

Title: Liaison statement on Change Request numbering
Source: TSG CN Plenary
To: TSG GERAN; TSG RAN; TSG SA; TSG T
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1. Overall Description:

TSG CN plenary have considered several CRs, produced by CN working groups, which are linked to CRs produced by working groups in other TSGs. Approval of these CRs in TSG CN does not lead inevitably to their implementation; if a linked CR is not approved by the relevant TSG, then the CR approved by TSG CN falls, and must not be implemented. This requires careful tracking of linked sets of CRs in the MCC.

The process of tracking linked sets of CRs is much easier if each CR has a unique identifier, which is quoted on the CR cover sheet of each CR which is linked to the CR in question. The guidance on the current template for a CR cover sheet requires the **specification number** to be quoted whenever a CR is linked to changes in other specifications; however the **CR number** is not mandatory. This seems to take account of the practice in some working groups that a CR number is allocated only when the CR has been endorsed in the working group.

When working groups meet at similar times, working group x does not necessarily know the CR number which working group y has allocated/will allocate to a linked CR, so working group x cannot show the CR number of the linked CR on the cover sheet of the CR from working group x. This makes the task of tracking linked CRs much more difficult. TSG CN have therefore concluded that CN working groups will allocate CR numbers early (at the same time as document numbers) to give the best opportunity for other working groups to quote those CR numbers on the cover sheets for linked CRs.

2. Actions:

To TSG GERAN, TSG-RAN, TSG SA, TSG T

ACTION: TSG CN asks TSG GERAN, TSG RAN, TSG SA and TSG T to recommend to their working groups that CR numbers are allocated at the same time as document numbers.

3. Attachments:

None