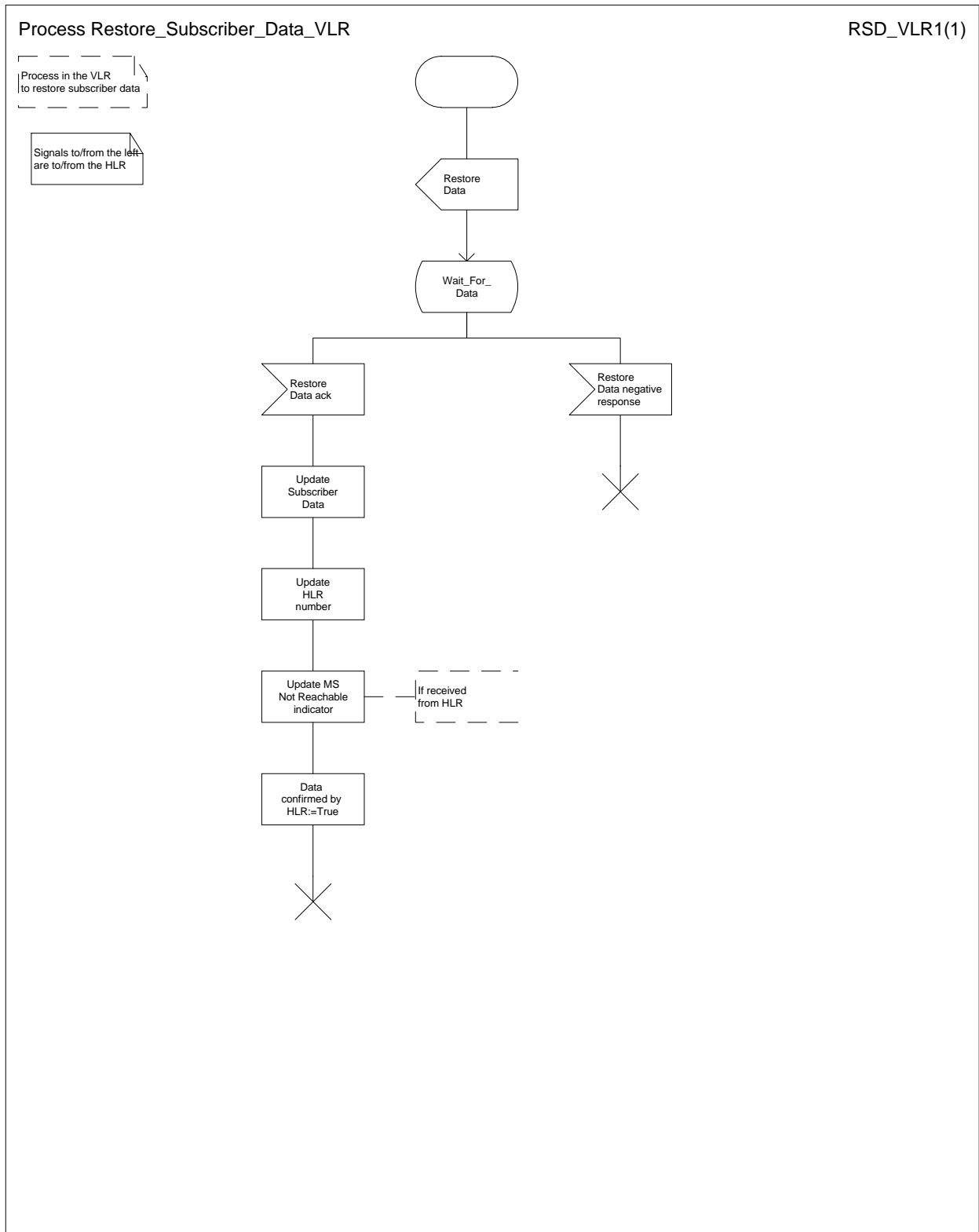


Figure 44: Process Restore\_Subscriber\_Data\_VLR

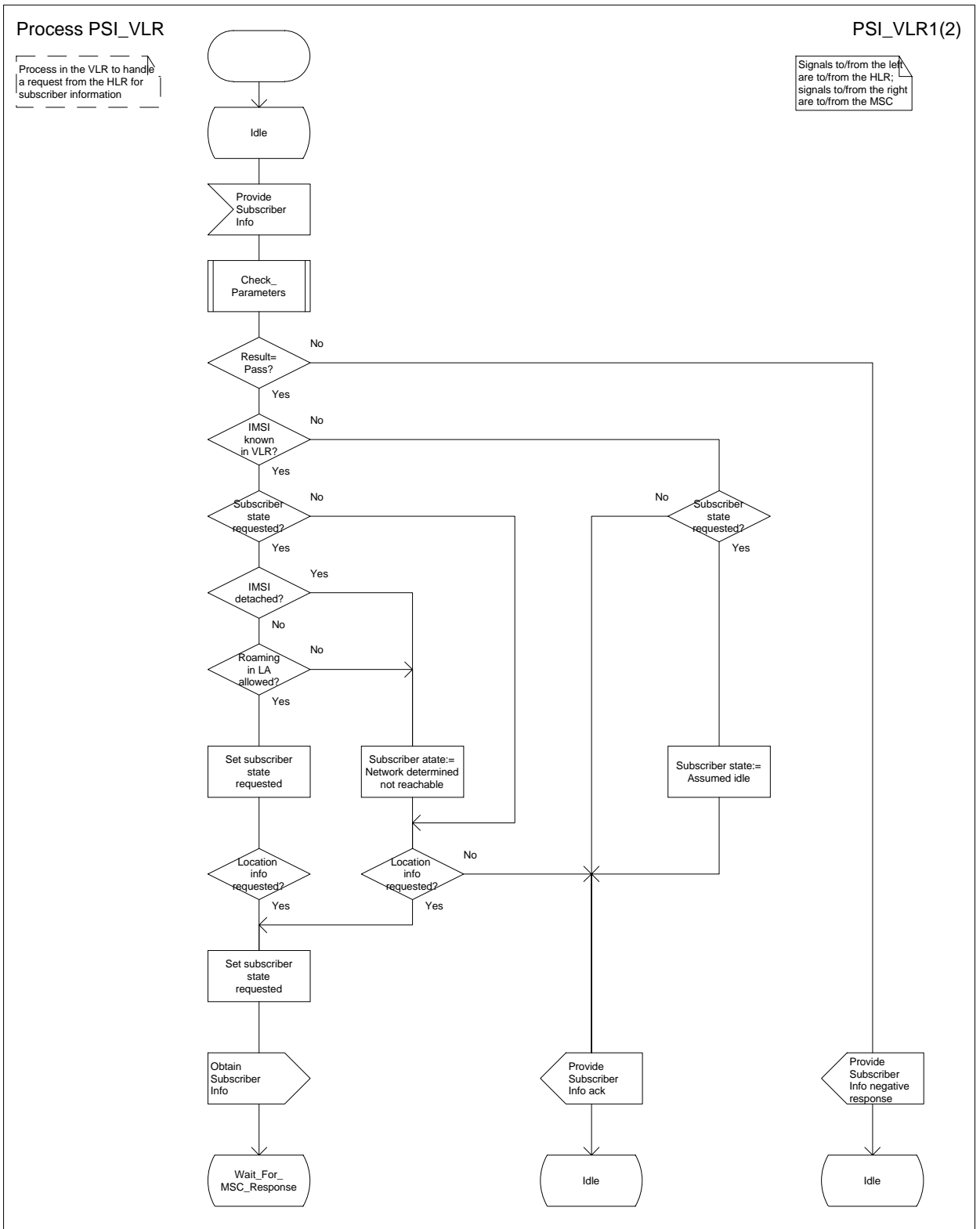


Figure 45a: Process PSI\_VLR (sheet 1)

Process PSI\_VLR

PSI\_VLR2(2)

Process in the VLR to handle a request from the HLR for subscriber information

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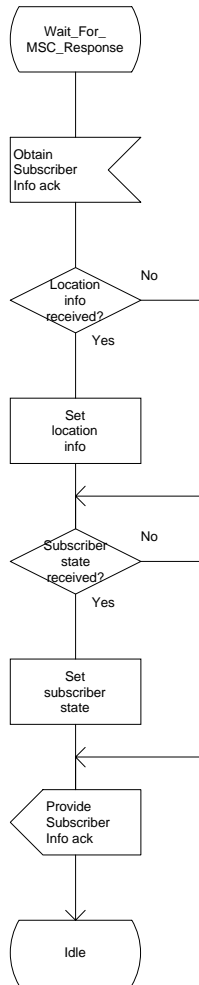


Figure 45b: Process PSI\_VLR (sheet 2)

## **7.2.4 Functional requirements of MSC**

### **7.2.4.1 Process OSI\_MSC**

If the MS is engaged on a circuit-switched call, the state is busy, otherwise assumed idle.

Process OSI\_MSC

OSI\_MSC1(1)

Process in the MSC to handle a request from the VLR for information on the subscriber's location and state

Signals to/from the left are to/from the VLR

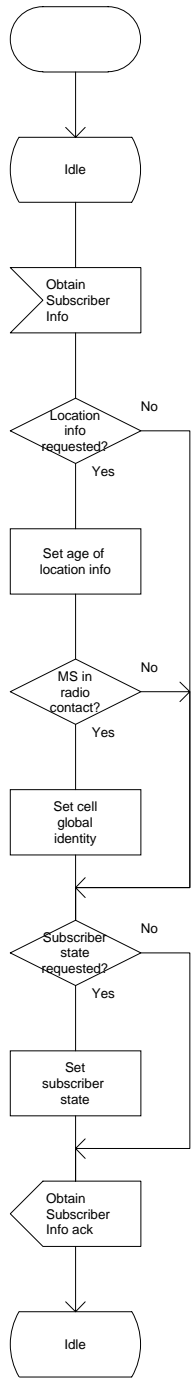


Figure 46: Process OSI\_MSC



### 7.3 MT call

#### 7.3.1 Functional requirements of serving MSC

##### 7.3.1.1 Process ICH\_MSC

Sheet 1: the rules for converting the ISDN BC/LLC/HLC to a GSM bearer service or teleservice are specified in ETS 300 604 [17].

Sheet 1: the procedure Process\_Access\_Request\_MSC is specified in subclause 7.1.1.2.

Sheet 2: the suggested mapping from values of the Send Info For Incoming Call negative response information element to values of the ISUP release cause (see ITU-T Recommendation Q.850 [21]) is shown in table 2. The mapping used is a matter for the network operator, depending on the telephony signalling system used.

**Table 2: Suggested mapping of Send Info For Incoming Call (SIFIC) negative responses to ISUP release causes**

SIFIC negative response	ISUP release cause number	ISUP release cause name
Absent subscriber	20	Subscriber absent
Busy subscriber	17	User busy
CUG reject (Called party SS interaction violation)	21	Call rejected
Forwarding violation	21	Call rejected
Impossible call completion	111	Protocol error, unspecified
No subscriber reply	19	No answer from user (user alerted)
System failure	111	Protocol error, unspecified
Unallocated roaming number	111	Protocol error, unspecified

Sheet 3: the procedure Handle\_COLP\_Forwarding\_Interaction is specified in subclause 7.2.1.2.

Sheet 5: after the VMSC has sent an IAM to the forwarded-to exchange, it acts as a transparent relay for messages received from the GMSC and the forwarded-to exchange. Any message other than Address Complete, Connect, Answer or Release causes no change of state in the process ICH\_MSC.

##### 7.3.1.2 Procedure Page\_MS\_MSC

Sheet 1: For an SMS or SS page, the test "Call still exists" takes the "Yes" exit if the SMS or SS transaction which led to the page still exists.

Sheet 1: the test "SMS or SS page" is not required for the handling of circuit-switched calls, because the VLR will always use a page type of "circuit-switched call", but the more generalized procedure Page\_MS\_MSC is equally applicable to paging for SMS delivery or network-initiated SS procedures.

Sheet 1: the test "MS busy" takes the "Yes" exit if the MS is engaged on a circuit-switched call.

Sheet 1: the test "Call in setup" takes the "Yes" exit if the call on which the MS is engaged has not reached the established phase (called party answer).

Sheet 1: the test "Call waiting" takes the "Yes" exit if a waiting call has been offered to the subscriber but the outcome of offering the call has not been determined.

Sheet 1: the negative response Busy Subscriber (More calls possible) includes the basic service which applies for the established call.

Sheet 2: the signal input "MS connection established" indicates that the MS has responded to paging, or sent a CM service request for anything other than a circuit-switched call, or completed the location registration procedure.

### 7.3.1.3 Procedure Search\_For\_MS\_MSC

Sheet 1: For an SMS or SS page, the test "Call still exists" takes the "Yes" exit if the SMS or SS transaction which led to the page still exists.

Sheet 1: the test "SMS or SS page" is not required for the handling of circuit-switched calls, because the VLR will always use a page type of "circuit-switched call", but the more generalized procedure Search\_For\_MS\_MSC is equally applicable to paging for SMS delivery or network-initiated SS procedures.

Sheet 1: the test "MS busy" takes the "Yes" exit if the MS is engaged on a circuit-switched call.

Sheet 1: the test "Call in setup" takes the "Yes" exit if the call on which the MS is engaged has not reached the established phase (called party answer).

Sheet 1: the test "Call waiting" takes the "Yes" exit if a waiting call has been offered to the subscriber but the outcome of offering the call has not been determined.

Sheet 1: the negative response Busy Subscriber (More calls possible) includes the basic service which applies for the established call.

Sheet 2: the signal input "MS connection established" indicates that the MS has responded to paging, or sent a CM service request for anything other than a circuit-switched call, or completed the location registration procedure.

### 7.3.1.4 Procedure Complete\_Call\_In\_MSC

Sheet 1: the MSC and the MS may negotiate the bearer capability to be used for the call by the exchange of information in the Setup and Call Confirmed messages.

### 7.3.1.5 Procedure Process\_Call\_Waiting\_MSC

Sheet 1: the MSC and the MS may negotiate the bearer capability to be used for the call by the exchange of information in the Setup and Call Confirmed messages.

Sheet 1: the Call Confirmed message indicates "busy" for the successful case.

Sheets 1 & 2: the Release transaction (reject) message covers all unsuccessful cases not otherwise indicated.

### 7.3.1.6 Procedure Set\_CLIP\_Info\_MSC

The originating exchange may release the call or the MS may terminate the transaction with the network by sending a Release transaction message while a response is awaited from the process CLIP\_MAF002. The message is saved for processing after return from the procedure.

### 7.3.1.7 Procedure Derive\_GSM\_BC\_MSC

### 7.3.1.8 Procedure Handle\_AoC\_MT\_MSC

### 7.3.1.9 Procedure Set\_COL\_Presentation\_Indicator\_MSC

The originating exchange may release the call or the MS may terminate the transaction with the network by sending a Release transaction message while a response is awaited from the process COLP\_MAF041. The message is saved for processing after return from the procedure.

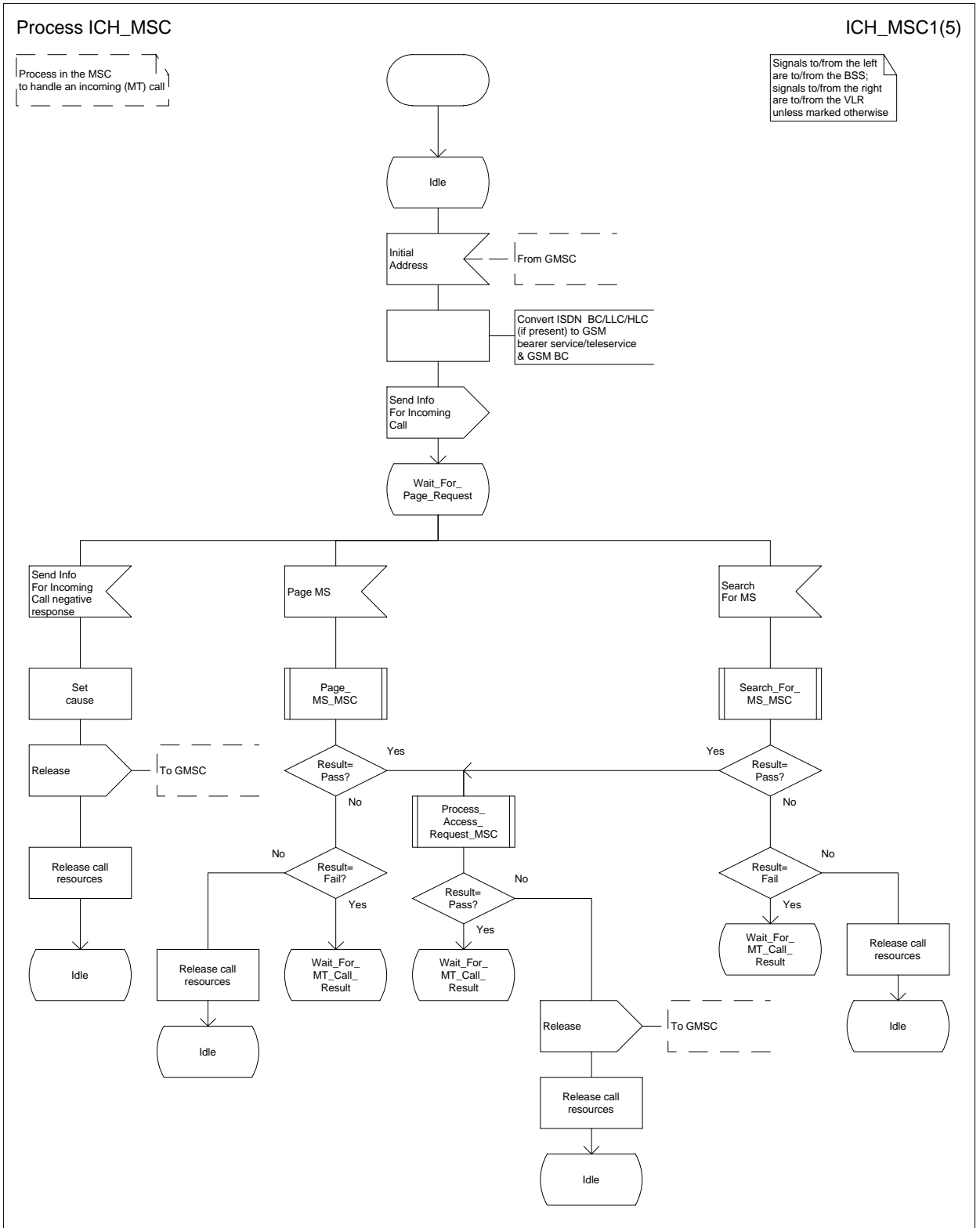


Figure 47a: Process ICH\_MSC (sheet 1)

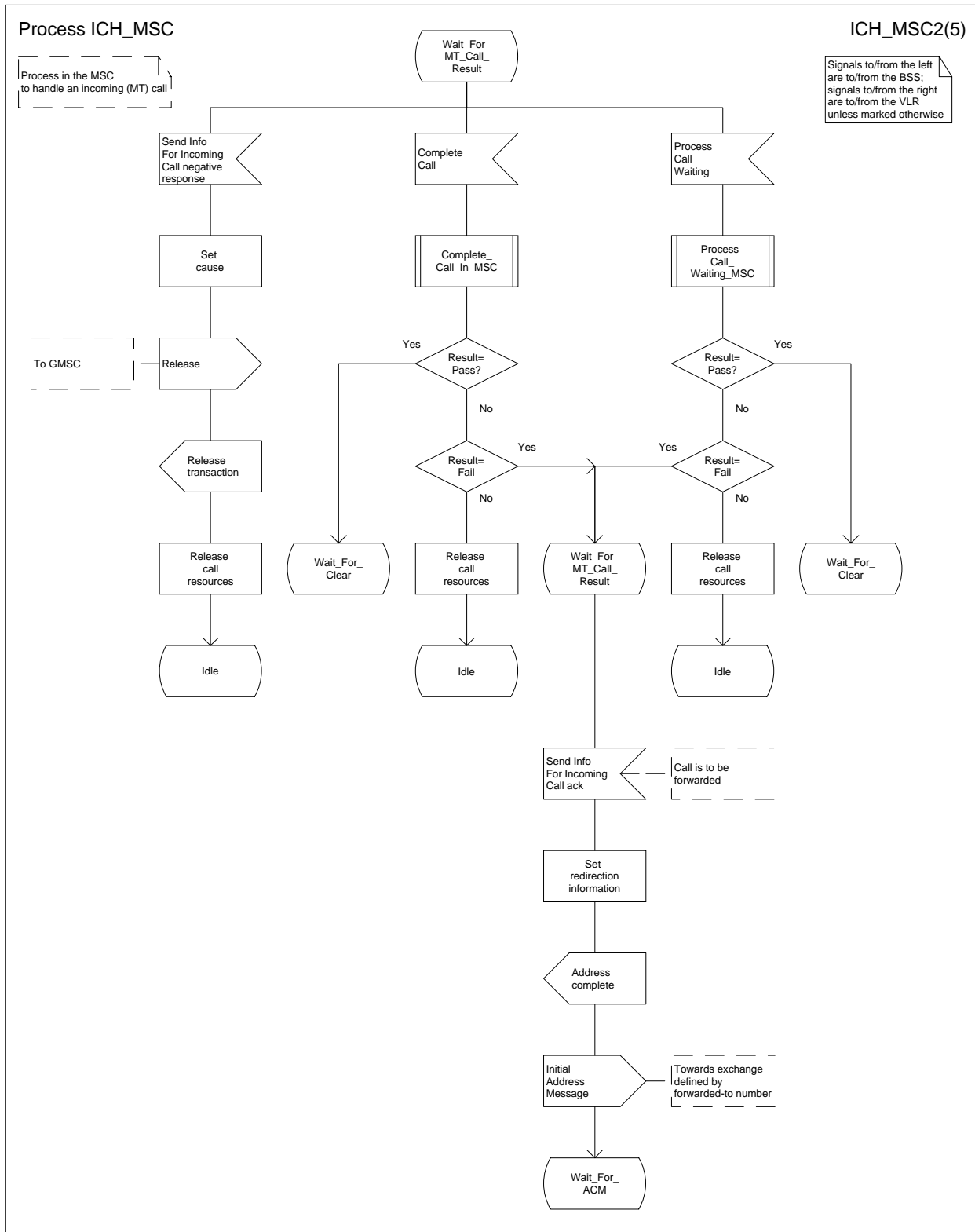


Figure 47b: Process ICH\_MSC (sheet 2)

