**3GPP TSG-RAN2 Meeting #127bis *R2-2409387***

**Hefei, China, 14 - 18 October 2024**

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| *CR-Form-v12.3* |
| **CHANGE REQUEST** |
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|  | **38.331** | **CR** | **-** | **rev** | **-** | **Current version:** | **18.3.0** |  |
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| ***Proposed change affects:*** | UICC apps |  | ME | **X** | Radio Access Network | **X** | Core Network |  |

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| ***Title:***  | Guidelines on implementing FRx/xDD differentiation in per UE capability |
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| ***Source to WG:*** | Huawei, HiSilicon |
| ***Source to TSG:*** | R2 |
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| ***Work item code:*** | NR\_newRAT-Core |  | ***Date:*** | 2024-10-14 |
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| ***Category:*** | **F** |  | ***Release:*** | Rel-18 |
|  | *Use one of the following categories:****F*** *(correction)****A*** *(mirror corresponding to a change in an earlier release)****B*** *(addition of feature),* ***C*** *(functional modification of feature)****D*** *(editorial modification)*Detailed explanations of the above categories canbe found in 3GPP [TR 21.900](http://www.3gpp.org/ftp/Specs/html-info/21900.htm). | *Use one of the following releases:Rel-8 (Release 8)Rel-9 (Release 9)Rel-10 (Release 10)Rel-11 (Release 11)…Rel-17 (Release 17)Rel-18 (Release 18)Rel-19 (Release 19) Rel-20 (Release 20)* |
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| ***Reason for change:*** | To include the guidelines on implementing the FRx/xDD differentiation for per UE capability agreed in RAN2 116bis-e into the specifications:* From Rel-17 onwards, at least for new capabilities, if a UE capability requires at least FRx or at least xDD differentiation, it is defined with both FRx and xDD differentiation in per band signaling, i.e. no new UE capabilities will be defined in the FRX and XDD capability signaling branches.
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| ***Summary of change:*** | Add a text in Annex A.8 to include the above guideline to TS 38.331 as per the online agreement below:* We will document the following RAN2 agreement: From Rel-17 onwards, at least for new capabilities, if a UE capability requires at least FRx or at least xDD differentiation, it is defined with both FRx and xDD differentiation in per band signaling, i.e. no new UE capabilities will be defined in the FRX and XDD capability signaling branches
* This will be document in a NOTE 38.306 and 38.331 to mention when a branch is not used. NOTE FFS

**Impact analysis**Impacted functionality:UE capabilityInter-operability:No interoperability issue. |
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| ***Consequences if not approved:*** | Without the guidelines documented, there is a risk that FRx/xDD differentiation for per UE capability is still being implemented in the FRx/xDD differentiation branch in the ASN.1 and not as per band capability. |
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| ***Clauses affected:*** | A.8 |
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|  | **Y** | **N** |  |  |
| ***Other specs*** | **X** |  |  Other core specifications  | TS 38.306 (R2-2409386)  |
| ***affected:*** |  | **X** |  Test specifications | TS/TR ... CR ...  |
| ***(show related CRs)*** |  | **X** |  O&M Specifications | TS/TR ... CR ...  |
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| ***Other comments:*** |  |
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| ***This CR's revision history:*** |  |

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# A.8 Miscellaneous

The following miscellaneous convention should be used:

- UE capabilities: TS 38.306 [26] specifies that the network should in general respect the UE's capabilities. Hence there is no need to include statement clarifying that the network, when setting the value of a certain configuration field, shall respect the related UE capabilities unless there is a particular need e.g. particularly complicated cases.

- UE capabilities: If a UE capability for a feature requires at least FR1/FR2 or at least FDD/TDD differentiation, it is defined in per band signaling (under *BandNR* in *RF-Parameters*) in the ASN.1, i.e. no new UE capabilities is defined in the FR1/FR2 and FDD/TDD differentiation capability signaling branches.

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