

Claims

1. A method of managing identities for use in a mobile telecommunications device in a telecommunications network, the method comprising:
 - triggering in a mobile telecommunications device an identity management process in a subscriber identity module of the mobile telecommunications device;
 - detecting one or more parameters associated with the mobile telecommunications device;
 - in the identity management process, selecting an identity management rule determined by the one or more parameters detected;
 - in the identity management process, searching an identity database wherein each record comprises an identity and additional identity information for each identity, wherein the searching prioritises records according to the identity management rule;
 - in the identity management process, selecting an identity when a record conforming to the identity management rule is found in said searching; and
 - in the identity management process, modifying an active identity of the mobile telecommunications device to be the selected identity when the active identity is not already the selected identity.
2. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein each said identity comprises an IMSI.
3. A method as claimed in claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the one or more parameters comprise a handset type.
4. A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the handset type is determined from the TAC code in the IMEI of the handset.
5. A method as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the one or more parameters comprise a subscription type associated with the device, wherein the subscription type relates to one or more of a device operating system and a communication type.
6. A method as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the additional information comprises an MCC and an MNC for each identity.
7. A method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the identity management rule allows for selection of an identity based on matching of some or all of an MCC or an MNC value.