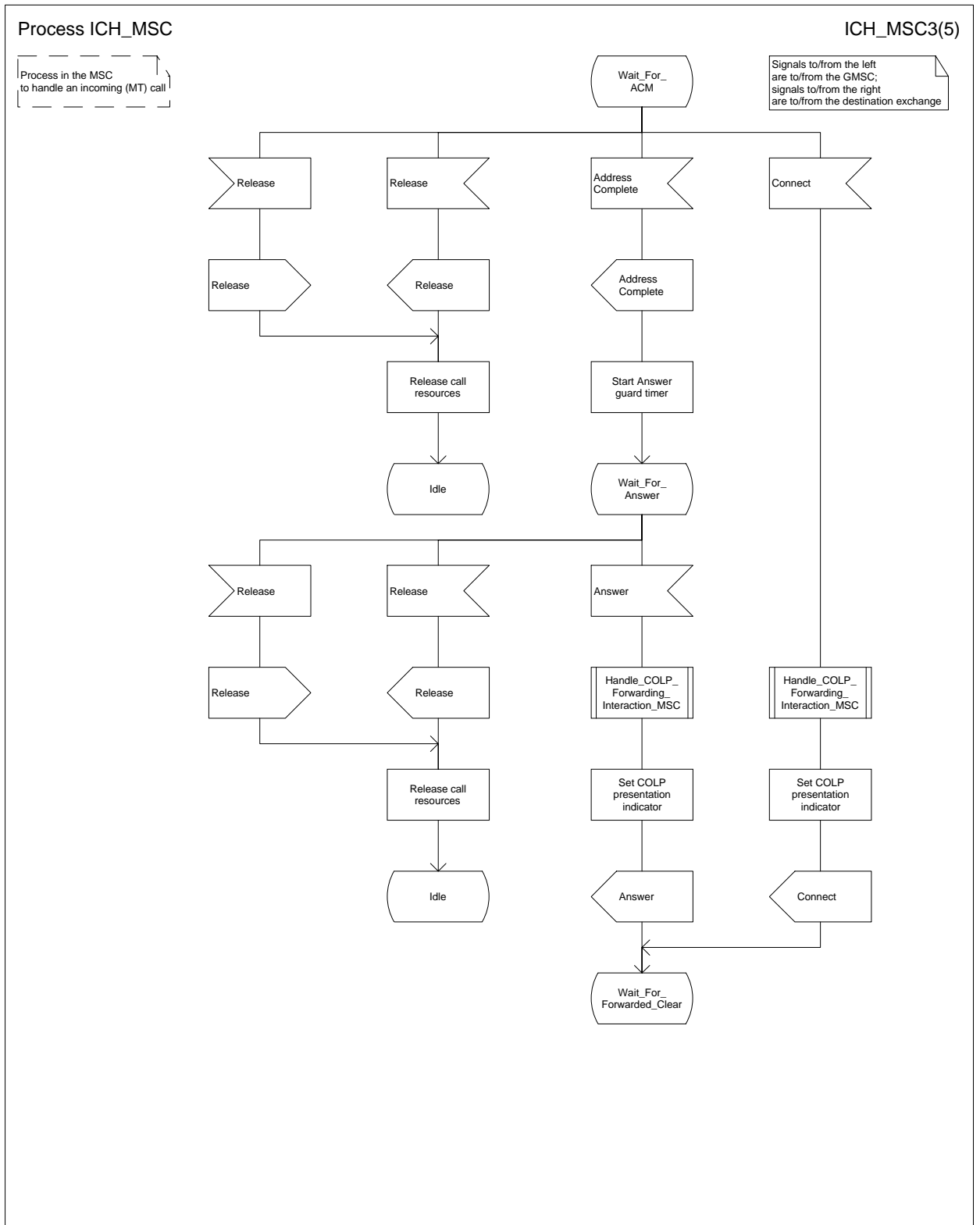


Figure 47c: Process ICH\_MSC (sheet 3)

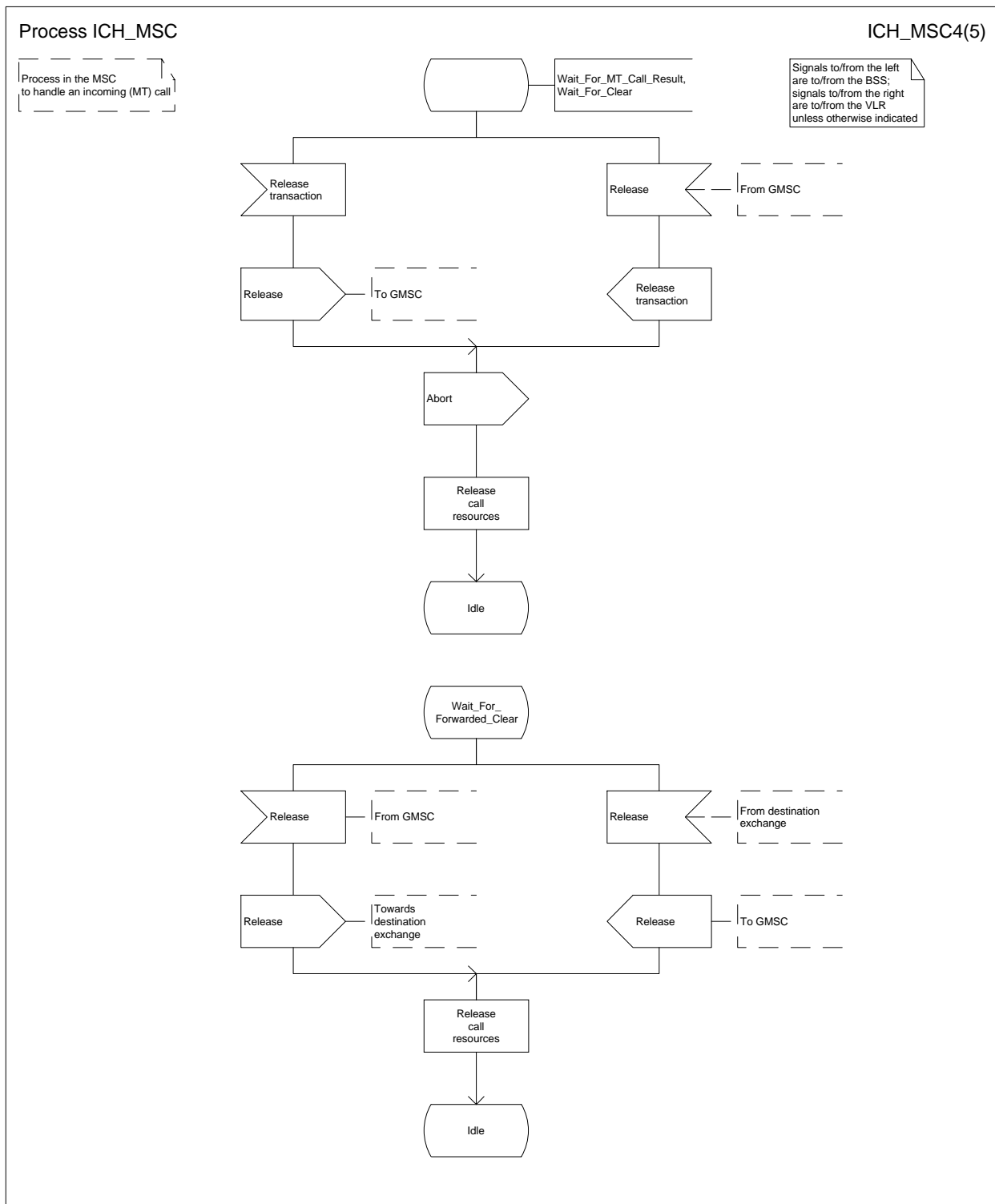


Figure 47d: Process ICH\_MSC (sheet 4)

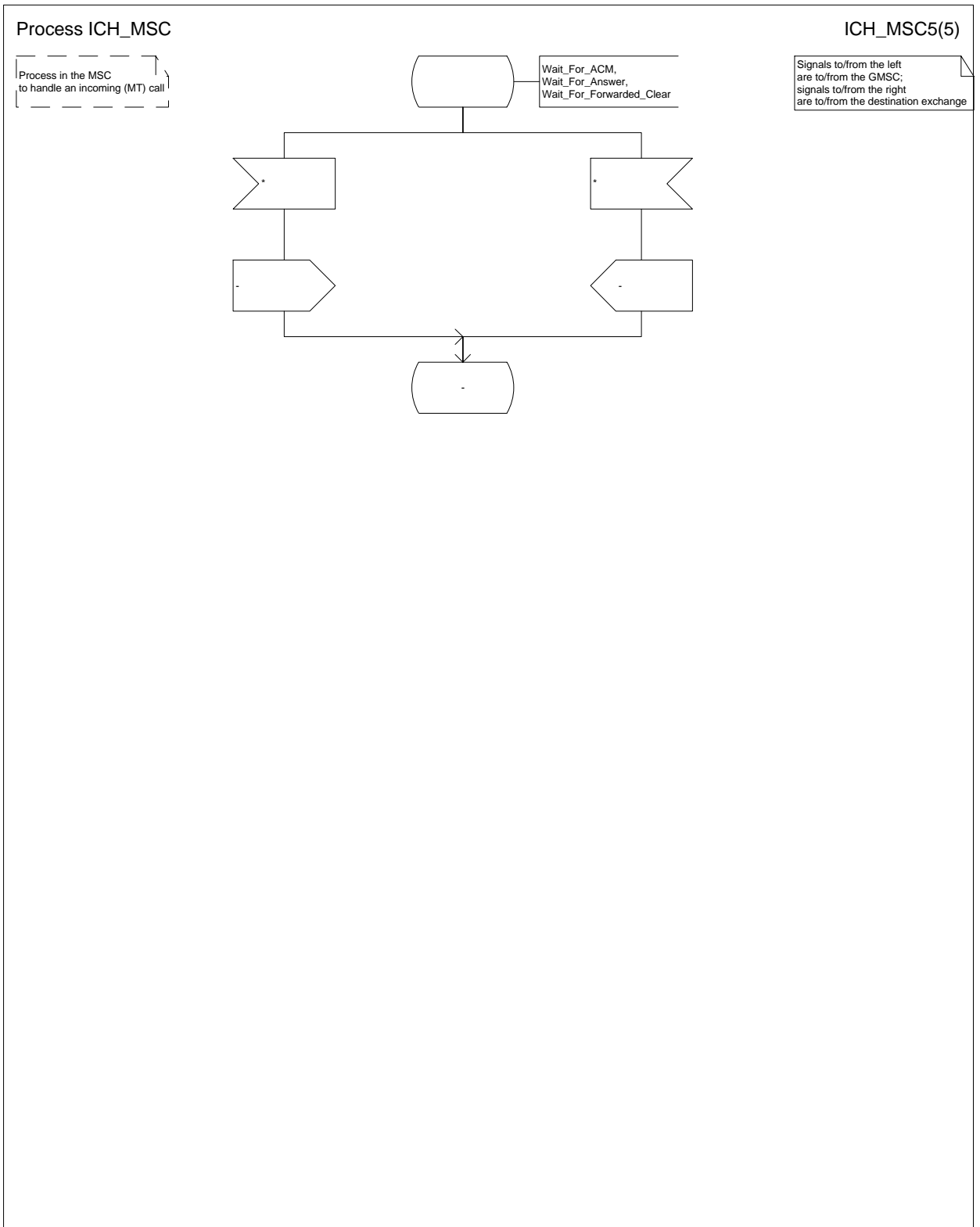


Figure 47e: Process ICH\_MSC (sheet 5)

Procedure Page\_MS\_MSC

PAGE\_M1(2)

Procedure in the MSC to page an MS in a specified location area

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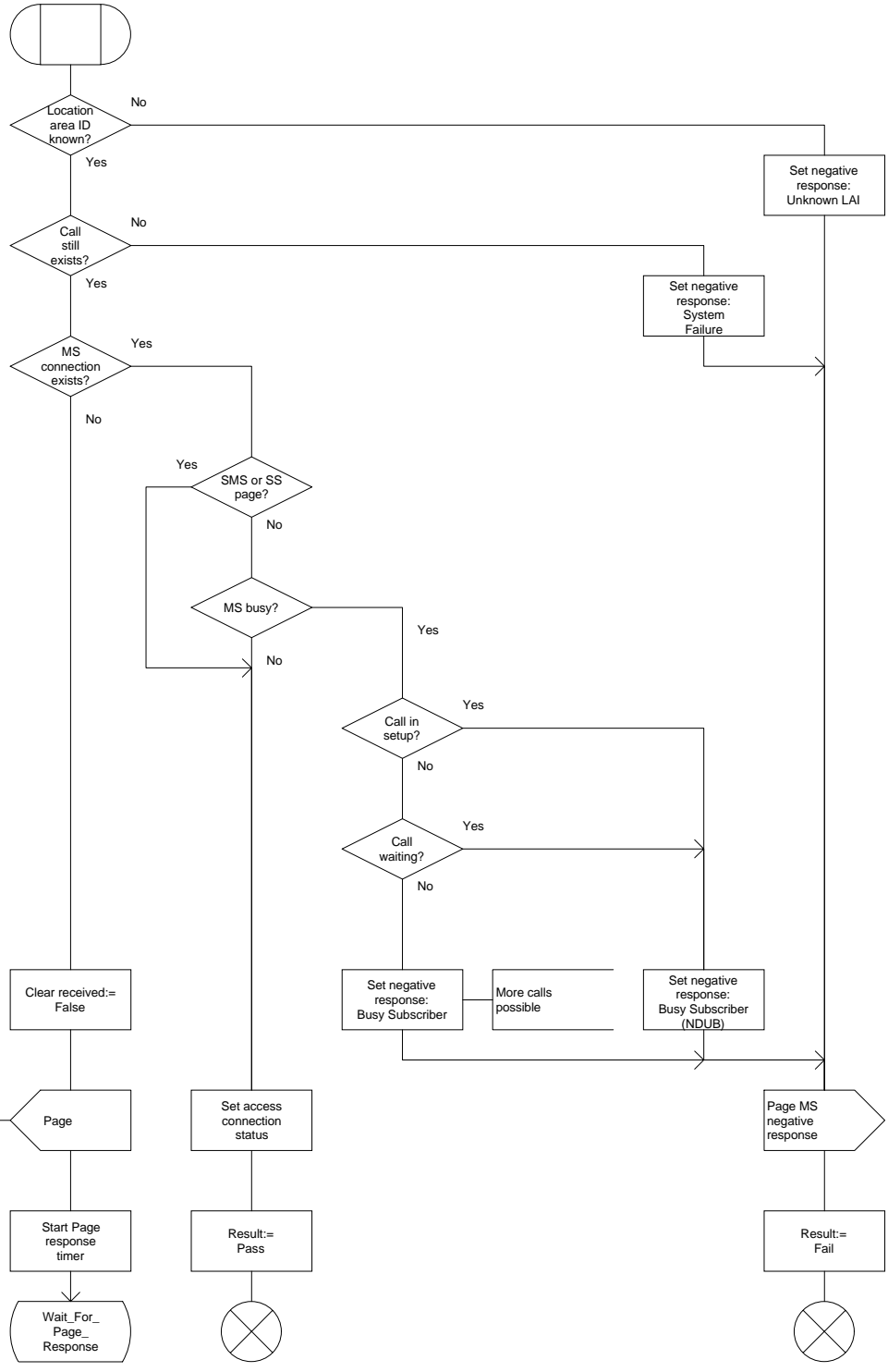


Figure 48a: Procedure Page\_MS\_MSC (sheet 1)



