

IMS' Proprietary Enhancements to the Ported Number Files

IMS has improved the ported number data to include the date the telephone number was ported and Audit information designed to help you answer consumer and legal questions about why calls may have been made to ported numbers. We have noticed that millions of numbers have been either deleted or deleted and reinstated on the Ported Number files since June, 2004. Currently businesses making calls have no way of knowing if they called the number before it was Ported or if the number they called was "temporarily" deleted from the file and placed on the file after it was used in their scrubbing process.

- A. We incorporated two features in our Ported Number download file designed to provide an audit trail for subscribers.
 1. We added the start date to all numbers on the Landline-to-Wireless and Wireless-to-Landline files. This date reflects the when the number was ported. For numbers that were deleted and reinstated, this date reflects the most-recent add date. A history of telephone numbers and dates can be found on the Audit file (described below.)

The file is prepared in a comma delimited format and contains two data fields; the Ported Telephone Number in the current 10 digit format; and the start date as defined above.

2. Also available to all subscribers is the audit .txt file containing all Ported Numbers that have been deleted or deleted and reinstated on the Ported Number list. This comma delimited file, which is intended to answer audit questions and not for day-to-day processing, contains the deleted numbers, the date they were originally placed on the list, the date they were deleted from the list and, if reinstated, the date they were reinstated. If a number was reinstated multiple times, it would appear on this file more than once.

This file is available to all subscribers as a separate download.

The file formats are further described in the downloaded Readme file.

- B. Do you have a need to occasionally lookup a single number to see if it is wireless? As a Ported Number File subscriber, once you logon you will be able to enter individual telephone numbers and search our on-line database to determine if a phone number is wireless or a landline.