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Title: Release 6 Exception Notice for WLAN
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Feature / Item:		WLAN					
Affects:	UE/MS: No	CN: Yes	UTRAN: No	GERAN: No	Compatibility Issues:	Yes: Forwards Compatibility to Rel-7 work	No:
Expected Completion Date:		June 2005					
Services impacted:		IMS can be accessed using wireless LAN in Release 6, whereas, without procedures for P-CSCF discovery, this is clearly impossible.					
Specifications affected:		TS 24.229					
Tasks within work which are not complete:			<p>For WLAN access to IMS, it is necessary to have an equivalent in 24.229 to annex B which describes at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -any tunnel requirements specific for access to IMS -P-CSCF discovery -WLAN specific coding rules for the P-Access-Network-Info header, remembering that we have procedures in 5.2 that are dependent on the contents in order to determine emergency call usage. -coding for the access-network-charging-info parameter within the P-Charging-Vector header 				
Consequences if not included in Release 6:			Release 7 work item is dependent on this capability.				
Accepted by TSG# CN 27		for late inclusion in Release 6:					

Abstract of document:

IMS stage 3 SIP messaging protocol. For WLAN access to IMS, it is necessary to have an equivalent in TS 24.229 to annex B which describes at least:

-any tunnel requirements specific for access to IMS

-P-CSCF discovery

-WLAN specific coding rules for the P-Access-Network-Info header, remembering that we have procedures in 5.2 that are dependent on the contents in order to determine emergency call usage.

–coding for the access-network-charging-info parameter within the P-Charging-Vector header

Contentious Issues:

The reason for raising this is that there is a liaison statement between SA2 and SA1 (S2-050506) giving a summary of what can be accessed in 3GPP using Wireless LAN in Release 6, and what work still needs to be done. There is a clear assumption that IMS can be accessed using wireless LAN in Release 6, whereas, without procedures for P-CSCF discovery, this is clearly impossible. TSs 22.234 and 22.228 clearly indicate that I-WLAN access to IMS is a requirement of Release 6.

Access to IMS is clearly an important service that one should be able to use I-WLAN to perform. The generation of an equivalent to Annex B should not take more than one meeting, especially if there is some pre-discussion of the contents, e.g. by conference call.