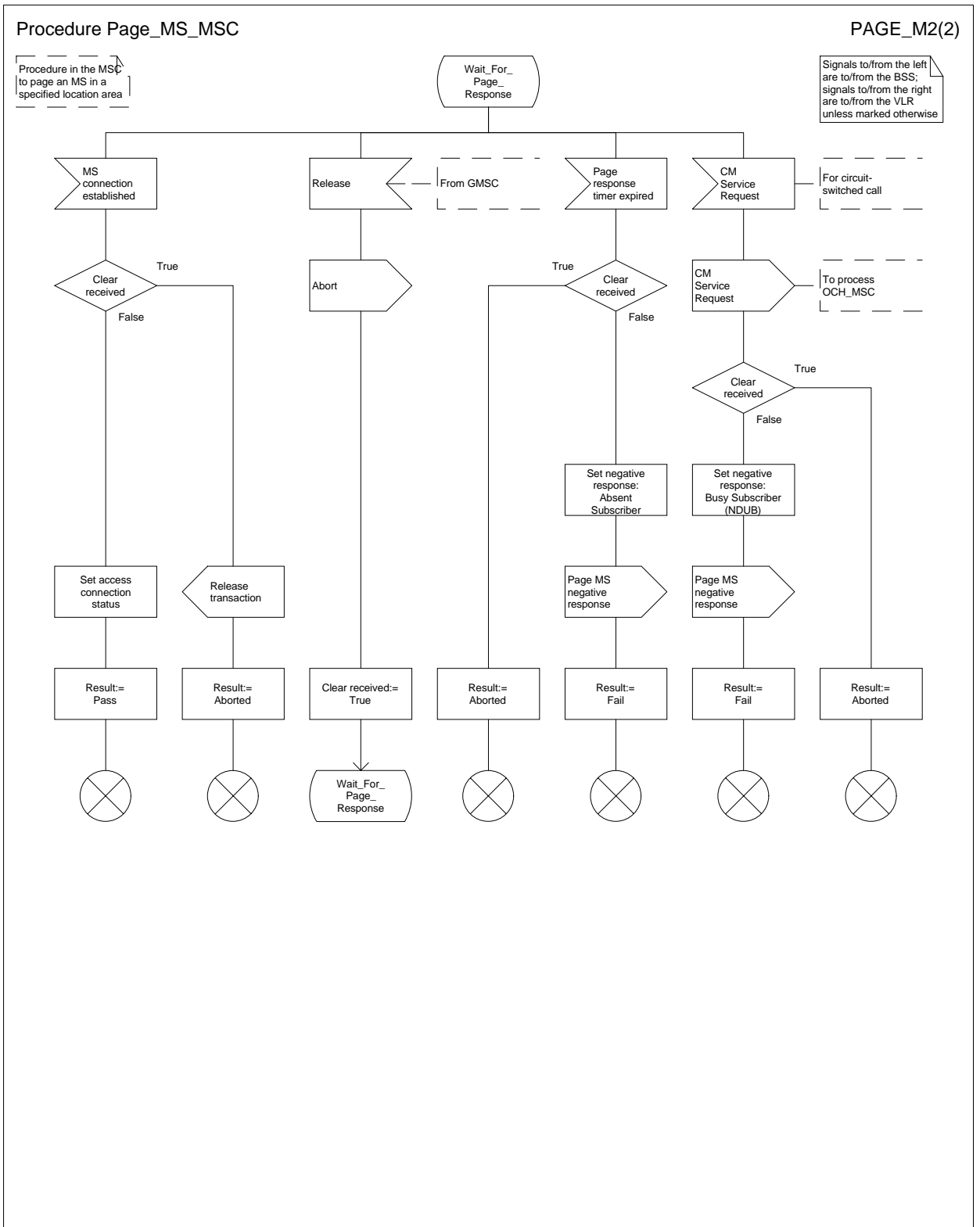


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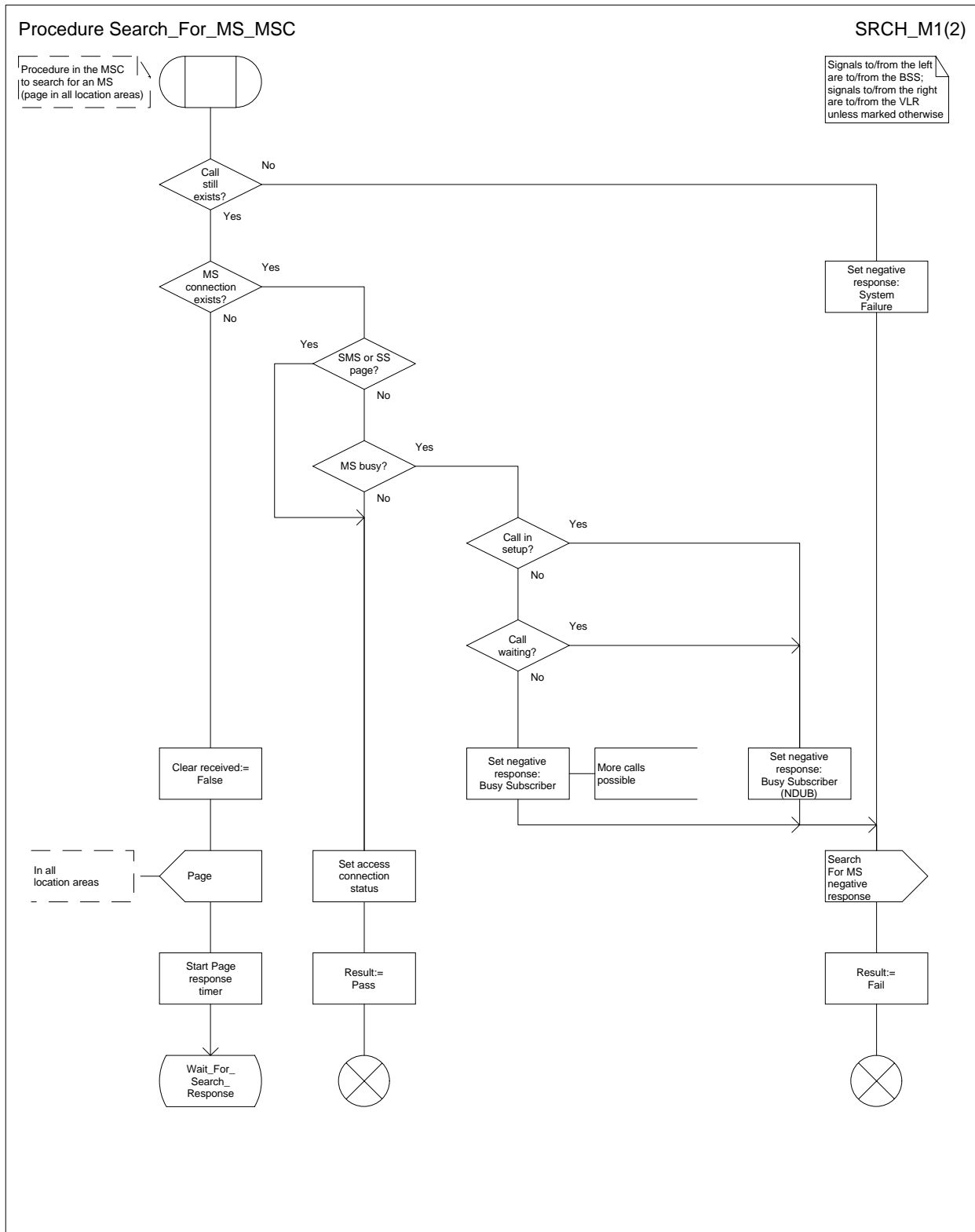


Figure 49a: Procedure Search\_For\_MS\_MSC (sheet 1)

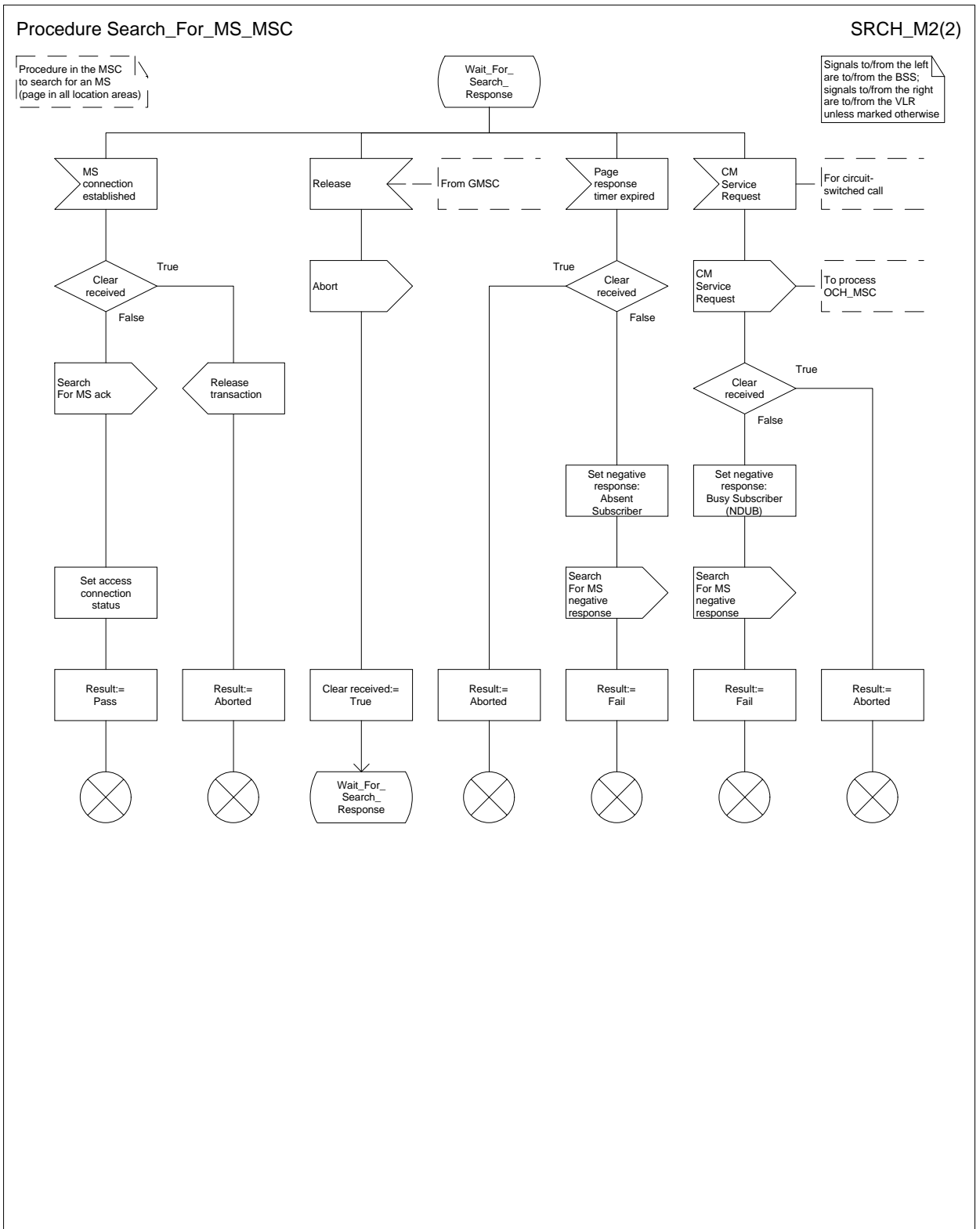


Figure 49b: Procedure Search\_For\_MS\_MSC (sheet 2)

Procedure Complete\_Call\_In\_MSC

CCI\_MSC1(4)

Procedure in the MSC to complete an MT call on request from the VLR

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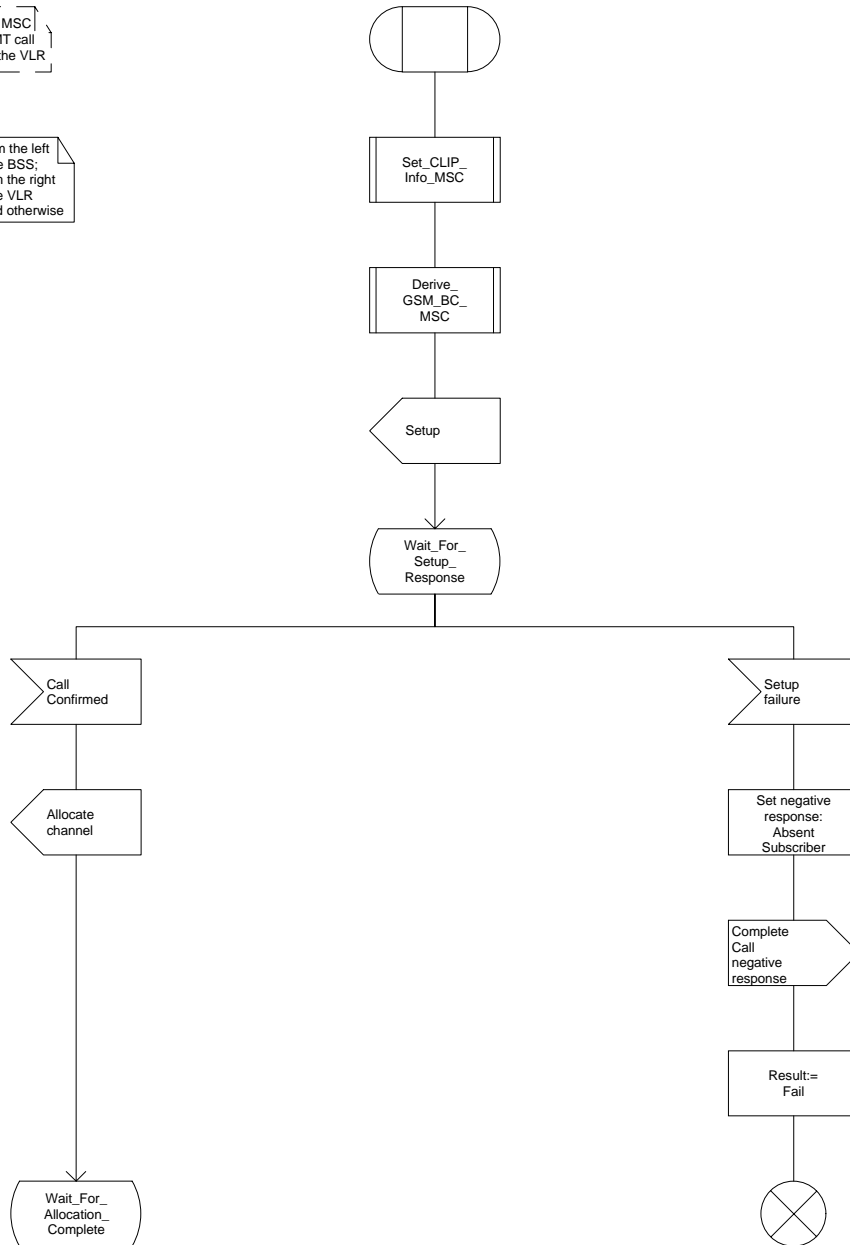


Figure 50a: Procedure Complete\_Call\_In\_MSC (sheet 1)

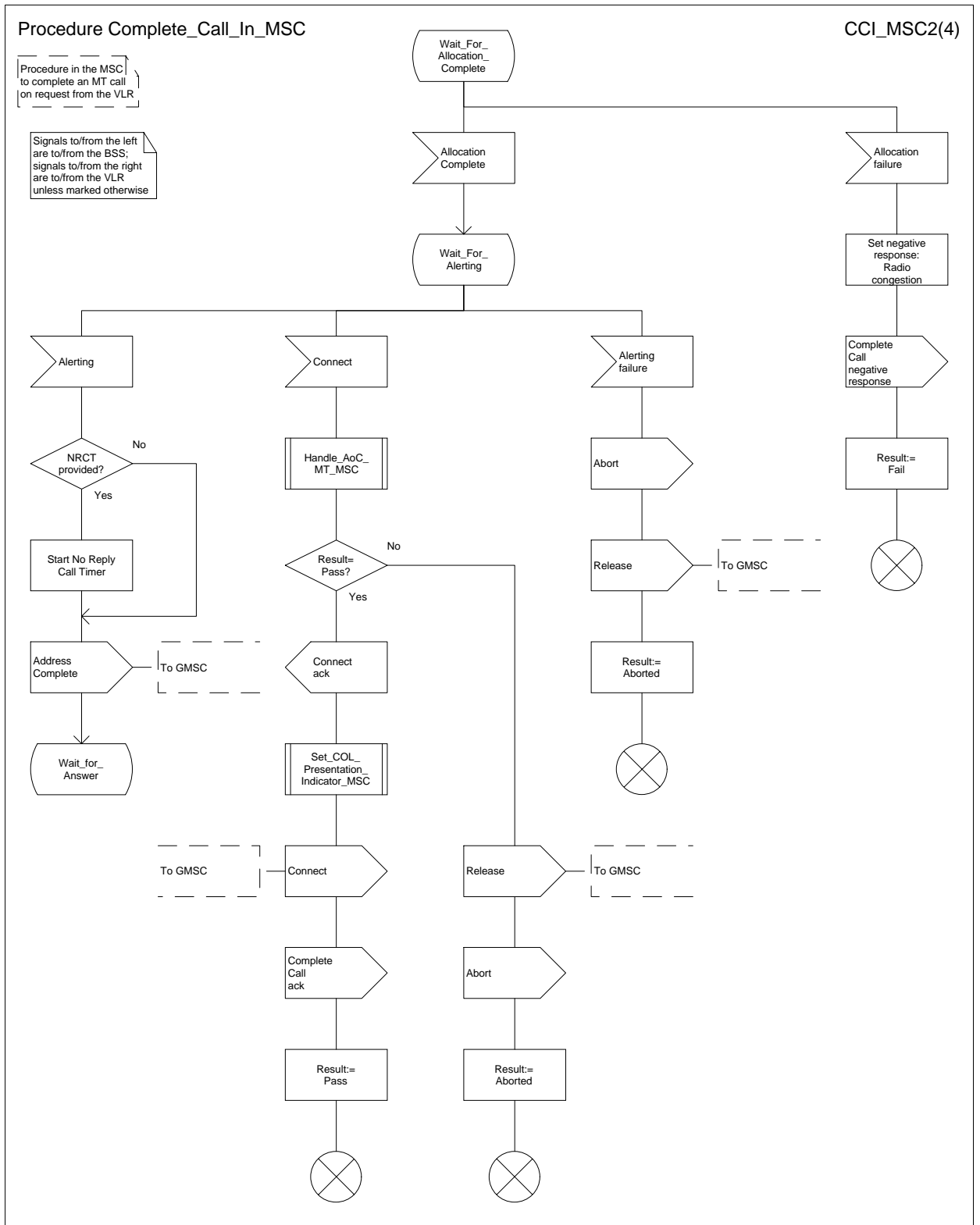


Figure 50b: Procedure Complete\_Call\_In\_MSC (sheet 2)

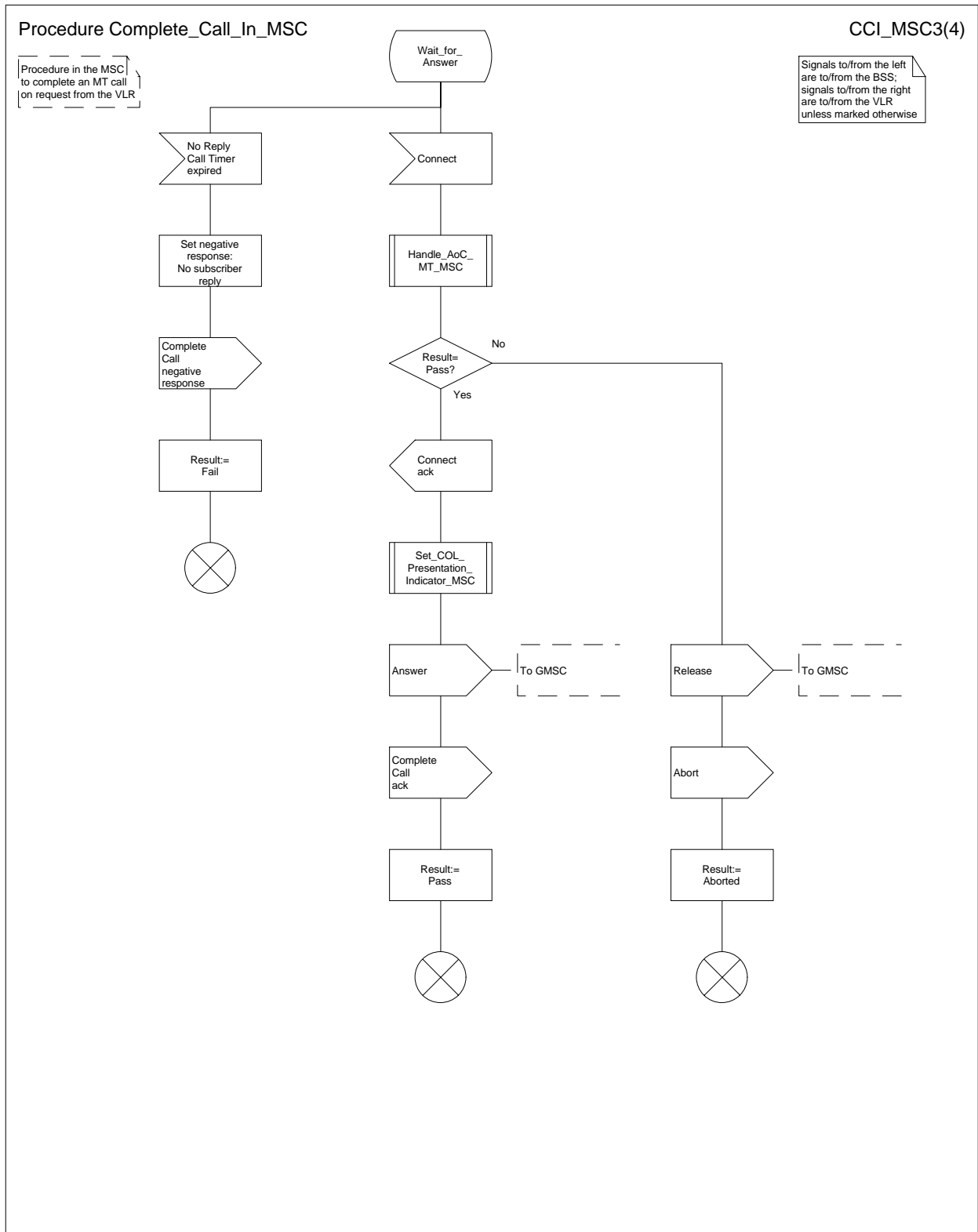


Figure 50c: Procedure Complete\_Call\_In\_MSC (sheet 3)

