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| ***Proposed change affects:*** | UICC apps |  | ME | **X** | Radio Access Network | **X** | Core Network |  |

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| ***Title:***  | IAB LTE changes |
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| ***Category:*** |  **F** |  | ***Release:*** |  Rel-16 |
|  | *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-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:*** | 1. Definition/usage of SRB2 (in 4.2.2 Signalling radio bearers) does not mention transfer of IAB-DU specific F1-C information.
2. Incorrect use (typo) of abbreviations in 5.6.1.1 and 5.6.2.1 (‘IAB Donor-CU’ used instead of (‘IAB-donor-CU’).
3. In 5.6.2.4, it is implied that upper layers are informed of failure of messages containing F1-C related information.
4. In 6.2.2 (DLInformationTransfer and ULInformationTransfer), there is no mention of F1-C, making the message definitions incomplete and misaligned with with DL and UL information transfer procedures section (5.6.1/5.6.2).
5. 6.3.6 could imply that every F1-C related IP packet must come with SCTP encapsulation, violating RAN3 agreement.
6. Typo in 6.3.6 – currently it says ‘IAB Node’ instead of ‘IAB-node’
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| ***Summary of change:*** | 1. Definition/usage of SRB2 (in 4.2.2 Signalling radio bearers) modified to include transfer of IAB-DU specific F1-C information.
2. Correct the typos in in 5.6.1.1 and 5.6.2.1 (change ‘IAB Donor-CU’ to ‘IAB-donor-CU’).
3. In 5.6.2.4, make it clear that upper layers are not informed of failure of messages containing F1-C related information.
4. In 6.2.2 (DLInformationTransfer and ULInformationTransfer), introduce F1-C related messages into the definitions.
5. In 6.3.6 make it clear that not every F1-C related IP packet comes with SCTP encapsulation, and include additional reference.
6. In 6.3.6 change ‘IAB node’ to ‘IAB-node’

**Impact analysis**Impacted functionality:IAB-related LTE features and procedures.Inter-operability:If only the network is implemented according to the CR, no interoperability problems are foreseen.If only the IAB-MT is implemented according to the CR, no interoperability problems are foreseen. |
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| ***Consequences if not approved:*** | Inconsistencies across the spec. Possible misinterpretation of certain clauses. Incorrect information given in some cases. |
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| ***Clauses affected:*** | 2 References4.2.2 Signalling radio bearers5.6.1.1 General5.6.2.1 General5.6.2.4 Failure to deliver *ULInformationTransfer* message6.2.2 Message definitions6.3.6 Other information elements |
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|  | **Y** | **N** |  |  |
| ***Other specs*** |  | **X** |  Other core specifications  | TS/TR ... CR ...  |
| ***affected:*** |  | **X** |  Test specifications | TS/TR ... CR ...  |
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# 2 References

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

- References are either specific (identified by date of publication, edition number, version number, etc.) or non‑specific.

- For a specific reference, subsequent revisions do not apply.

- For a non-specific reference, the latest version applies. In the case of a reference to a 3GPP document (including a GSM document), a non-specific reference implicitly refers to the latest version of that document *in the same Release as the present document*.

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### 4.2.2 Signalling radio bearers

"Signalling Radio Bearers" (SRBs) are defined as Radio Bearers (RB) that are used only for the transmission of RRC and NAS messages. More specifically, the following SRBs are defined:

- SRB0 is for RRC messages using the CCCH logical channel;

- SRB1 is for RRC messages (which may include a piggybacked NAS message) as well as for NAS messages prior to the establishment of SRB2, all using DCCH logical channel;

- For NB-IoT, SRB1bis is for RRC messages (which may include a piggybacked NAS message) as well as for NAS messages prior to the activation of security, all using DCCH logical channel;

- SRB2 is for RRC messages which include logged measurement information as well as for NAS messages and messages which include IAB-DU specific F1-C related information, all using DCCH logical channel. SRB2 has a lower-priority than SRB1 and is always configured by E-UTRAN after security activation. SRB2 is not applicable for NB-IoT;

- SRB4 is for RRC messages which include application layer measurement reporting information, all using DCCH logical channel. SRB4 can only be configured by E-UTRAN after security activation. SRB4 is not applicable for NB-IoT.

