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| **CHANGE REQUEST** | | | | | | | | |
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|  | **38.306** | **CR** | **0264** | **rev** | **1** | **Current version:** | **15.9.0** |  |
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| ***Proposed change affects:*** | UICC apps |  | ME | **X** | Radio Access Network | **X** | Core Network |  |

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| ***Title:*** | Clarification on supported NR-DC cell grouping | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Source to WG:*** | Qualcomm Incorporated | | | | | | | | | |
| ***Source to TSG:*** | R2 | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Work item code:*** | NR\_newRAT-Core | | | | |  | ***Date:*** | | | 2020-04-29 |
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| ***Category:*** | F |  | | | | | ***Release:*** | | | Rel-15 |
|  | *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 can be 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-12 (Release 12)* *Rel-13 (Release 13) Rel-14 (Release 14) Rel-15 (Release 15) Rel-16 (Release 16)* | |
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| ***Reason for change:*** | | Supported cell grouping for NR-DC was clarified in the exception sheet of NR\_newRAT-Core WI, as approved in RP-181473.  For SA (Option 2) only:   * NR-NR Dual connectivity aspects * synchronous mode from physical layer aspects; * Band combination(s) for FR1 + FR2; * MCG fully in FR1 and SCG fully in FR2 * Common radio protocols and network interfaces applicable to both synchronous and asynchronous mode of operations. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Summary of change:*** | | It is clarified that in release-15, NR-DC where MCG contains FR1 CC(s) only and SCG contains FR2 CC(s) only is supported.  **Impact Analysis**:  Impacted 5G architecture options:  NR-DC  Impacted functionality:  NR-DC cell grouping  Inter-operability:   * If the network is implemented according to the CR and the UE is not; It is not clear what NR-DC cell grouping the UE supports. The network may configure the network may configure NR-DC cell grouping that is not supported by the UE, which may be considered as invalid configuration by the UE. * If the UE is implemented according to the CR and the network is not; The network may configure the network may configure NR-DC cell grouping that is not supported by the UE, which may be considered as invalid configuration by the UE. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Consequences if not approved:*** | | The network may configure the network may configure NR-DC cell grouping that is not supported by the UE, which may be considered as invalid configuration by the UE. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Clauses affected:*** | | 4.2.7.1 | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Other specs*** | |  | **X** | Other core specifications | | | | TS/TR ... CR ... | | |
| ***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:*** | |  | | | | | | | | |