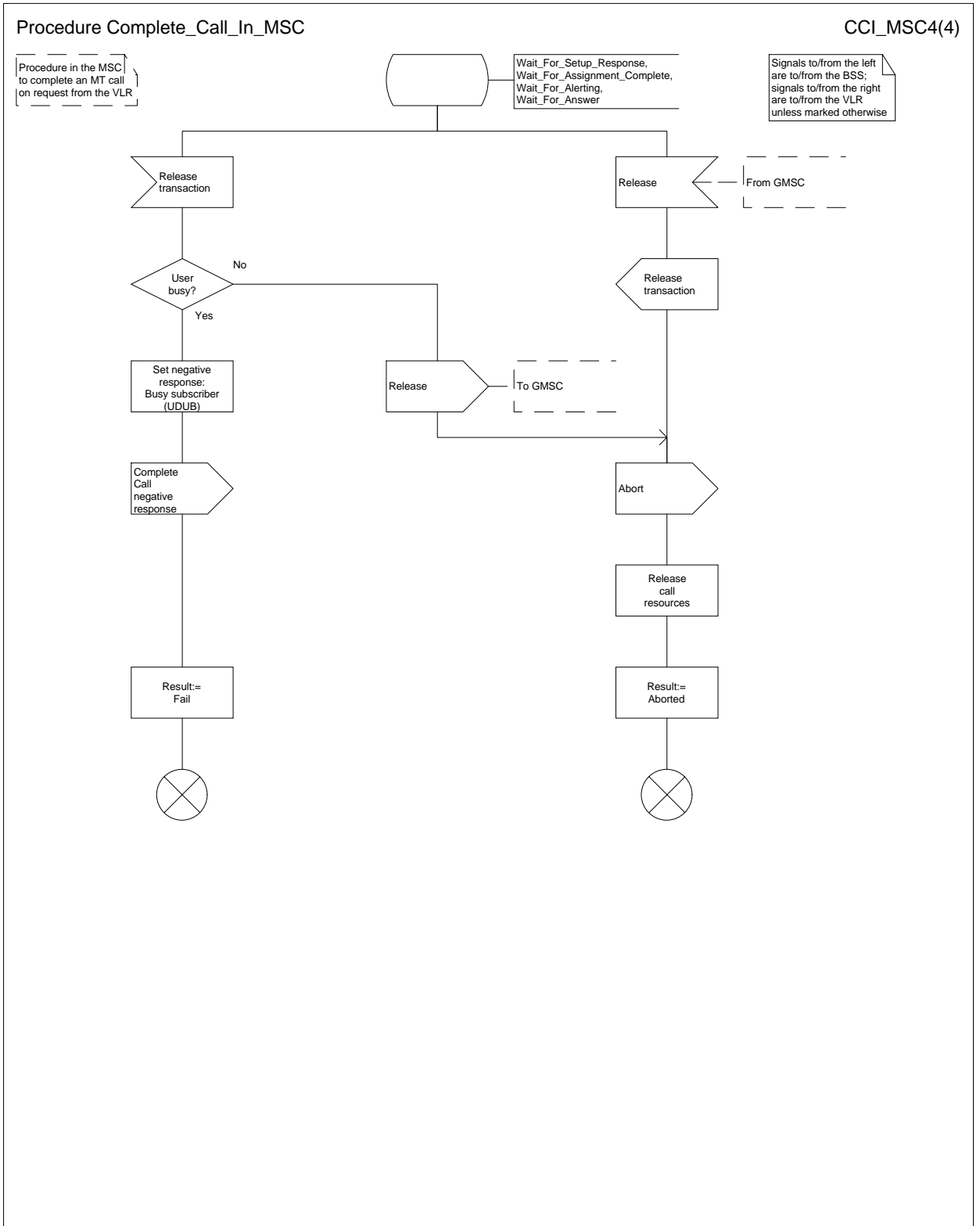


Figure 50d: Procedure Complete\_Call\_In\_MSC (sheet 4)

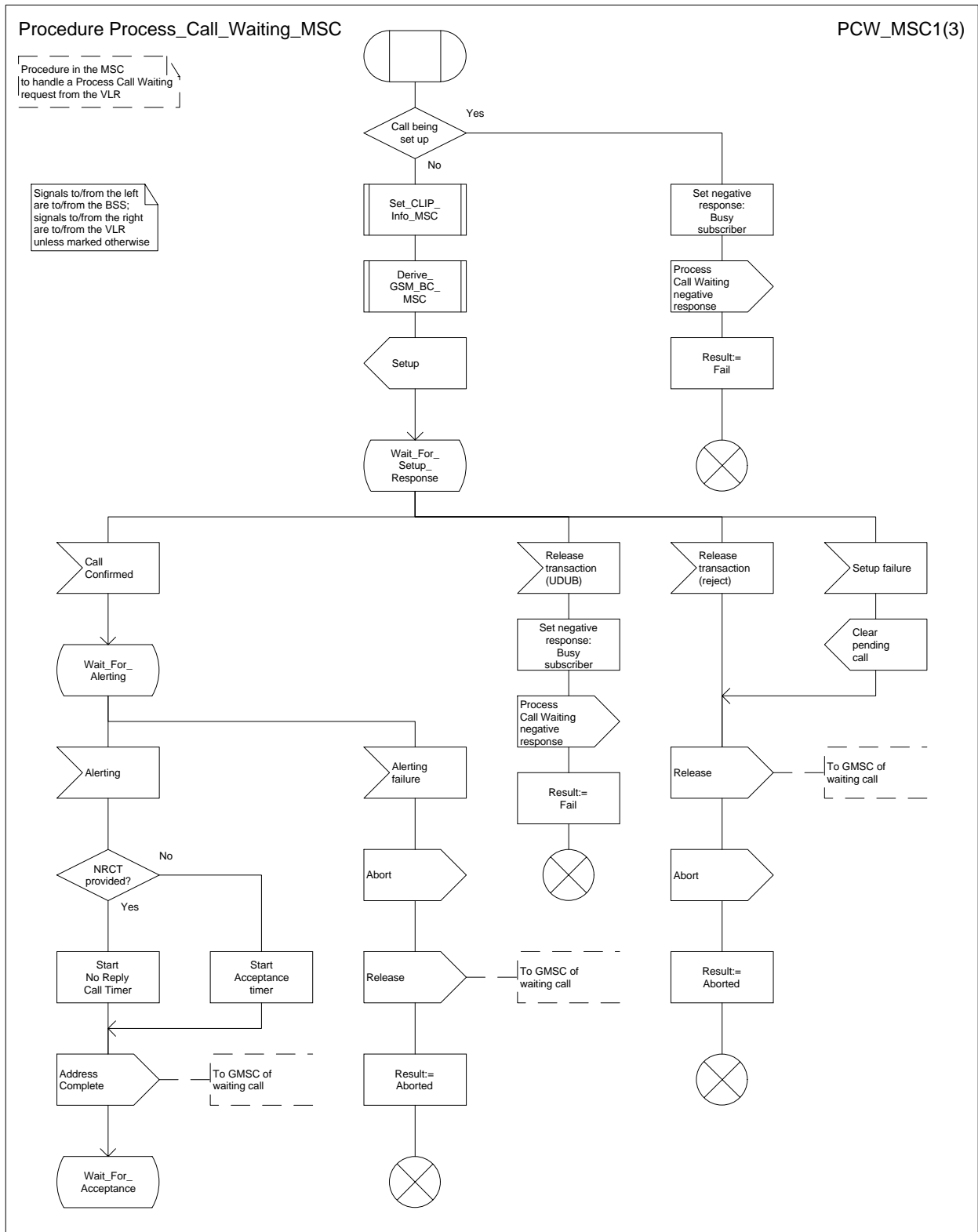


Figure 51a: Procedure Process\_Call\_Waiting\_MSC (sheet 1)



Procedure Process\_Call\_Waiting\_MSC

PCW\_MSC2(3)

Procedure in the MSC to handle a Process Call Waiting request from the VLR

Signals to/from the left are to/from the BSS; signals to/from the right are to/from the VLR unless marked otherwise

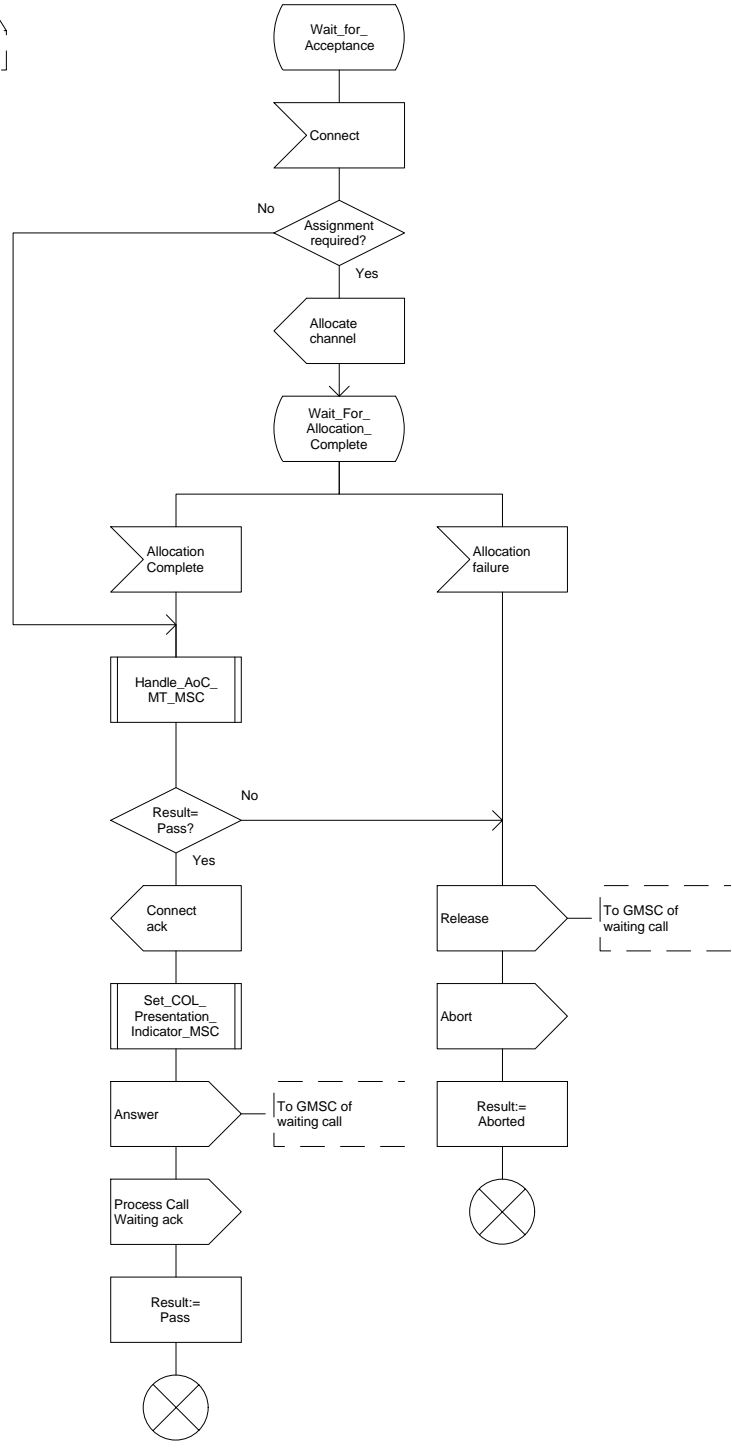
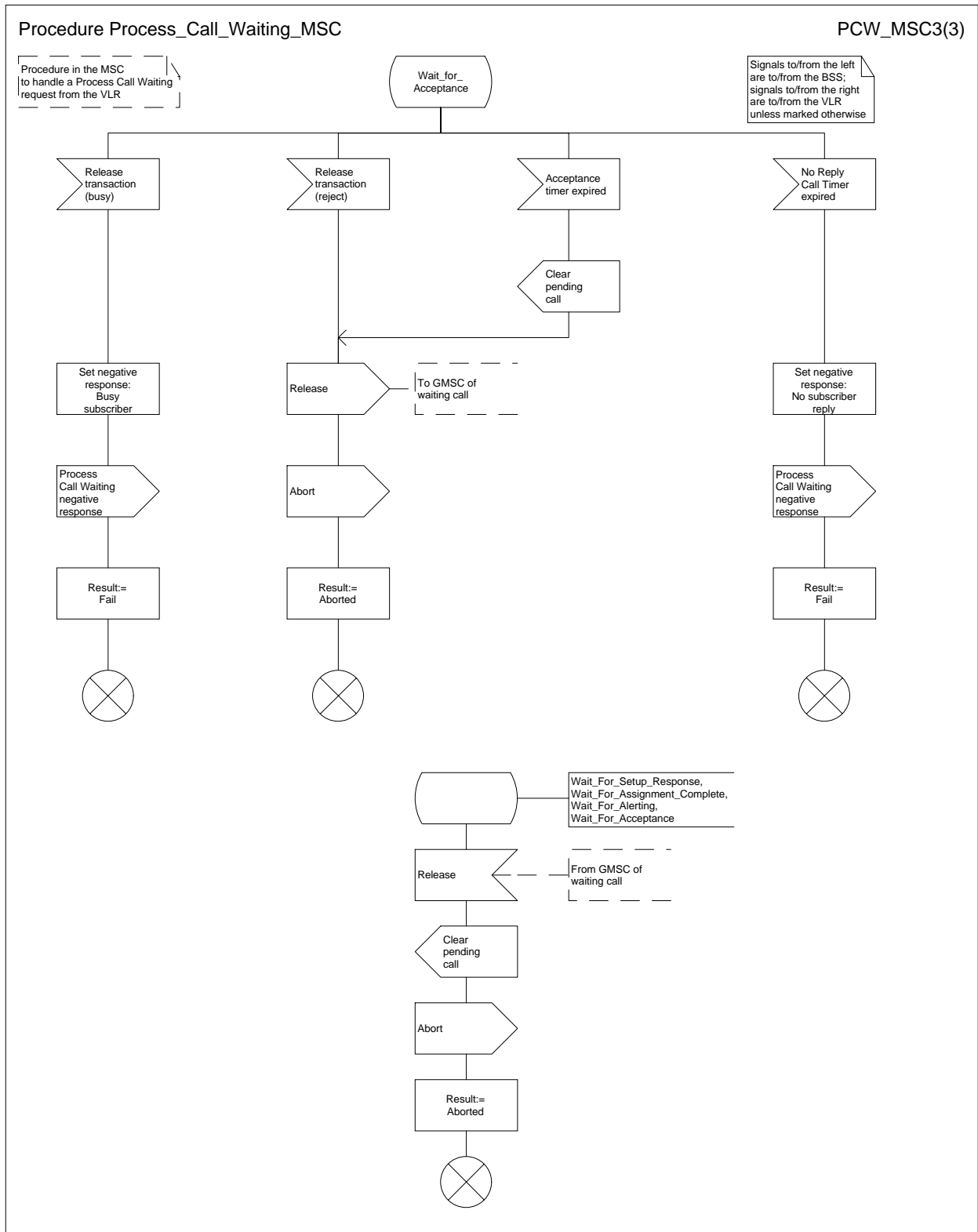


Figure 51b: Procedure Process\_Call\_Waiting\_MSC(sheet 2)



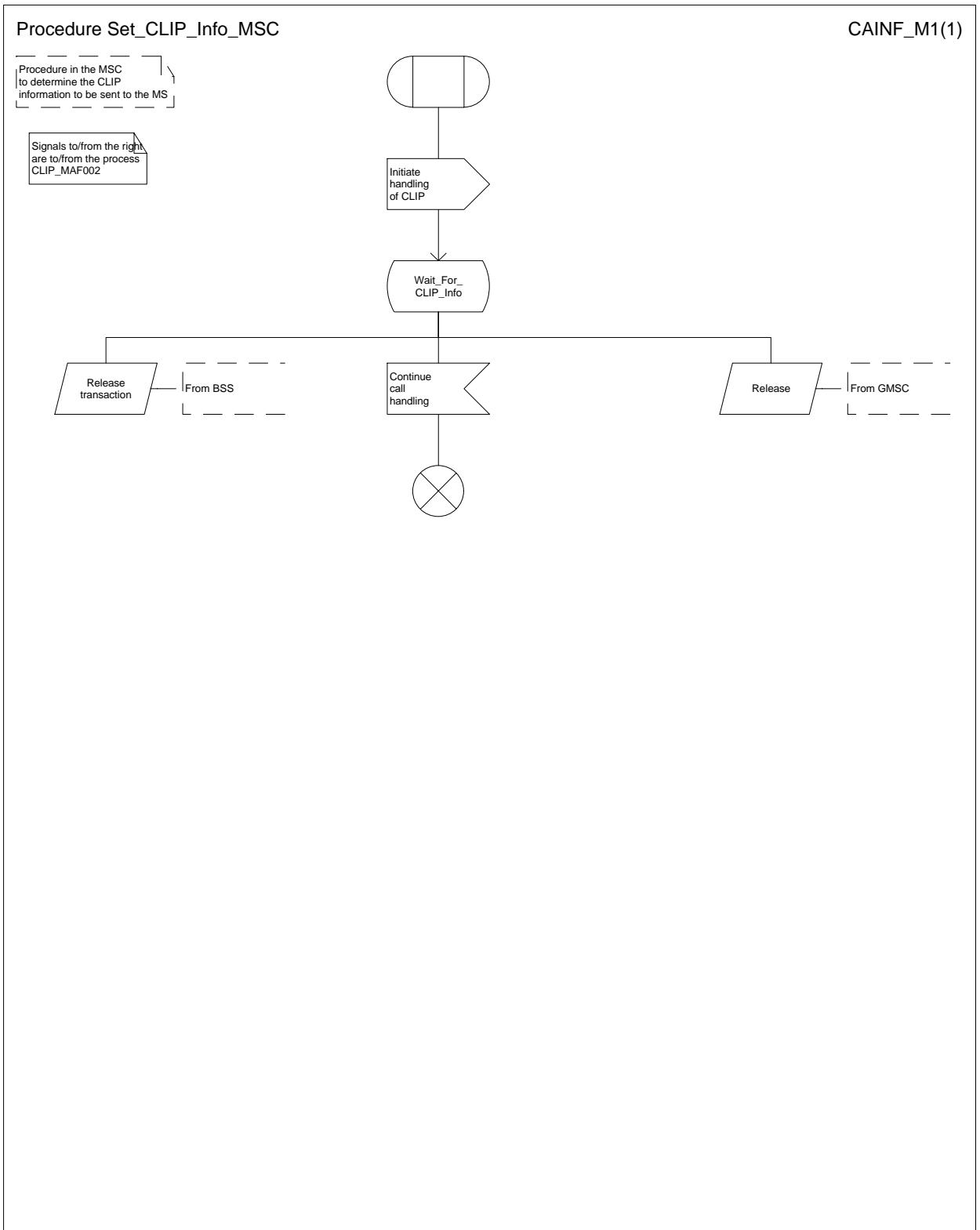


Figure 52: Procedure Set\_CLIP\_Info\_MSC

Procedure Derive\_GSM\_BC\_MSC

DRBC\_M1(1)

Procedure in the MSC to derive the requested GSM BC for an incoming (MT) call according to the rules of GSM 09.07