In downlink piggybacking of NAS messages is used only for one dependant (i.e. with joint success/ failure) procedure: bearer establishment/ modification/ release. In uplink NAS message piggybacking is used only for transferring the initial NAS message during connection setup.

NOTE 1: The NAS messages transferred via SRB2 are also contained in RRC messages, which however do not include any RRC protocol control information.

Once security is activated, all RRC messages on SRB1, SRB2 and SRB4, including those containing NAS or non-3GPP messages, are integrity protected and ciphered by PDCP. NAS independently applies integrity protection and ciphering to the NAS messages.

For a UE configured with DC, all RRC messages, regardless of the SRB used and both in downlink and uplink, are transferred via the MCG. In case of EN-DC, after connection establishment NR PDCP may be configured for both SRB1 and SRB2 and if so, these SRBs may be configured as split SRB. In case of NGEN-DC and NE-DC, NR PDCP is always configured. For a split SRB, the UE receives RRC messages via both MCG and NR SCG i.e. handles out of order and duplicate PDUs as specified in TS 38.323 [83]. For a split SRB, the network configures via which cell group(s) the UE sends uplink RRC messages.

NOTE 2: In case of (NG)EN-DC, SRB3 may be configured for the transfer of some NR RRC messages between UE and SgNB via the NR radio interface, see TS 38.331 [82].

An SRB can be configured with PDCP duplication, either by two logical channels within the same CG (CA duplication) or by two logical channels each within a different CG (DC duplication).

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### 5.6.1 DL information transfer

#### 5.6.1.1 General



Figure 5.6.1.1-1: DL information transfer

The purpose of this procedure is to transfer NAS, (tunnelled) non-3GPP dedicated information or time reference information from E-UTRAN to a UE in RRC\_CONNECTED, or to transfer F1-C related information from IAB-donor-CU to IAB-DU via IAB-MT in RRC\_CONNECTED.

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### 5.6.2 UL information transfer

#### 5.6.2.1 General



Figure 5.6.2.1-1: UL information transfer

The purpose of this procedure is to transfer NAS or (tunnelled) non-3GPP dedicated information from the UE to E-UTRAN, or to transfer F1-C related information from IAB-DU to IAB-donor-CU via IAB-MT in RRC\_CONNECTED.

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#### 5.6.2.4 Failure to deliver *ULInformationTransfer* message

The UE shall:

1> if the UE is a NB-IoT UE, AS security is not started and radio link failure occurs before the successful delivery of *ULInformationTransfer* messages has been confirmed by lower layers; or

1> if mobility (i.e. handover, RRC connection re-establishment) occurs before the successful delivery of *ULInformationTransfer* messages has been confirmed by lower layers:

2> inform upper layers about the possible failure to deliver the information contained in the concerned *ULInformationTransfer* messages, unless the messages include *dedicatedInfoF1c*;

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### 6.2.2 Message definitions

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#### – *DLInformationTransfer*

The *DLInformationTransfer* message is used for the downlink transfer of NAS, non-3GPP dedicated information, IAB-DU specific F1-C related information, or time reference information.

NOTE: The UE may use the time reference information provided in the *timeReferenceInfo* IE for numerous purposes, possibly involving upper layers e.g. to synchronise the UE clock.

Signalling radio bearer: SRB2 or SRB1. If only *timeReferenceInfo* is included in the message, SRB1 is used. Otherwise, SRB1 is used only if SRB2 not established yet, and if SRB2 is suspended, E-UTRAN does not send this message until SRB2 is resumed.

RLC-SAP: AM

Logical channel: DCCH

Direction: E‑UTRAN to UE

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#### – *ULInformationTransfer*

The *ULInformationTransfer* message is used for the uplink transfer of NAS, non-3GPP dedicated information or IAB-DU specific F1-C related information.

Signalling radio bearer: SRB2 or SRB1 (only if SRB2 not established yet). If SRB2 is suspended, the UE does not send this message until SRB2 is resumed.

RLC-SAP: AM

Logical channel: DCCH

Direction: UE to E‑UTRAN

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### 6.3.6 Other information elements

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#### – *DedicatedInfoF1c*

The IE *DedicatedInfoF1c* is used to transfer IAB-DU specific F1-C related information between the network and the IAB-node. The carried information consists of F1AP message encapsulated in SCTP/IP or F1-C related IP packet with or without SCTP encapsulation, see TS 38.472 [105] and TS 36.423 [x]. The RRC layer is transparent for this information.