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# 1 Introduction

Study on 6 GHz for LTE and NR in Licensed and Unlicensed Operations is the RAN level study item, which aims at capturing the latest information and status of the regulatory decisions for the 6GHz frequency range. In this discussion paper we present a text proposal for the corresponding TR 37.890 that captures new regulatory decisions in the ITU region 1 (UK, Saudi Arabia) and 2 (Canada, Brazil, Peru).

# 2 Text proposal

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# 2 References

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## 4.1 ITU Region 1

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### 4.1.2 Regional Commonwealth in the field of Communications (RCC) countries

The RCC Commission on Spectrum and Satellite Orbits approved their position on Agenda Item 1.2 of WRC-23 supporting the usage of IMT systems in the 6425-7125 MHz frequency range taking into account the conditions ensuring the compatibility of these systems with other radio systems using this frequency range [37].

In a recent communication [46], the RCC Commission on RFS and SO confirmed that the frequency range 6425-7125 MHz is allocated in RCC countries to mobile service as primary basis and under this service 5G-NR/IMT-2020 systems will be licensed.

The work on regulatory requirements is under progress.

Note: The list of RCC members could be consulted at [RCC website](https://en.rcc.org.ru/regional-commonwealth-in-the-field-of-communications/regional-commonwealth-in-the-field-of-communications/rcc-participants/).

### 4.1.3 UK

On 24th July 2020, UK Ofcom has decided to make the lower 6 GHz band (5925-6425 MHz) available for the license exempt RLANs for indoor use with a maximum EIRP of 250mW and outdoor use with a maximum EIRP of 25mW, with the maximum mean EIRP density of 10mW/MHz 12.6mW/MHz in any 1 MHz band [40].

Equipment must not form part of a fixed outdoors installation when operating in 5925- 6425MHz. Aeronautical mobile use is not permitted. The Low Power Indoor apparatus may only be used within a building, onboard an aircraft or in any other enclosed space with attenuation characteristics at least as strong as those of either a building or an aircraft. ‘Onboard aircraft’ means the use of radio links for communications purposes inside an aircraft. Airborne use of the relevant equipment will be permitted within an aircraft only to establish a connection with a station or apparatus within the same aircraft.

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### 4.1.4 Saudi Arabia

On 28th January 2021, Saudi Arabia Communications & Information Technology Commission announced that its intention to allocate the entire 5925 – 7125 MHz band for license-exempt [41]. Nevertheless, given that segments of the band are considered for a possible IMT identification in Region 1, CITC will consult with relevant stakeholders before finalizing the decision

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## 4.2 ITU Region 2

### 4.2.1 USA

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### 4.2.2 Canada

On 21st May 2021, Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) department of Canada published "Decision on the Technical and Policy Framework for Licence-Exempt Use in the 6 GHz Band" [42] with the following key aspects:

- D1: ISED will allow licence-exempt RLAN use in the 5925-7125 MHz band;

- D3: Standard-power RLANs under the control of an AFC system will be permitted to operate on a licence-exempt basis in the 5925-6875 MHz frequency range:

- standard-power devices would be subject to a maximum permitted EIRP of 36 dBm per channel;

- a maximum permitted power spectral density of 23 dBm/MHz and that standard-power RLAN operation would only be permitted on specific frequency channels, with EIRP dictated by the AFC system;

- to address coexistence with fixed-satellite services (FSS), ISED sought comments to limit the standard-power RLAN’s maximum EIRP to 125 mW per channel at elevation angles above 30 degrees over the horizon.

- D4: Low-power indoor-only RLANs will be permitted to operate on a licence-exempt basis across the 5925-7125 MHz band with the use of a contention-based protocol (e.g. listen-before-talk):

- subject to a maximum permitted EIRP of 30 dBm per channel; and

- a maximum permitted power spectral density of 5 dBm/MHz.

- D5: Indoor and outdoor very low-power RLAN devices will be permitted to operate on a licence-exempt basis across the 5925-7125 MHz band with the use of a contention-based protocol (e.g. listen-before- talk):

- subject to a maximum permitted EIRP of 14 dBm per channel; and

- a maximum permitted power spectral density of -8 dBm/MHz.

- D6-D7: ISED will adopt an AFC system that is practical, consistent with the Canadian public interest and harmonized with the U.S. to the maximum extent possible. Canadian AFC rules will include a requirement to protect licensed fixed service systems and radioastronomy sites.

### 4.2.3 Brazil

On 26th February 2021, Brazilian National Telecommunications Agency approved Act 1306 [43] that lists the technical requirements for Broadband Wireless Access System for Local Area Networks operating 5.925 – 7.125 GHz band with the following key points:

- For indoor access points and subordinate access points, they must meet the following conditions:

- Average power is limited to a maximum of 30 dBm EIRP.

- Average power spectral density is limited to a maximum of 5 dBm / MHz EIRP.

- The equipment must be used in an indoor environment only.

- For client equipment operating under the control of an indoor access point, they must meet the following conditions:

- Average power is limited to a maximum of 24 dBm EIRP.

- Average power spectral density is limited to a maximum of -1 dBm / MHz EIRP.

- The equipment must be used in an indoor environment only.

- For very low power devices, the following conditions must be met:

- Average power is limited to a maximum of 17 dBm EIRP.

- Average power spectral density is limited to a maximum of -5 dBm / MHz EIRP.

- The RMS value for spurious emissions of any emission outside the range of 5.925 - 7.125 MHz must be limited to maximum spectral power density of EIRP of -27 dBm/MHz.

- The spectral power density must meet the following emission mask:

- Attenuation of 20 dB, with a distance of 1 MHz bandwidth from the channel.

- Attenuation of 28 dB, with a distance of one channel spacing, from the centre of the channel, and

- Attenuation of 40 dB, with a distance of 1.5 channel spacing, from the centre of the channel

All equipments must only use an antenna permanently integrated into the structure of the equipment.

It is mandatory to use a media access sharing system on these equipment.

Additional restrictions are listed in [43].

### 4.2.4 Peru

On 30th April 2021, Peruvian Ministry of Transport and Communication has released a new resolution [44], which in particular updates regulatory parameters for the 6GHz band as presented below:

- Frequency range 5925-7125MHz is assigned for the license-exempt operation;

- For the indoor operation, the access point is allowed to transmit at maximum EIRP of 30dBm with the spectral density of 5dBm/MHz; and the client equipment maximum EIRP is 24dBm and the maximum spectral density is -1dBm/MHz;

- Access points cannot be weatherproof;

- Access points may have only built-in antennas and it is prohibited to provide the ability to connect other external antennas;

- Access points cannot be battery operated;

- Access points cannot operate on oil extraction platforms, automobiles, trains, ships and aircraft, with the exception of large passenger aircraft (only at 5925 - 6425 MHz) operating at more than 10,000 feet;

- Operation and/or communication with drones is not allowed.

### 4.2.5 Chile

On 22th October 2020, Ministry of Transport and Communication of Chile published Resolution 1985 according to which low power access equipment, also referred to as AP, may operate in the frequency band 5925-7125 MHz under exclusive use for indoor environment and the following transmission power requirements:

- maximum EIRP of 30dBm;

- maximum spectral density of 5dBm/MHz.

- low-power AP equipment may only have integrated antennas, which cannot be removable or replaceable, nor may they have connectors that allow the connection of additional external antennas;

- likewise, they should not be able to operate with internal batteries or have spaces for their installation

User terminal devices that are associated with low power AP equipment must operate at the following power levels:

- maximum EIRP of 24dBm;

- maximum spectral density of -1dBm/MHz.

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