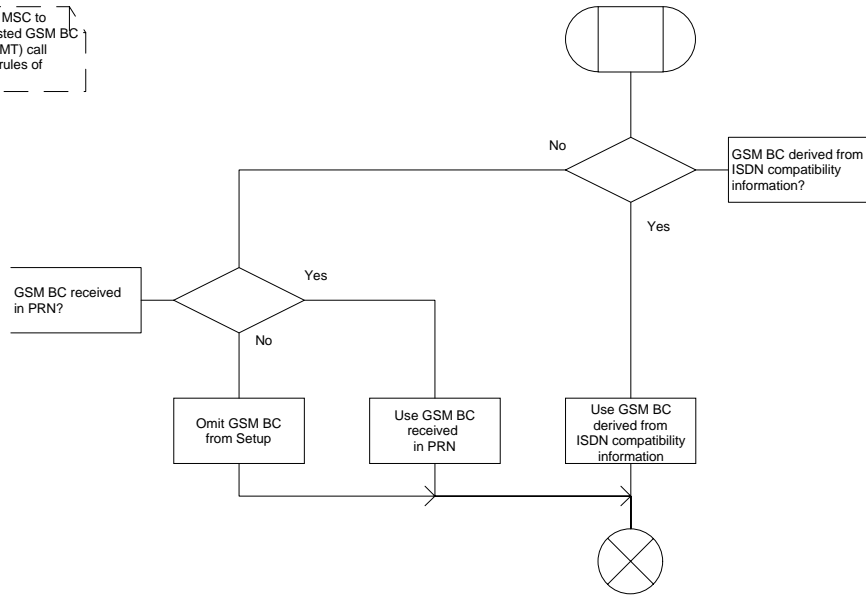


Figure 53: Derive\_GSM\_BC\_MSC

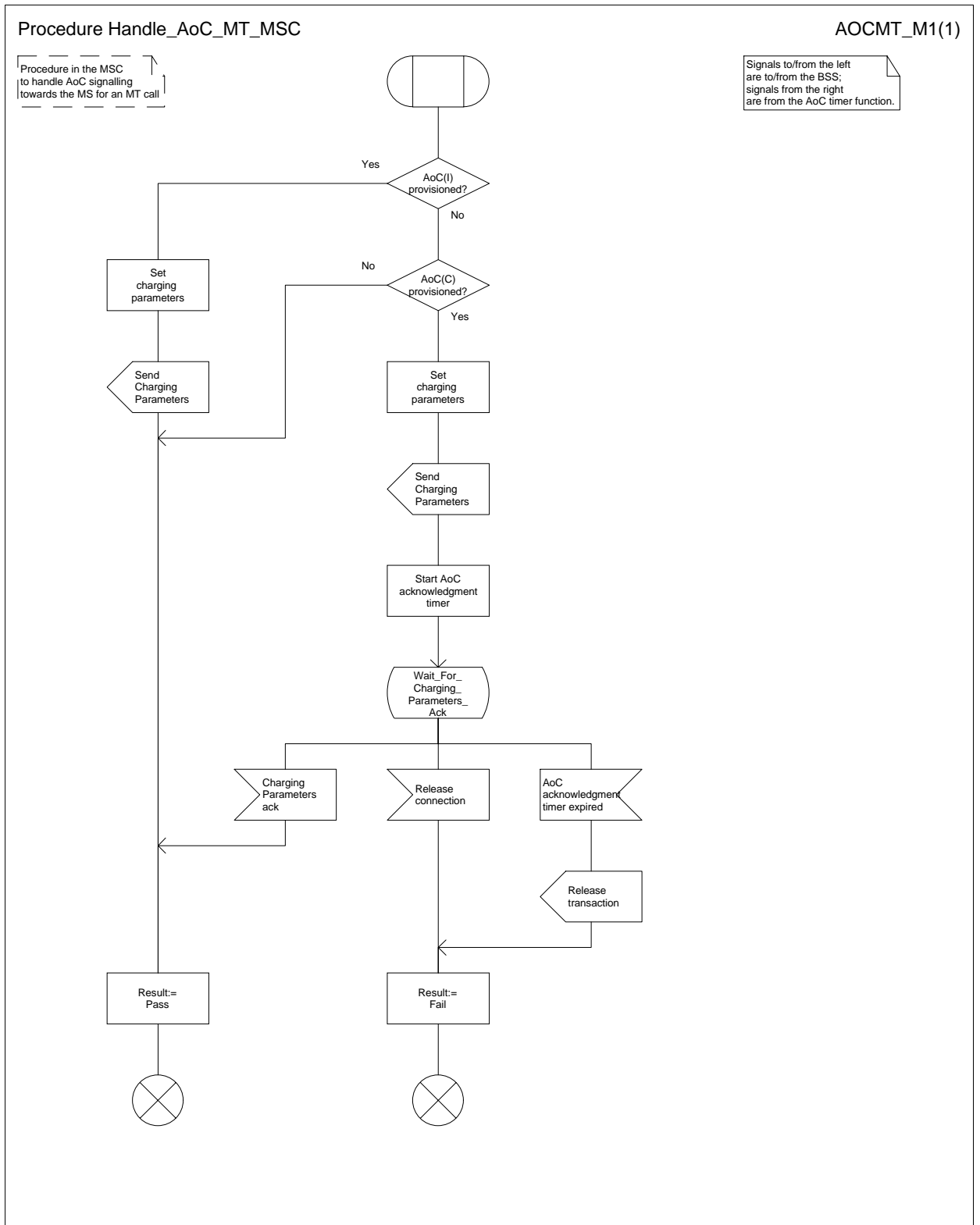


Figure 54: Procedure Handle\_AoC\_MT\_MSC

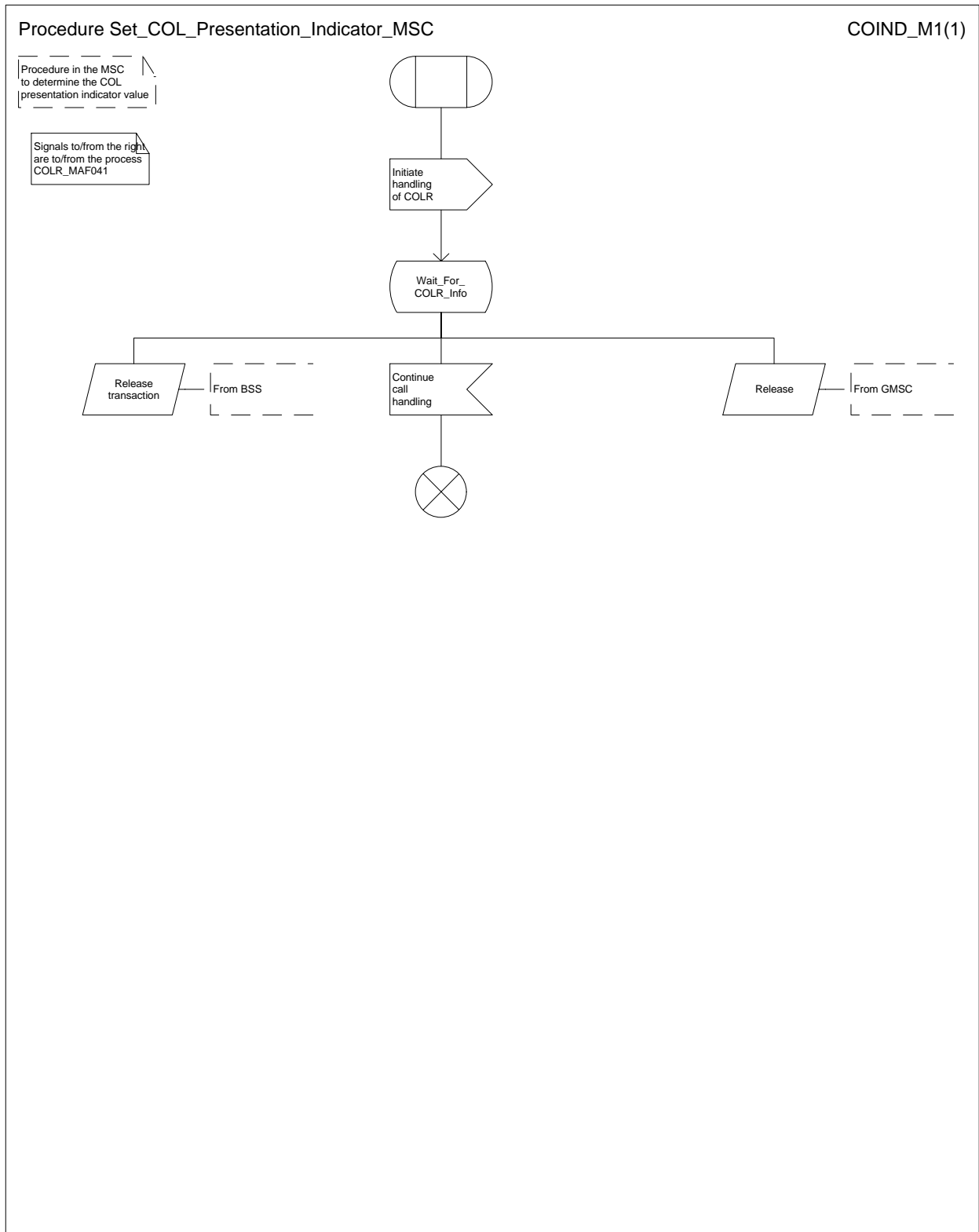


Figure 55: Procedure Set\_COL\_Presentation\_Indicator MSC

## **7.3.2 Functional requirements of VLR**

### **7.3.2.1 Process ICH\_VLR**

Sheet 1: if the MSRN received in the Send Info For Incoming Call is not allocated or there is no IMSI record for the IMSI identified by the MSRN, this is treated as an unknown MSRN.

Sheet 2: the procedure Process\_Access\_Request\_VLR is specified in subclause 7.1.2.2.

Sheet 2: the test "NDUB?" takes the "Yes" exit if the Page MS negative response or the Search for MS negative response had the value Busy Subscriber (NDUB).

Sheet 2: the VLR uses the basic service returned in the Page MS negative response or the Search for MS negative response Busy Subscriber (More calls possible) to determine whether call waiting is available.

Sheet 2: the procedure Get\_AoC\_Subscription\_Info\_VLR is specified in subclause 7.1.2.7.

Sheet 5: the procedure Handle\_CFNRC is specified in subclause 7.2.2.11.

Sheet 6: the procedure Forward\_CUG\_Check is specified in subclause 7.2.2.6.

### **7.3.2.2 Procedure Derive\_Requested\_Basic\_Service\_VLR**

If the VLR did not receive a basic service for the call in the Send Info For Incoming Call, and did not receive a GSM bearer capability in the Provide Roaming Number, it applies a default basic service according to the requirements of the operator.

### **7.3.2.3 Procedure Search\_For\_MS\_VLR**

### **7.3.2.4 Procedure Get\_CW\_Subscription\_Info\_VLR**

The MSC may abort the transaction with the VLR while a response is awaited from the process MAF013. The message is saved for processing after return from the procedure.

### **7.3.2.5 Procedure Get\_LI\_Subscription\_Info\_MT\_VLR**

The MSC may abort the transaction with the VLR while a response is awaited from the process CLIP\_MAF001 or the process COLR\_MAF040. The message is saved for processing after return from the procedure.

### **7.3.2.6 Procedure Handle\_CFB**

The test "Normal call busy" refers to the value of the indicator returned by the process MAF008.

### **7.3.2.7 Procedure Handle\_CFNRY**

The test "Normal call" refers to the value of the indicator returned by the process MAF009.

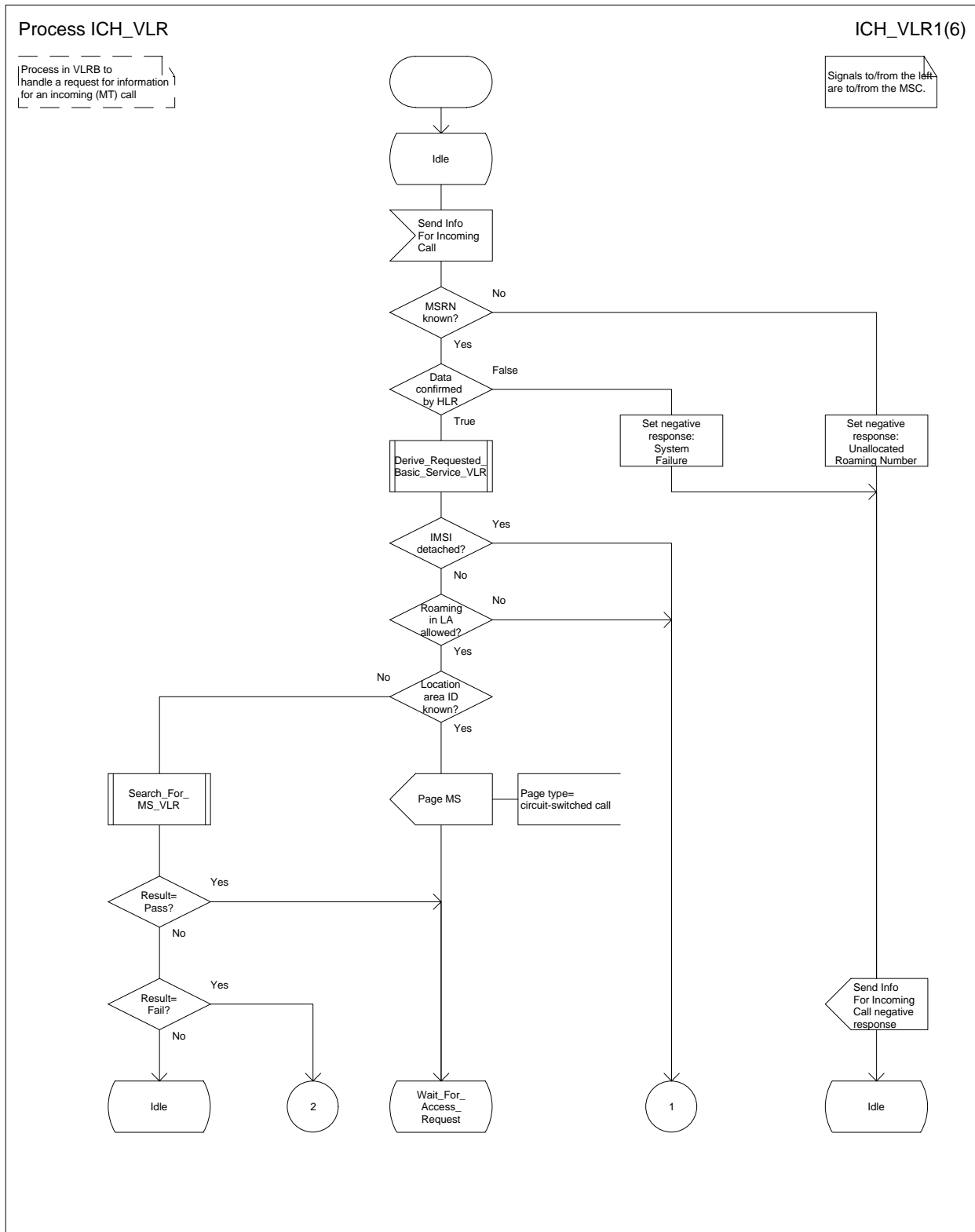


Figure 56a: Process ICH\_VLR (sheet 1)



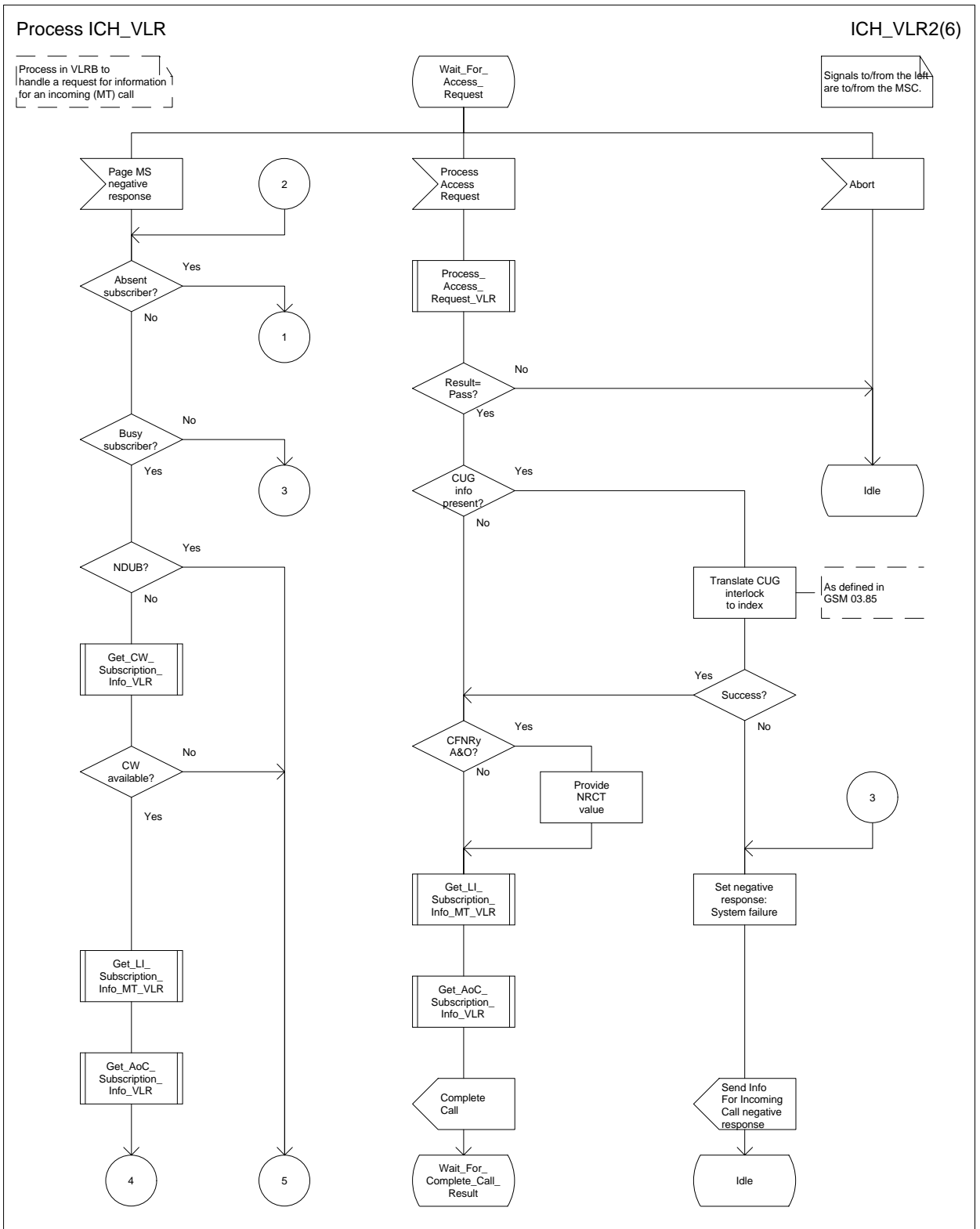


Figure 56b: Process ICH\_VLR (sheet 2)

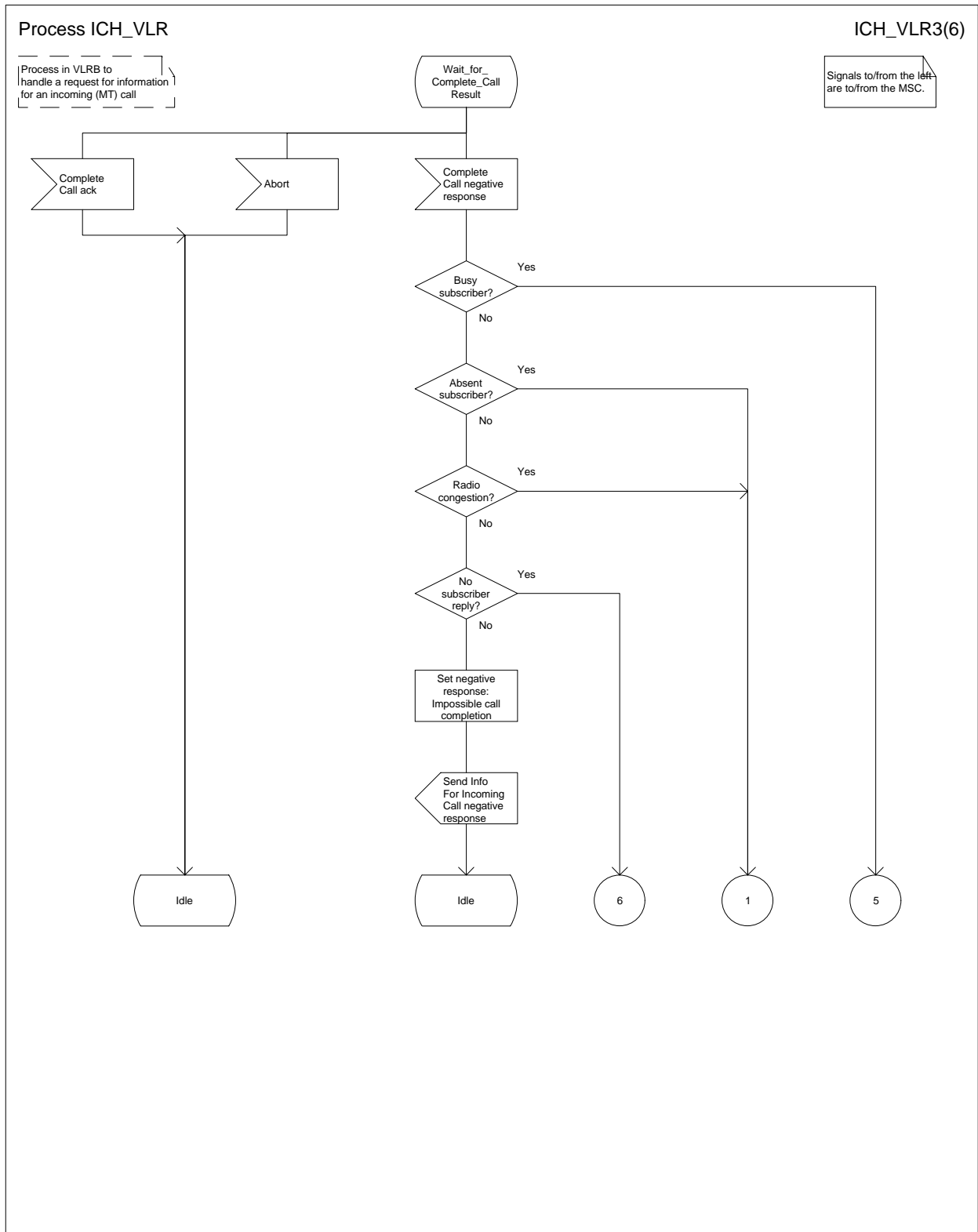


Figure 56c: Process ICH\_VLR (sheet 3)