#### 4.2.7.1 *BandCombinationList* parameters

| Definitions for parameters | Per | M | FDD-TDD  DIFF | FR1-FR2  DIFF |
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| ***bandEUTRA***  Defines supported EUTRA frequency band by NR frequency band number, as specified in TS 36.101 [14]. | Band | Yes | No | No |
| ***bandList***  Each entry of the list should include at least one bandwidth class for UL or DL. | BC | Yes | No | No |
| ***bandNR***  Defines supported NR frequency band by NR frequency band number, as specified in TS 38.101-1 [2] and TS 38.101-2 [3]. | Band | Yes | No | No |
| ***ca-BandwidthClassDL-EUTRA***  Defines for DL, the class defined by the aggregated transmission bandwidth configuration and maximum number of component carriers supported by the UE, as specified in TS 36.101 [14]. When all FeatureSetEUTRA-DownlinkId:s in the corresponding FeatureSetsPerBand are zero, this field is absent. | Band | No | No | No |
| ***ca-BandwidthClassDL-NR***  Defines for DL, the class defined by the aggregated transmission bandwidth configuration and maximum number of component carriers supported by the UE, as specified in TS 38.101-1 [2] and TS 38.101-2 [3]. When all FeatureSetDownlinkId:s in the corresponding FeatureSetsPerBand are zero, this field is absent. | Band | No | No | No |
| ***ca-BandwidthClassUL-EUTRA***  Defines for UL, the class defined by the aggregated transmission bandwidth configuration and maximum number of component carriers supported by the UE, as specified in TS 36.101 [14]. When all FeatureSetEUTRA-UplinkId:s in the corresponding FeatureSetsPerBand are zero, this field is absent. | Band | No | No | No |
| ***ca-BandwidthClassUL-NR***  Defines for UL, the class defined by the aggregated transmission bandwidth configuration and maximum number of component carriers supported by the UE, as specified in TS 38.101-1 [2] and TS 38.101-2 [3]. When all FeatureSetUplinkId:s in the corresponding FeatureSetsPerBand are zero, this field is absent. | Band | No | No | No |
| ***ca-ParametersEUTRA***  Contains the EUTRA part of band combination parameters for a given EN-DC band combination. | BC | No | No | No |
| ***ca-ParametersNR***  Contains the NR band combination parameters for a given EN-DC and/or NR CA band combination. | BC | No | No | No |
| ***ca-ParametersNRDC***  Indicates whether the UE supports NR-DC for the band combination. It contains the NR band combination parameters applicable across MCG and SCG. In this version of the standard, a UE indicating support for NR-DC supports only configuration where all serving cells of the MCG are in FR1 and all serving cells of the SCG are in FR2. | BC | No | No | No |
| ***featureSetCombination***  Indicates the feature set that the UE supports on the NR and/or MR-DC band combination by FeatureSetCombinationId. | BC | N/A | No | No |
| ***mrdc-Parameters***  Contains the band combination parameters for a given EN-DC band combination. | BC | No | No | No |
| ***ne-DC-BC***  Indicates whether the UE supports NE-DC for the band combination. | BC | No | No | No |
| ***powerClass***  Indicates power class the UE supports when operating according to this band combination. If the field is absent, the UE supports the default power class. If this power class is higher than the power class that the UE supports on the individual bands of this band combination (*ue-PowerClass* in *BandNR*), the latter determines maximum TX power available in each band. The UE sets the power class parameter only in band combinations with two FR1 uplink serving cells. | BC | No | No | FR1 only |
| ***SRS-SwitchingTimeNR***  Indicates the interruption time on DL/UL reception within a NR band pair during the RF retuning for switching between a carrier on one band and another (PUSCH-less) carrier on the other band to transmit SRS. *switchingTimeDL/ switchingTimeUL*:n0us represents 0 us, n30us represents 30us, and so on. *switchingTimeDL/ switchingTimeUL* is mandatory present if switching between the NR band pair is supported, otherwise the field is absent. It is signalled per pair of bands per band combination. | FD | No | No | No |
| ***SRS-SwitchingTimeEUTRA***  Indicates the interruption time on DL/UL reception within a EUTRA band pair during the RF retuning for switching between a carrier on one band and another (PUSCH-less) carrier on the other band to transmit SRS. *switchingTimeDL/ switchingTimeUL:* n0 represents 0 OFDM symbols, n0dot5 represents 0.5 OFDM symbols, n1 represents 1 OFDM symbol and so on. *switchingTimeDL/ switchingTimeUL* is mandatory present if switching between the EUTRA band pair is supported, otherwise the field is absent. It is signalled per pair of bands per band combination. | FD | No | No | No |
| ***srs-TxSwitch***  Defines whether UE supports SRS for DL CSI acquisition as defined in clause 6.2.1.2 of TS 38.214 [12]. The capability signalling comprises of the following parameters:  - *supportedSRS-TxPortSwitch* indicates SRS Tx port switching pattern supported by the UE. The indicated UE antenna switching capability of ′xTyR′ corresponds to a UE, capable of SRS transmission on ′x′ antenna ports over total of ′y′ antennas, where ′y′ corresponds to all or subset of UE receive antennas, where 2T4R is two pairs of antennas;  - *txSwitchImpactToRx* indicates the entry number of the first-listed band with UL in the band combination that affects this DL;  - *txSwitchWithAnotherBand* indicates the entry number of the first-listed band with UL in the band combination that switches together with this UL.  For *txSwitchImpactToRx* and *txSwitchWithAnotherBand*, value 1 means first entry, value 2 means second entry and so on. All DL and UL that switch together indicate the same entry number.  The UE is restricted not to include fallback band combinations for the purpose of indicating different SRS antenna switching capabilities. | BC | Yes | No | No |
| ***supportedBandwidthCombinationSet***  Defines the supported bandwidth combination for the band combination set as defined in the TS 38.101-1 [2], TS 38.101-2 [3] and TS 38.101-3 [4]. For NR SA CA, NR-DC, inter-band EN-DC without intra-band EN-DC component and intra-band EN-DC with additional inter-band NR CA component, the field defines the bandwidth combinations for the NR part of the band combination. For intra-band EN-DC without additional inter-band NR and LTE CA component, the field indicates the supported bandwidth combination set applicable to the NR and LTE band combinations. Field encoded as a bit map, where bit N is set to "1" if UE support Bandwidth Combination Set N for this band combination as defined in the TS 38.101-1 [2], TS 38.101-2 [3] and TS 38.101-3 [4]. The leading / leftmost bit (bit 0) corresponds to the Bandwidth Combination Set 0, the next bit corresponds to the Bandwidth Combination Set 1 and so on. It is mandatory if the band combination has more than one NR carrier (at least one SCell in an NR cell group) or is an intra-band EN-DC combination or both. | BC | CY | No | No |
| ***supportedBandwidthCombinationSetIntraENDC***  Defines the supported bandwidth combination for the band combination set as defined in the TS 38.101-3 [4]. For intra-band EN-DC with additional inter-band CA component(s) of LTE and/or NR, the field defines the bandwidth combinations for the intra-band EN-DC component. Field encoded as a bit map, where bit N is set to "1" if UE support Bandwidth Combination Set N for this band combination as defined in the TS 38.101-3 [4]. The leading / leftmost bit (bit 0) corresponds to the Bandwidth Combination Set 0, the next bit corresponds to the Bandwidth Combination Set 1 and so on. It is mandatory if the band combination is an intra-band EN-DC combination with additional inter-band NR/LTE CA component. | BC | CY | No | No |