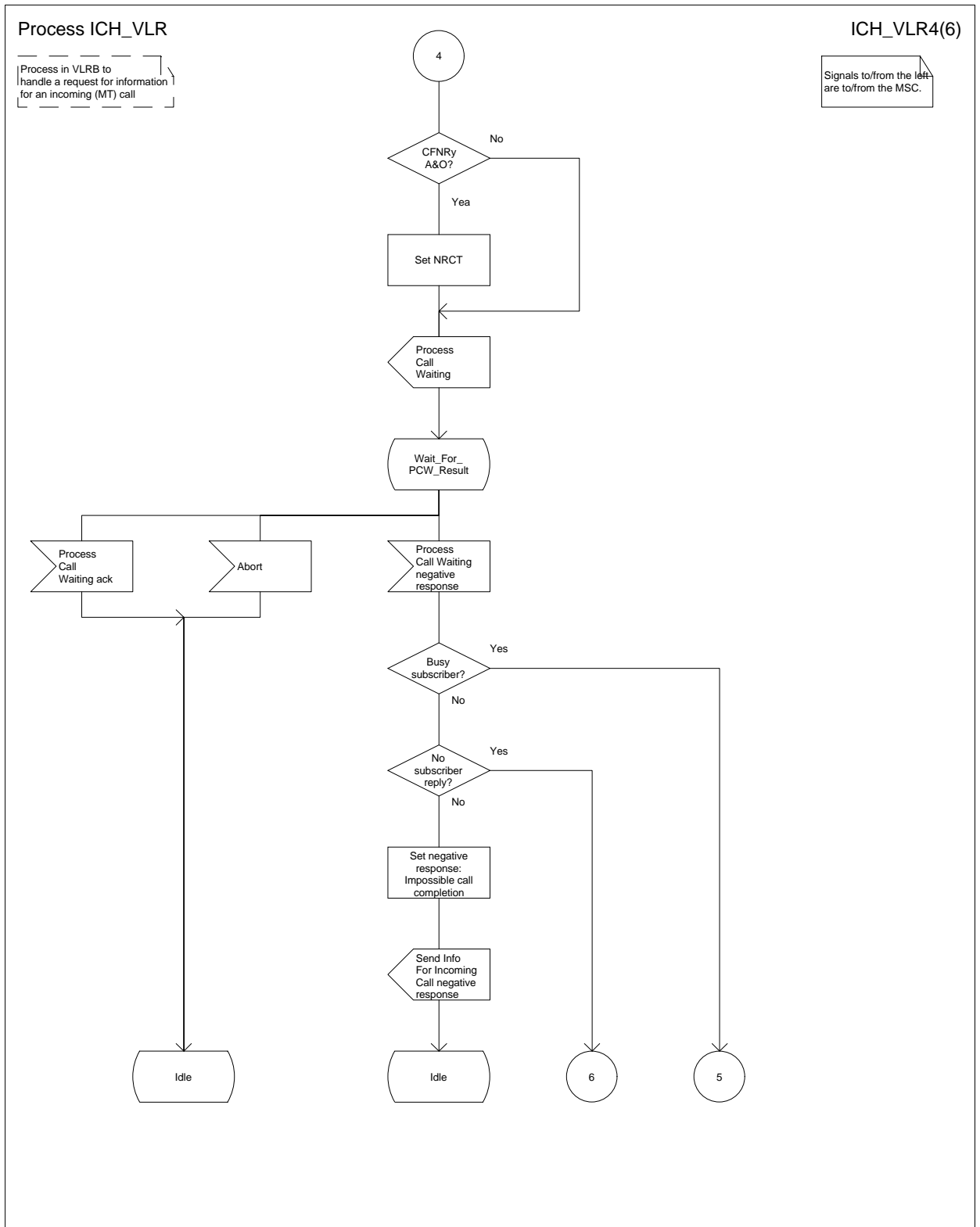


Figure 56d: Process ICH\_VLR (sheet 4)

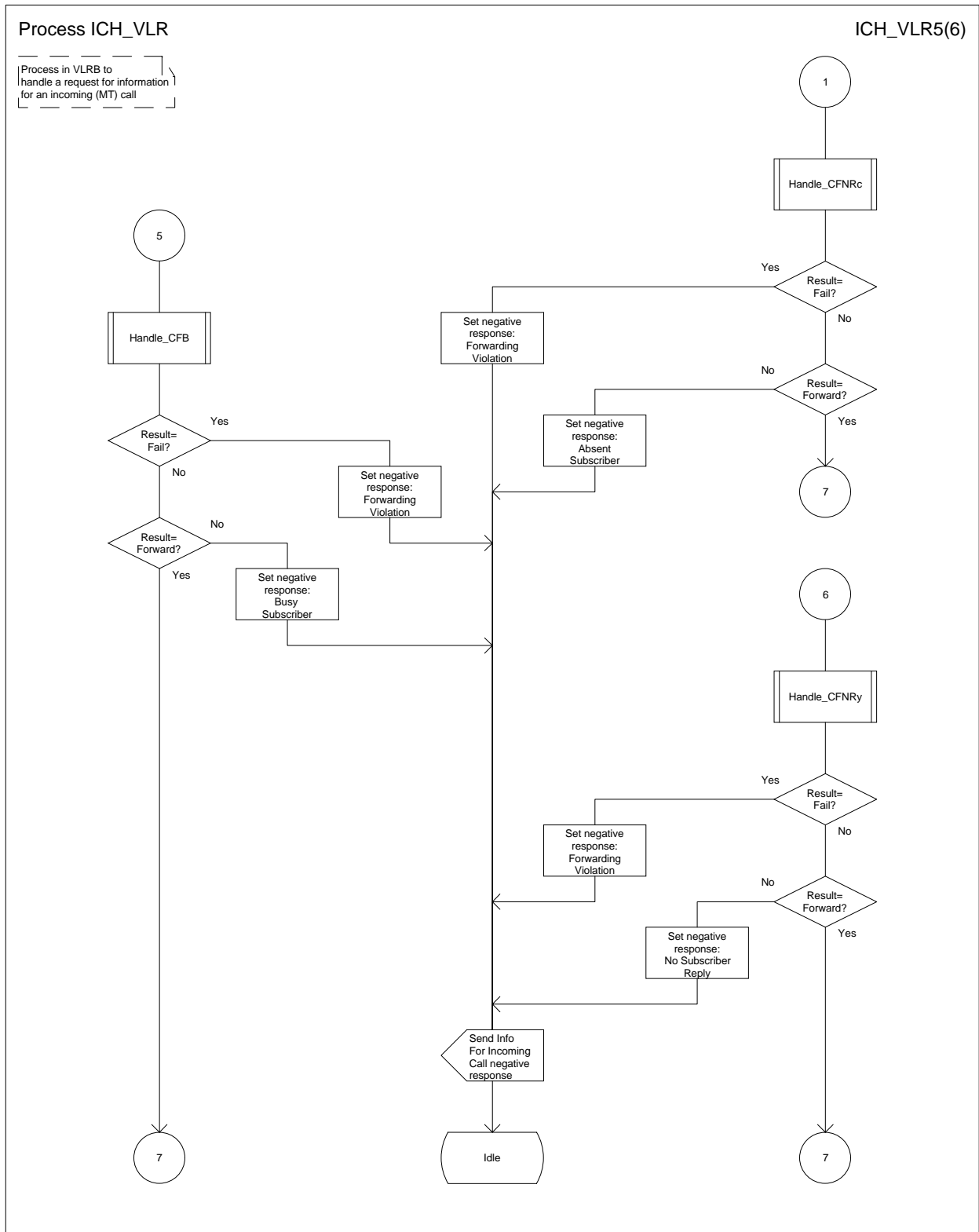


Figure 56e: Process ICH\_VLR (sheet 5)

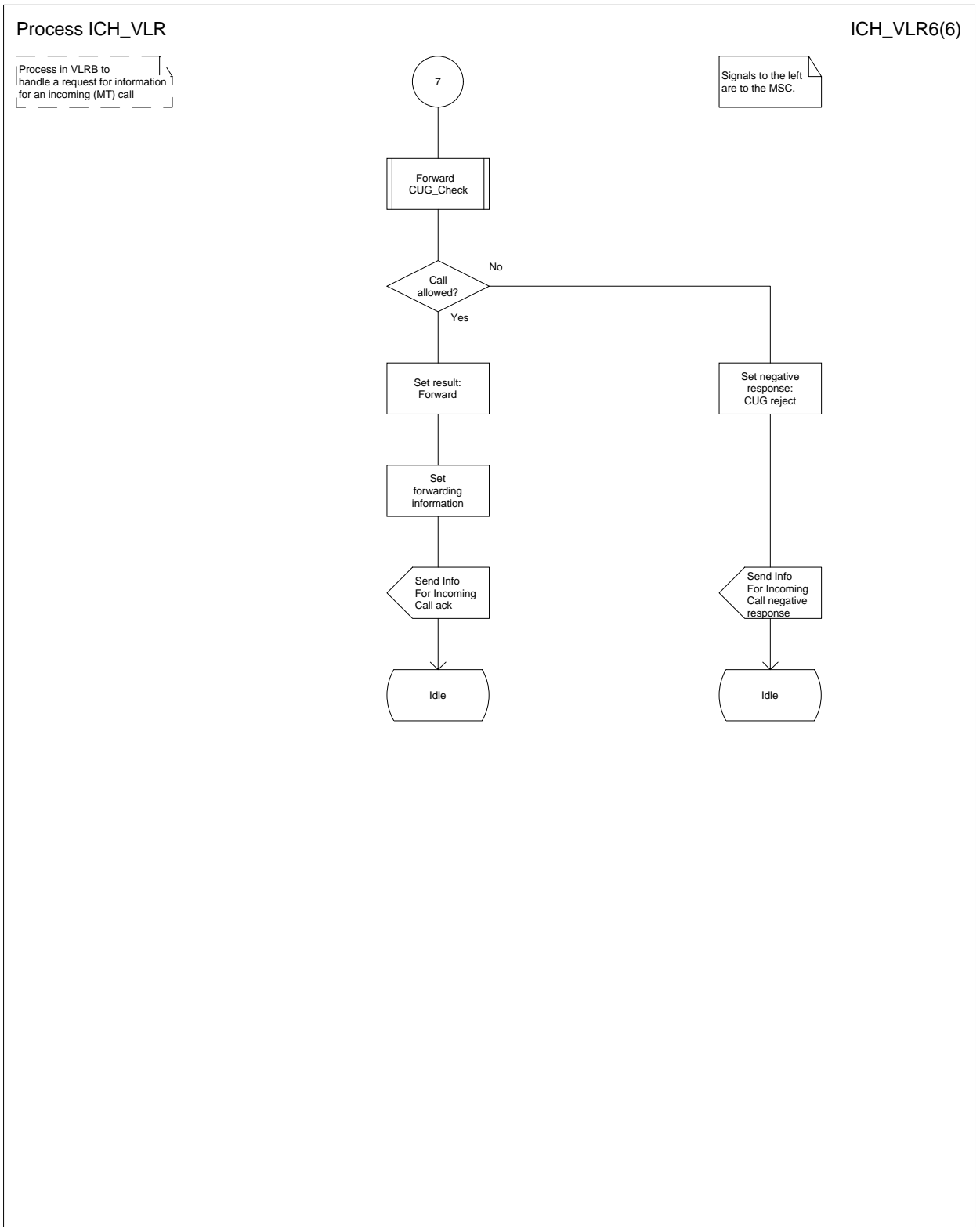


Figure 56f: Process ICH\_VLR (sheet 6)

Procedure Derive\_Requested\_Basic\_Service\_VLR

DRBS\_V1(1)

Procedure in the VLR to derive the requested basic service for an incoming (MT) call

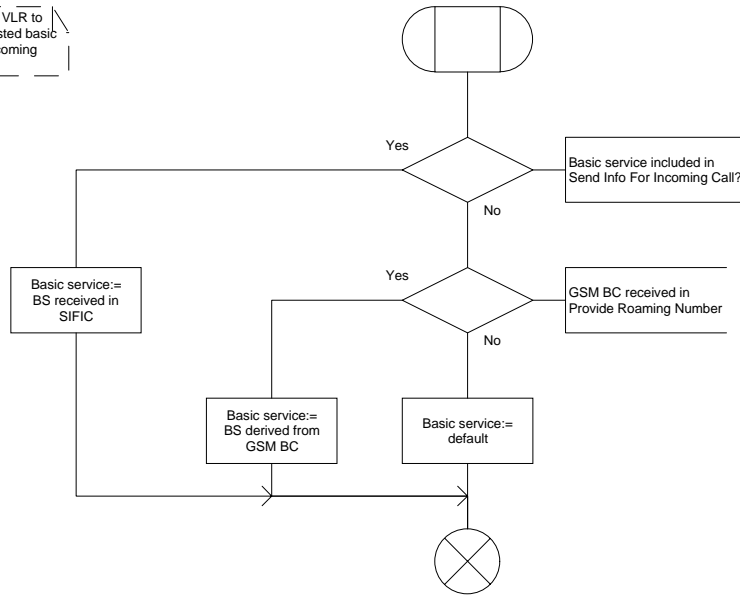


Figure 57: Procedure Derive\_Requested\_Basic\_Service\_VLR

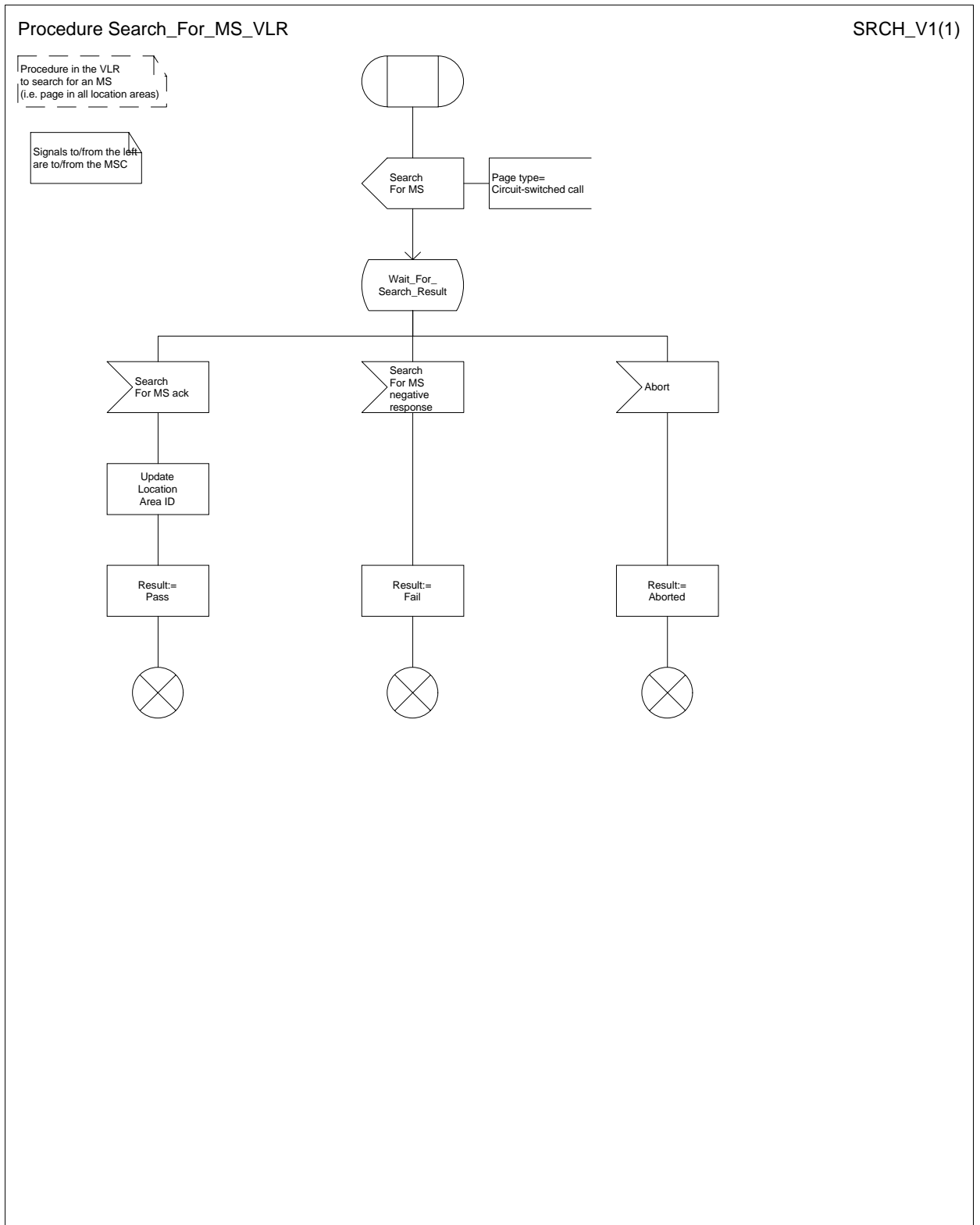


Figure 58: Procedure Search\_For\_MS\_VLR

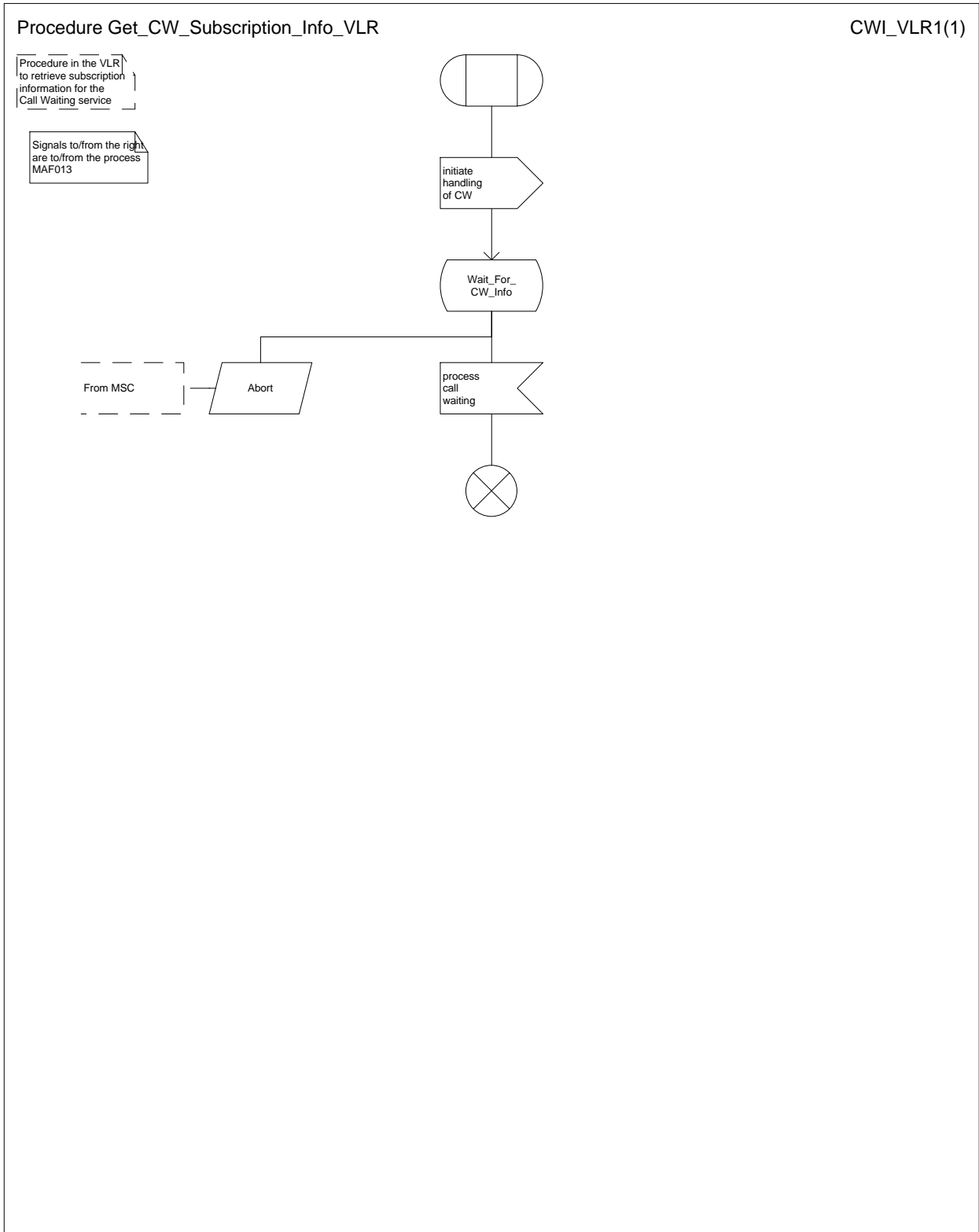


Figure 59: Procedure Get\_CW\_Subscription\_Info\_VLR



Procedure Get\_LI\_Subscription\_Info\_MT\_VLR

GLI\_MTV1(1)

Procedure in the VLR to retrieve subscription information for the CLIP & COLR line identification services for an MT call

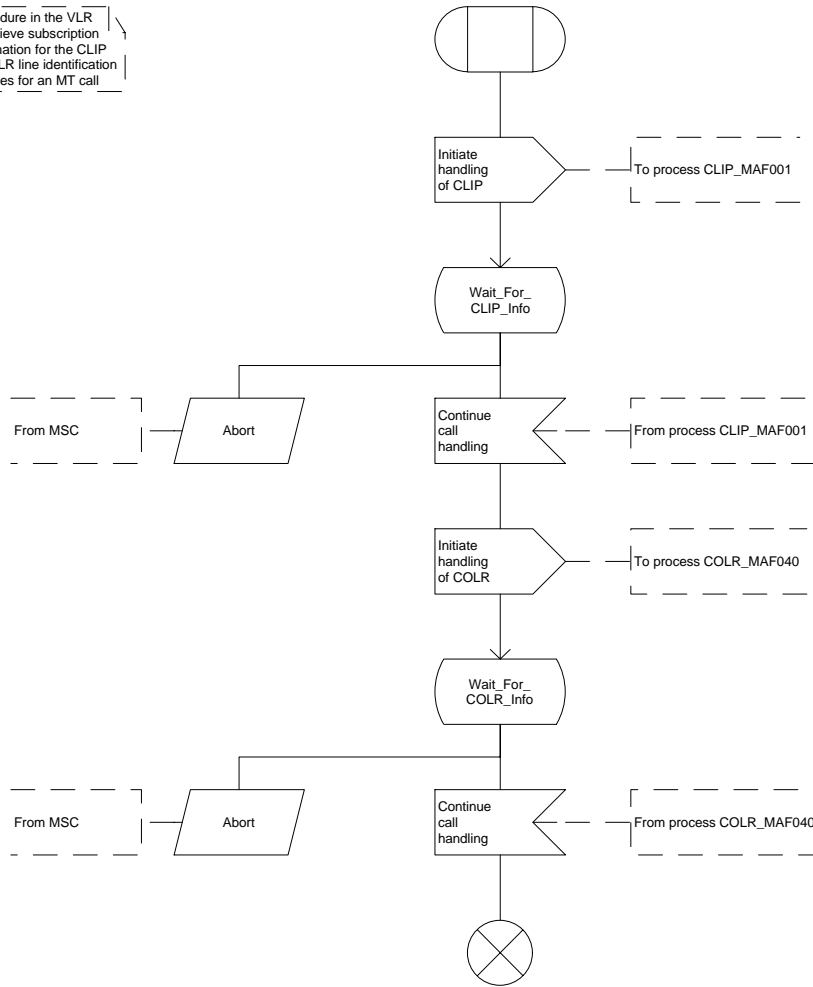


Figure 60: Procedure Get\_LI\_Subscription\_Info\_MT\_VLR

Procedure Handle\_CFB

H\_CFB1(1)

Procedure in the VLR to handle Call Forwarding on Busy  
Signals to/from the right are to/from the process MAF008

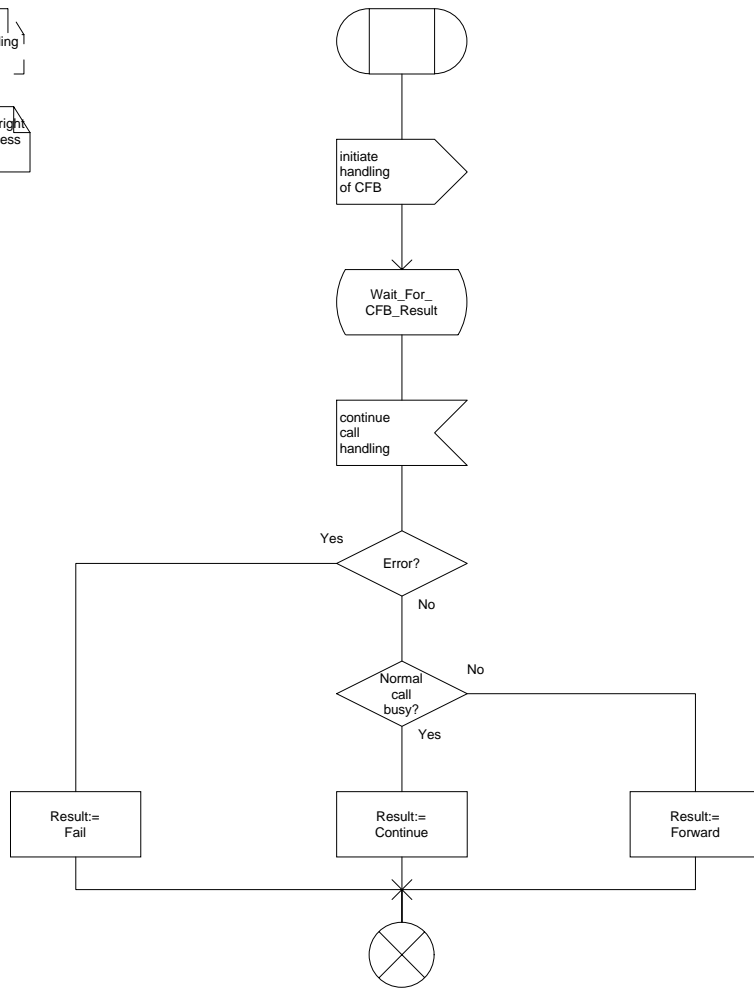


Figure 61: Procedure Handle\_CFB

Procedure Handle\_CFNRy

H\_CFNRy1(1)

Procedure in the VLR to handle Call Forwarding on No subscriber Reply

Signals to/from the right are to/from the process MAF009

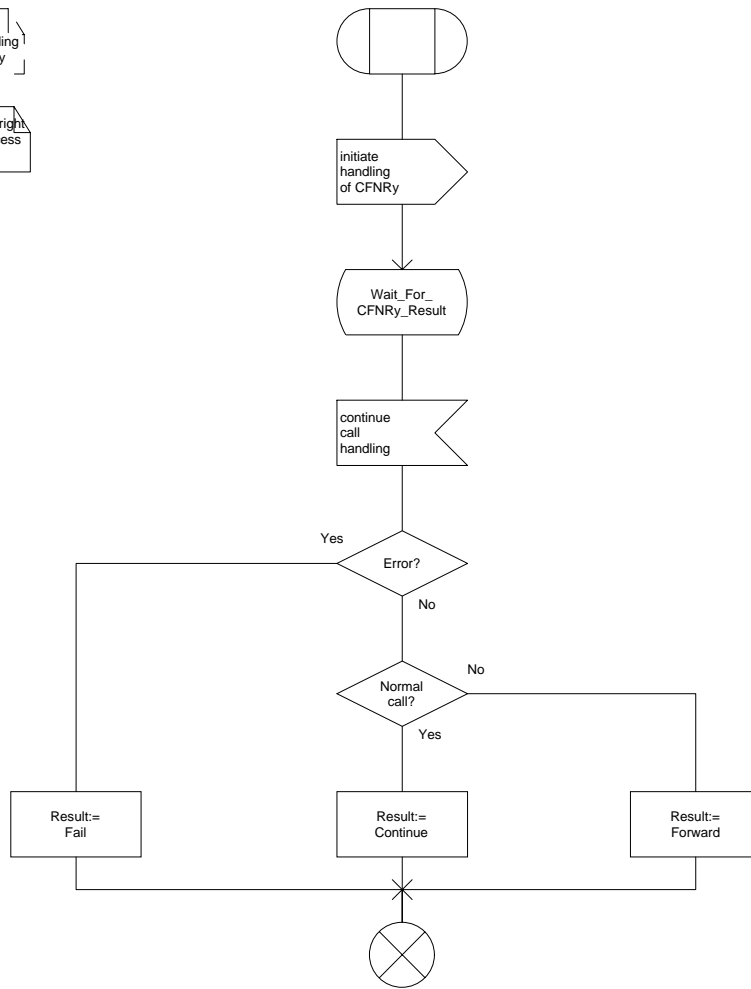


Figure 62: Procedure Handle\_CFNRy

## 8 Contents of messages

This clause specifies the content of each message shown in clauses 5 & 7, except for the following messages, which are not specific to call handling:

On the D interface (VLR-HLR):

- Abort;
- Activate Trace Mode;
- Insert Subscriber Data;
- Send Authentication Info;
- Send Authentication Info ack;
- Send Authentication Info negative response;

In the tables which follow, information elements are shown as mandatory (M), conditional (C) or optional (O). A mandatory information element shall always be present. A conditional information element shall be present if certain conditions are fulfilled; if those conditions are not fulfilled it shall be absent. An optional element may be present or absent, at the discretion of the application at the sending entity.

### 8.1 Messages on the B interface (MSC-VLR)

#### 8.1.1 Abort

The following information element is required:

Information element name	Required	Description
Abort reason	M	Indicates the reason for the procedure being aborted.

#### 8.1.2 Authenticate

The following information elements are required:

Information element name	Required	Description
RAND	M	Random number challenge to be sent to the MS (ETS 300 534 [3]).
CKSN	M	Cipher key sequence number to be sent to the MS (ETS 300 534 [3]).

#### 8.1.3 Authenticate ack

The following information element is required:

Information element name	Required	Description
SRES	M	Signature result returned by the MS (ETS 300 534 [3]).

#### 8.1.4 Check IMEI

This message contains no information elements.

#### 8.1.5 Check IMEI ack

The following information element is required:

Information element name	Required	Description
Equipment status	M	Indicates whether the ME is black-listed, grey-listed or white-listed.

#### 8.1.6 Check IMEI negative response

The negative response information element can take the following values:

- System failure;
- Unknown equipment.

### 8.1.7 Complete Call

The following information elements are required:

Information element name	Required	Description
MSISDN	C	MSISDN of the MS for which the Complete Call is sent. Shall be present for an ordinary MO call, for an MT call and for an emergency call when the MS is registered in the VLR; otherwise shall be absent.
IMEI	C	IMEI of the mobile for which the Complete Call is sent. Shall be present for an emergency call when the mobile is identified only by its IMEI; otherwise shall be absent.
Category	C	Category of the MS for which the Complete Call is sent. Shall be present for an ordinary MO call and for an emergency call when the MS is registered in the VLR; otherwise shall be absent.
GSM bearer capability	C	Shall be present for an MT call if it was received in the Provide Roaming Number; otherwise shall be absent.
ISDN bearer capability	C	Shall be present for an MT call if it was received in the Provide Roaming Number; otherwise shall be absent.
ISDN low layer compatibility	C	Shall be present for an MT call if it was received in the Provide Roaming Number; otherwise shall be absent.
ISDN high layer compatibility	C	Shall be present for an MT call if it was received in the Provide Roaming Number; otherwise shall be absent.
CLIP provision	C	Indicates that CLIP is provisioned. Shall be present for an MT call if CLIP is provisioned; otherwise shall be absent.
CLIR override provision	C	Indicates that the CLIR override subscription option of CLIP is provisioned. Shall be present for an MT call if CLIP is provisioned with the CLIR override subscription option and the MS is registered in the HPLMN country; otherwise shall be absent.
CLIR provision	C	Indicates that CLIR is provisioned. Shall be present for an MO call if CLIR is provisioned; otherwise shall be absent.
CLIR mode	C	Indicates the mode in which CLIR is provisioned: permanent, temporary (default presentation allowed) or temporary (default presentation restricted). Shall be present for an MO call if CLIR is provisioned; otherwise shall be absent.
COLP provision	C	Indicates that COLP is provisioned. Shall be present for an MO call if COLP is provisioned; otherwise shall be absent.
COLR override provision	C	Indicates that the COLR override subscription option of COLP is provisioned. Shall be present for an MO call if COLP is provisioned with the COLR override subscription option and the MS is registered in the HPLMN country; otherwise shall be absent.
COLR provision	C	Indicates that COLR is provisioned. Shall be present for an MT call if COLR is provisioned; otherwise shall be absent.
No Reply Condition Timer	C	Value of timer to be used to determine the No subscriber reply condition. Shall be present for an MT call if the Call Forwarding on No Reply service is active and operative; otherwise shall be absent.
CUG index	C	For the definition of this IE, see ETS 300 546 [10]. May be present (as a network operator option) for an ordinary MO call if the call is a CUG call; shall be present for an MT call if the call is a CUG call; otherwise shall be absent.
CUG interlock	C	For the definition of this IE, see ETS 300 546 [10]. Shall be present for an ordinary MO call if the call is a CUG call; otherwise shall be absent.
CUG outgoing access	C	For the definition of this IE, see ETS 300 546 [10]. Shall be present for an ordinary MO call if the call is a CUG call with outgoing access; otherwise shall be absent.
Advice of Charge provision	C	Indicates whether Advice of Charge (Information) or Advice of Charge (Charging) is provisioned. Shall be present for an ordinary MO call or an MT call if Advice of Charge is provisioned; otherwise shall be absent.

**8.1.8 Complete Call ack**

This message contains no information elements.

**8.1.9 Complete Call negative response**

The negative response information element can take the following values:

- Absent subscriber;
- Busy subscriber;
- No subscriber reply;
- Radio congestion.

**8.1.10 Forward New TMSI**

The following information element is required:

Information element name	Required	Description
TMSI	M	TMSI to be sent to the MS.

**8.1.11 Forward New TMSI ack**

This message contains no information elements.

**8.1.12 Forward New TMSI negative response**

The negative response information element can take the following value:

- TMSI reallocation failure.

**8.1.13 Obtain Subscriber Info**

The following information elements are required:

Information element name	Required	Description
IMSI	M	IMSI of the MS for which information is required.
Location information requested	C	Indicates that the VLR requires location information for the MS. Shall be present if location information is required; otherwise shall be absent.
Subscriber state requested	C	Indicates that the VLR requires state information for the MS. Shall be present if state information is required; otherwise shall be absent.

**8.1.14 Obtain Subscriber Info ack**

The following information elements are required:

Information element name	Required	Description
Cell global identity	C	Identity of the cell from which the MS established a radio transaction. Shall be present if the VLR requested location information and the mobile is currently engaged on a radio transaction; otherwise shall be absent.
Age of location information	C	Time in minutes since the MS last established a radio transaction. Shall be present if the VLR requested location information; otherwise shall be absent.
Subscriber state	C	Indicates whether the MS is busy (i.e. engaged on a circuit-switched call) or assumed idle. Shall be present if the VLR requested state information; otherwise shall be absent.

**8.1.15 Page MS**

The following information elements are required:

Information element name	Required	Description
IMSI	M	IMSI of the MS to be paged.
Location area ID	M	Location area in which the MS is to be paged.
Page type	M	Indicates whether the paging is for a circuit-switched call, MT SMS delivery or SS activity.
TMSI	O	TMSI to be broadcast to identify the MS.

**8.1.16 Page MS negative response**

The negative response information element can take the following values:

- Absent subscriber;
- Busy subscriber (More calls possible);
- Busy subscriber (NDUB);
- System failure;
- Unknown location area ID.

The Page MS negative response Busy subscriber (More calls possible) also indicates the basic service which applies for the established call.

**8.1.17 Process Access Request**

The following information elements are required:

Information element name	Required	Description
CM service type	M	Indicates the type of access required: normal MO call, emergency call or page response. Other values (short message service and SS request) defined for this IE are not considered in this specification.
Access connection status	M	Indicates whether or not the connection to the MS is ciphered and whether or not it is authenticated.
Current location area ID	M	Identity of the location area from which the access request was received.
IMSI	C	IMSI of the MS requesting the access. For normal MO call or page response, one of IMSI or TMSI shall be present. For emergency call, one of IMSI, TMSI or IMEI shall be present.
TMSI	C	TMSI of the MS requesting the access. For normal MO call or page response, one of IMSI or TMSI shall be present. For emergency call, one of IMSI, TMSI or IMEI shall be present.
IMEI	C	IMEI of the MS requesting the access. For normal MO call or page response, one of IMSI or TMSI shall be present. For emergency call, one of IMSI, TMSI or IMEI shall be present.
CKSN	C	Cipher key sequence number of the MS requesting the access. Shall be present if TMSI is present; otherwise shall be absent.

**8.1.18 Process Access Request ack**

The following information elements are required:

Information element name	Required	Description
IMSI	C	IMSI of the MS requesting the access. For normal MO call or page response, shall be present. For emergency call, one of IMSI or IMEI shall be present.
IMEI	C	IMEI of the MS requesting the access. For normal MO call or page response, shall be absent. For emergency call, one of IMSI or IMEI shall be present.
MSISDN	O	MSISDN of the MS requesting the access.

**8.1.19 Process Access Request negative response**

The negative response information element can take the following values:

- Roaming not allowed;
- System failure;
- Unidentified subscriber;
- Illegal equipment;
- Illegal subscriber.

**8.1.20 Process Call Waiting**

The following information elements are required:

Information element name	Required	Description
MSISDN	M	MSISDN of the MS for which the Process Call Waiting is sent.
GSM bearer capability	C	Shall be present if it was received in the Provide Roaming Number for the waiting call; otherwise shall be absent.
ISDN bearer capability	C	Shall be present if it was received in the Provide Roaming Number for the waiting call; otherwise shall be absent.
ISDN low layer compatibility	C	Shall be present if it was received in the Provide Roaming Number for the waiting call; otherwise shall be absent.
ISDN high layer compatibility	C	Shall be present if it was received in the Provide Roaming Number for the waiting call; otherwise shall be absent.
CLIP provision	C	Indicates that CLIP is provisioned. Shall be present if CLIP is provisioned; otherwise shall be absent.
CLIR override provision	C	Indicates that the CLIR override subscription option of CLIP is provisioned. Shall be present if CLIP is provisioned with the CLIR override subscription option and the MS is registered in the HPLMN country; otherwise shall be absent.
COLR provision	C	Indicates that COLR is provisioned. Shall be present if COLR is provisioned; otherwise shall be absent.
No Reply Condition Timer	C	Value of timer to be used to determine the No subscriber reply condition. Shall be present if the Call Forwarding on No Reply service is active and operative; otherwise shall be absent.
CUG index	C	For the definition of this IE, see ETS 300 546 [10]. Shall be present if the waiting call is a CUG call; otherwise shall be absent.
Advice of Charge provision	C	Indicates whether Advice of Charge (Information) or Advice of Charge (Charging) is provisioned. Shall be present if Advice of Charge is provisioned; otherwise shall be absent.

**8.1.21 Process Call Waiting ack**

This message contains no information elements.



**8.1.22 Process Call Waiting negative response**

The negative response information element can take the following values:

- Busy subscriber;
- No subscriber reply.

**8.1.23 Provide IMEI**

This message contains no information elements.

**8.1.24 Provide IMEI ack**

The following information element is required:

Information element name	Required	Description
IMEI	M	IMEI of the ME involved in the access request.

**8.1.25 Provide IMSI**

This message contains no information elements.

**8.1.26 Provide IMSI ack**

The following information element is required:

Information element name	Required	Description
IMSI	M	IMSI of the MS involved in the access request.

**8.1.27 Search For MS**

The following information elements are required:

Information element name	Required	Description
IMSI	M	IMSI of the MS to be paged in all location areas.
Page type	M	Indicates whether the paging is for a circuit-switched call, MT SMS delivery or SS activity.
TMSI	O	TMSI to be broadcast to identify the MS.

**8.1.28 Search For MS ack**

The following information element is required:

Information element name	Required	Description
Location area ID	M	Location area in which the MS responded to the page.

**8.1.29 Search For MS negative response**

The negative response information element can take the following values:

- Absent subscriber;
- Busy subscriber (More calls possible);
- Busy subscriber (NDUB);
- System failure.

The Search For MS negative response Busy subscriber (More calls possible) also indicates the basic service which applies for the established call.

### 8.1.30 Send Info For Incoming Call

The following information elements are required:

Information element name	Required	Description
MSRN	M	Mobile Station Roaming Number received in the IAM.
Bearer service	C	GSM bearer service required for the MT call. Shall be present if the MSC was able to derive a GSM bearer service from ISDN BC/LLC/HLC information received in the IAM; otherwise shall be absent.
Teleservice	C	GSM teleservice required for the MT call. Shall be present if the MSC was able to derive a GSM teleservice from ISDN BC/LLC/HLC information received in the IAM; otherwise shall be absent.
Dialled number	C	Number dialled by the calling subscriber. Shall be present if it was received in the IAM; otherwise shall be absent.
Number of forwarding	C	Number of times the incoming call has already been forwarded. Shall be present if it was received in the IAM; otherwise shall be absent.
CUG interlock	C	For the definition of this IE, see ETS 300 546 [10]. Shall be present if it was received in the IAM; otherwise shall be absent.
CUG outgoing access	C	For the definition of this IE, see ETS 300 546 [10]. Shall be present if it was received in the IAM; otherwise shall be absent.

### 8.1.31 Send Info For Incoming Call ack

The following information elements are required:

Information element name	Required	Description
IMSI	M	IMSI of the B subscriber.
Forwarded-to number	M	E.164 number of the C subscriber.
Forwarding reason	M	Indication of why the call has been forwarded (on mobile subscriber busy, on mobile subscriber not reachable or on no subscriber reply).
Notification to calling party	M	Indication of whether the calling party is to be notified that the call has been forwarded.
Notification to forwarding party	C	Indication of whether the forwarding party is to be notified that the call has been forwarded. Shall be present if the call is to be forwarded on mobile subscriber busy or on no subscriber reply; otherwise shall be absent.
Forwarded-to subaddress	C	Subaddress of the C subscriber (see ETS 300 523 [2]). Shall be present if a forwarded-to subaddress is stored in the VLR in association with the forwarded-to number; otherwise shall be absent.
CUG interlock	C	For the definition of this IE, see ETS 300 546 [10]. Shall be present if the VLR has determined that the forwarded call is to be treated as a CUG call in accordance with the rules in ETS 300 546 [10], otherwise shall be absent.
CUG outgoing access	C	For the definition of this IE, see ETS 300 546 [10]. Shall be present if the VLR has determined that the forwarded call is to be treated as a CUG call with outgoing access in accordance with the rules in ETS 300 546 [10], otherwise shall be absent.

**8.1.32 Send Info For Incoming Call negative response**

The negative response information element can take the following values:

- Absent subscriber;
- Busy subscriber;
- CUG reject (Called party SS interaction violation);
- Forwarding violation;
- Impossible call completion;
- No subscriber reply;
- System failure;
- Unallocated roaming number;

**8.1.33 Send Info For Outgoing Call**

The following information elements are required:

Information element name	Required	Description
Called number	M	E.164 number of the call destination.
Bearer service	C	Bearer service required for the MO call, derived from the GSM bearer capability information received in the setup request from the MS. One of bearer service or teleservice shall be present.
Teleservice	C	Teleservice required for the MO call, derived from the GSM bearer capability information received in the setup request from the MS or from the emergency setup request from the MS. One of bearer service or teleservice shall be present.
CUG index	C	For the definition of this IE, see ETS 300 546 [10]. Shall be present if it was received in the setup request from the MS.
Suppress preferential CUG	C	For the definition of this IE, see ETS 300 546 [10]. Shall be present if it was received in the setup request from the MS.
Suppress CUG outgoing access	C	For the definition of this IE, see ETS 300 546 [10]. Shall be present if it was received in the setup request from the MS.

**8.1.34 Send Info For Outgoing Call negative response**

The negative response information element can take the following values:

- Bearer service not provisioned;
- Call barred (Operator determined barring);
- Call barred (Supplementary service barring);
- CUG reject (Inconsistent access information - index incompatible with basic service);
- CUG reject (Inconsistent access information - no CUG selected);
- CUG reject (Outgoing calls barred within the CUG);
- CUG reject (Unknown CUG index);
- Teleservice not provisioned.

**8.1.35 Set ciphering mode**

The following information element is required:

Information element name	Required	Description
Ciphering mode	M	Indicates whether ciphering of the radio connection is required, and if so which ciphering algorithm is to be used.
Kc	C	Ciphering key to be used if ciphering of the radio connection is required. Shall be present if the ciphering mode indicates that ciphering of the radio connection is required, otherwise shall be absent.

**8.1.36 Trace subscriber activity**

The following information elements are required:

<b>Information element name</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Description</b>
Trace reference	M	Reference number to be included with tracing reports which the MSC sends to the OMC.
Trace type	M	For the definition of this IE, see ETS 300 627 [19].

**8.1.37 Use existing TMSI**

This message contains no information elements.

**8.2 Messages on the C interface (MSC-HLR)****8.2.1 Send Routeing Info**

The following information elements are required:

<b>Information element name</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Description</b>
MSISDN	M	MSISDN of the B subscriber (see ETS 300 523 [2]).
CUG interlock	C	For the definition of this IE, see ETS 300 546 [10]. Shall be present if the GMSC received it in the IAM, otherwise shall be absent.
CUG outgoing access	C	For the definition of this IE, see ETS 300 546 [10]. Shall be present if the GMSC received it in the IAM, otherwise shall be absent.
Number of forwarding	C	Number of times the incoming call has already been forwarded. Shall be present if it was received in the IAM; otherwise shall be absent.
ISDN BC	C	ISDN bearer capability. Shall be present if the GMSC received it in the IAM, otherwise shall be absent.
ISDN LLC	C	ISDN lower layer compatibility. Shall be present if the GMSC received it in the IAM, otherwise shall be absent.
ISDN HLC	C	ISDN higher layer compatibility. Shall be present if the GMSC received it in the IAM, otherwise shall be absent.

### 8.2.2 Send Routeing Info ack

The following information elements are required:

Information element name	Required	Description
IMSI	M	IMSI of the B subscriber (see ETS 300 523 [2]).
Roaming number	C	E.164 number required to route the call to VMSCB (see ETS 300 523 [2]). Shall be present if the HLR received it in the Provide Roaming Number ack, otherwise shall be absent.
Forwarded-to number	C	E.164 number of the C subscriber. Shall be present if the HLR has determined that the call is to be forwarded, otherwise shall be absent.
Forwarded-to subaddress	C	Subaddress of the C subscriber (see ETS 300 523 [2]). Shall be present if the HLR has determined that the call is to be forwarded and a forwarded-to subaddress is stored in the HLR in association with the forwarded-to number, otherwise shall be absent.
Notification to calling party	C	Indication of whether the calling party is to be notified that the call has been forwarded. Shall be present if the HLR has determined that the call is to be forwarded, otherwise shall be absent.
Forwarding reason	C	Indication of why the call has been forwarded (unconditionally or on mobile subscriber not reachable). Shall be present if the HLR has determined that the call is to be forwarded, otherwise shall be absent.
CUG interlock	C	For the definition of this IE, see ETS 300 546 [10]. Shall be present if the HLR has determined that the call is to be treated as a CUG call in accordance with the rules in ETS 300 546 [10], otherwise shall be absent.
CUG outgoing access	C	For the definition of this IE, see ETS 300 546 [10]. Shall be present if the HLR has determined that the call is to be treated as a CUG call with outgoing access in accordance with the rules in ETS 300 546 [10], otherwise shall be absent.

### 8.2.3 Send Routeing Info negative response

The negative response information element can take the following values:

- Absent subscriber;
- Bearer service not provisioned;
- Call barred (Operator determined barring);
- Call barred (Supplementary service barring);
- CUG reject (Called party SS interaction violation);
- CUG reject (Incoming calls barred within CUG);
- CUG reject (Requested basic service violates CUG constraints);
- CUG reject (Subscriber not member of CUG);
- Data missing;
- Facility not supported;
- Forwarding violation
- Number changed;
- System Failure;
- Teleservice not provisioned;
- Unexpected data value;
- Unknown subscriber.

### 8.3 Messages on the D interface (VLR-HLR)

#### 8.3.1 Provide Roaming Number

The following information elements are required:

Information element name	Required	Description
IMSI	M	IMSI of the B subscriber (see ETS 300 523 [2]).
MSC number	M	E.164 number which identifies VMSCB (see ETS 300 523 [2]).
MSISDN	O	E.164 number which identifies the B subscriber. May be present if the HLR requires it to be included in the call data record.
LMSI	C	Local Mobile Subscriber Identity. Shall be present if the LMSI was sent to HLRB at location updating.
GSM bearer capability	C	Information to define the GSM bearer capability required for the call. For alternate speech/fax, alternate speech/data or speech followed by data calls this information element shall contain two GSM bearer capabilities, as specified in GSM 04.08. May be present if the HLR can determine the required GSM bearer capability from ISDN compatibility information received in the Send Routeing Info message, or from the MSISDN if a multi-numbering scheme is used; otherwise shall be absent. If the ISDN BC and ISDN LLC IEs are present, the GSM bearer capability IE shall be absent.
ISDN BC	C	ISDN bearer capability. May be present if the HLR received it in the Send Routeing Info message, otherwise shall be absent. If the GSM bearer capability IE is present, the ISDN BC IE shall be absent.
ISDN LLC	C	ISDN lower layer compatibility. May be present if the HLR received it in the Send Routeing Info message, otherwise shall be absent. If the GSM bearer capability IE is present, the ISDN LLC IE shall be absent.
ISDN HLC	C	ISDN higher layer compatibility. Shall be present if the HLR received it in the Send Routeing Info message, otherwise shall be absent.

#### 8.3.2 Provide Roaming Number ack

The following information element is required:

Information element name	Required	Description
Roaming number	M	E.164 number required to route the call to VMSCB (see ETS 300 523 [2]).

#### 8.3.3 Provide Roaming Number negative response

The negative response information element can take the following values:

- Absent subscriber;
- Data missing;
- Facility not supported;
- No roaming number available;
- OR not allowed;
- Unexpected data value.

### 8.3.4 Provide Subscriber Info

The following information elements are required:

Information element name	Required	Description
IMSI	M	IMSI of the subscriber for whom information is requested (see ETS 300 523 [2]).
LMSI	C	Local Mobile Subscriber Identity. Shall be present if the LMSI was sent to the HLR at location updating.
Requested information	M	Indicates whether the HLR requires location information, subscriber state or both location information and subscriber state.

### 8.3.5 Provide Subscriber Info ack

The following information elements are required:

Information element name	Required	Description
Location information	C	Information to define the location of the MS: see definition in subclause 8.3.5.1. Shall be present if location information was requested and is available; otherwise shall be absent.
Subscriber state	C	Indicates whether the MS is busy (i.e. engaged on a circuit-switched call), network determined not reachable (IMSI detached or roaming in a prohibited location area) or assumed idle. Shall be present if subscriber state was requested; otherwise shall be absent.

#### 8.3.5.1 Location information

The compound information element Location information consists of the following subordinate information elements:

Information element name	Required	Description
Location number	C	For a definition of this information element, see ETS 300 356-1 [20]. Shall be present if the VLR can derive it from the stored cell global identity or location area identity; otherwise shall be absent.
Cell ID	C	Cell global identity of the cell in which the MS last established a radio transaction. Shall be present if the MSC/VLR can supply it; otherwise shall be absent. Shall be absent if Location area ID is present.
Location area ID	C	Identity of the location area in which the MS last established a radio transaction. Shall be present if the MSC/VLR can supply it; otherwise shall be absent. Shall be absent if Cell ID is present.
Geographical information	C	For a definition of this information element, see GSM 03.32 (Universal Geographical Area Description) Shall be present if the VLR can derive it from the stored cell global identity or location area identity; otherwise shall be absent.
VLR number	M	E.164 number which identifies the VLR (see ETS 300 523 [2]).
Age of location information	M	Measured in minutes.

### 8.3.6 Provide Subscriber Info negative response

The negative response information element can take the following values:

- Unexpected data value.

### 8.3.7 Restore Data

The following information elements are required:

Information element name	Required	Description
IMSI	M	IMSI of the subscriber for whom data are to be restored (see ETS 300 523 [2]).
LMSI	O	LMSI of the subscriber for whom data are to be restored (see ETS 300 523 [2]). May be included if required by the requesting VLR.

### 8.3.8 Restore Data ack

The following information elements are required:

Information element name	Required	Description
HLR number	M	E.164 number which identifies the HLR (see ETS 300 523 [2]).
MS not reachable flag	C	Indicates whether the VLR should notify the HLR when the MS next establishes radio contact. Shall be present if the corresponding indicator is set in the HLR record for the subscriber; otherwise shall be absent.

### 8.3.9 Restore Data negative response

The negative response information element can take the following values:

- System failure;
- Unknown subscriber.

### 8.3.10 Provide Subscriber Info negative response

The negative response information element can take the following values:

- Data missing;
- Unexpected data value.

## 8.4 Messages on the F interface (MSC-EIR)

### 8.4.1 Check IMEI

The following information element is required:

Information element name	Required	Description
IMEI	M	IMEI of the ME whose status is to be checked (see ETS 300 523 [2]).

### 8.4.2 Check IMEI ack

The following information element is required:

Information element name	Required	Description
Equipment status	M	Indicates whether the ME is black-listed, grey-listed or white-listed.

### 8.4.3 Check IMEI negative response

The negative response information element can take the following value:

- Unknown equipment.



## **Annex A (informative): Handling of an IAM at an MSC**

An MSC which receives an IAM from an originating exchange may react in three different ways:

- It acts as a transit exchange, i.e. it relays the IAM to a destination exchange determined by analysis of the called party address, and thereafter relays other telephony signalling between the originating and destination exchange until the connection is released. This behaviour is not specific to GSM.
- It acts as a terminating exchange, i.e. it attempts to connect the call to an MS currently registered in the service area of the MSC.
- It acts as a GMSC, i.e. it interrogates an HLR for information to route the call. If the HLR returns routing information, the MSC uses the routing information from the HLR to construct an IAM, which it sends to a destination exchange determined by analysis of the routing information from the HLR.

Sheet 1: when the MSC co-ordinating process has decided whether the MSC is to act as a terminating VMSC, a GMSC or a transit exchange, it forwards the IAM to an idle instance of the appropriate process.

Sheet 2: after the MSC co-ordinating process has sent an IAM to an instance of the process MT\_GMSC or ICH\_MSC, it acts as a transparent relay for messages received from the originating exchange and the process instance (denoted by "offspring"). After the MSC co-ordinating process has relayed a Release message, it returns to the idle state.

Sheet 2: after the MSC co-ordinating process has sent an IAM to a destination exchange, it acts as a transparent relay for messages received from the originating exchange and the destination exchange. After the MSC co-ordinating process has relayed a Release message, it returns to the idle state.

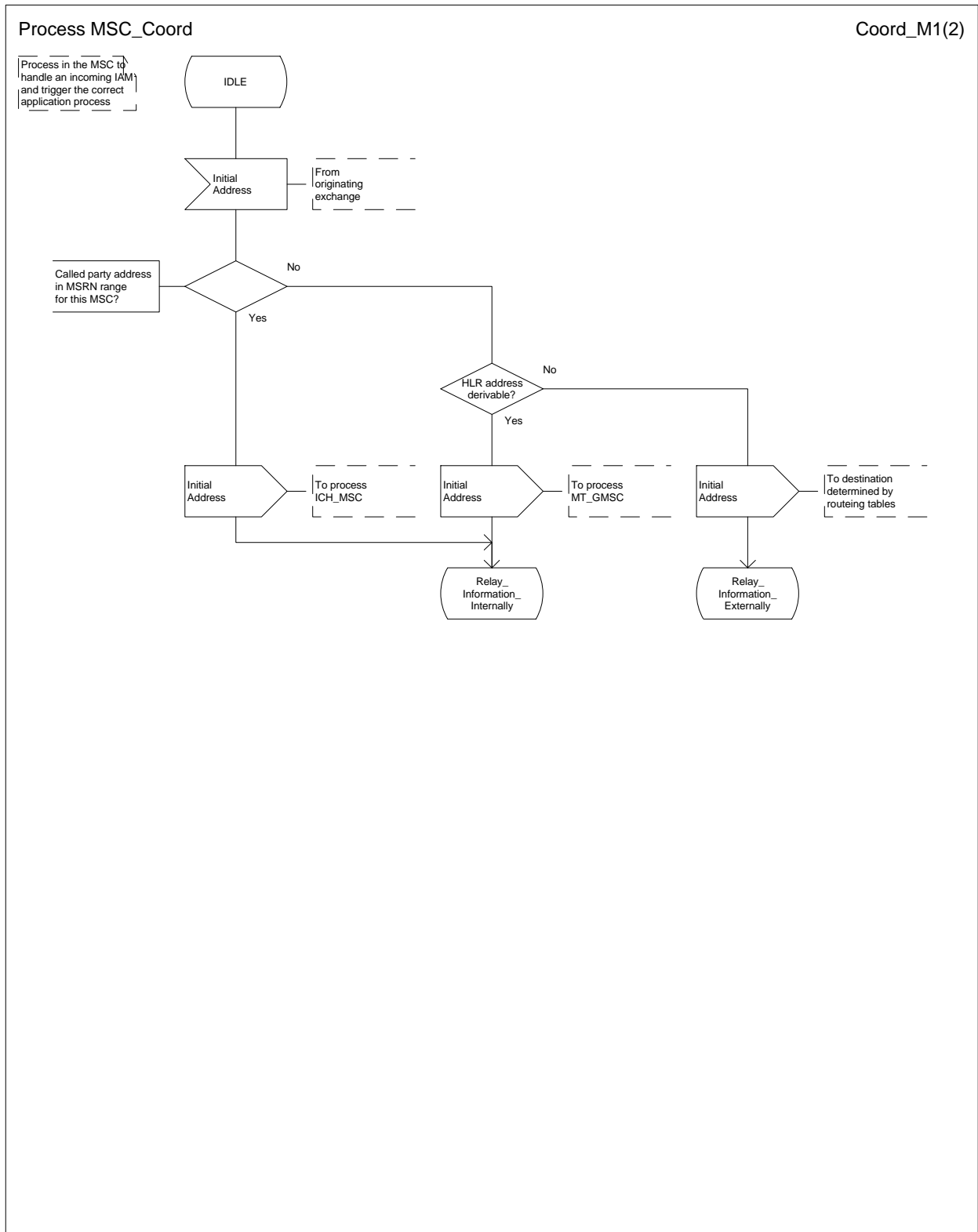


Figure 63a: Process MSC\_Coord (sheet 1)

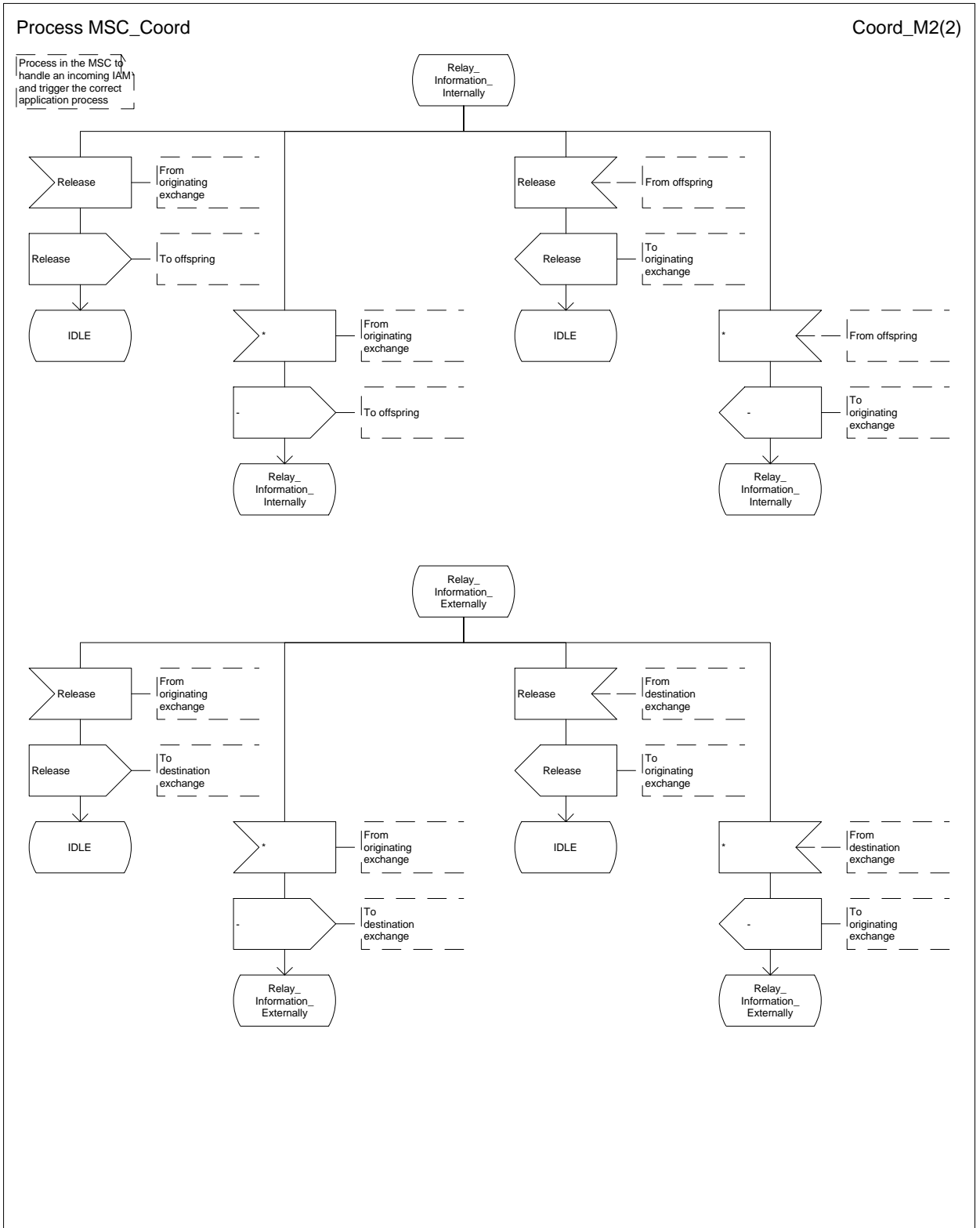


Figure 63b: Process MSC\_Coord (sheet 2)

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