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| *CR-Form-v12.2* |
| **CHANGE REQUEST** |
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|  | **38.331** | **CR** | **3877** | **rev** | 1 | **Current version:** | **15.20.1** |  |
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| ***Proposed change affects:*** | UICC apps |  | ME | **x** | Radio Access Network | **x** | Core Network |  |

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| ***Title:***  | Corrections on refServCellIndicator |
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| ***Source to WG:*** | ZTE Corporation, Sanechips |
| ***Source to TSG:*** | R2 |
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| ***Work item code:*** | NR\_newRAT-Core |  | ***Date:*** | 2023-02-16 |
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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 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-16 (Release 16)Rel-17 (Release 17)Rel-18 (Release 18)Rel-19 (Release 19)* |
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| ***Reason for change:*** | For *refServCellIndicator* field in *MeasGapConfig*, the condition of the presence of the field is defined as: refServCellIndicator ENUMERATED {pCell, pSCell, mcg-FR2} OPTIONAL -- Cond NEDCorNRDC

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| Conditional Presence | Explanation |
| *NEDCorNRDC* | This field is mandatory present when configuring gap pattern to UE in NE-DC or NR-DC. In case the gap pattern to UE in NE-DC and NR-DC is already configured, then the field is absent, need M. Otherwise, it is absent. |

The first sentence means the field must be provided when configuring a new gap to NE-DC or NR-DC. While the second green sentence causes confusion when the UE is switching from SA to NE-DC/NR-DC and gap pattern is already configured before SN addition. It seems the network cannot include the field, but indeed there is no stored value and “Need M” does not work.In addition, because of the conflict wordings “is absent, Need M”, it is unclear whether the network can update the value when UE is in NE-DC and NR-DC. After checking the history, the second green sentence was added based on the following RIL comment.The original intention is to support releasing the field when UE is switching from DC to non-DC. However, this intention was not reflected by current sentences. Based on the outcome of offline [AT121][003] in RAN2#121, to avoid inter-operability issue, we suggest to clarify:1. Upon SN addition in NE-DC or NR-DC, network should always set the field refServCellIndicator, if the gap pattern is already configured;
2. When UE in NE-DC or NR-DC is already configured with gap pattern together with refServCellIndicator, the network is allowed to update the refServCellIndicator, if needed;
3. Allow the network to release the field when releasing the SN and keeping the gap pattern unchanged.
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| ***Summary of change:*** | 1. Update the explanation of Cond *NEDCorNRDC* as below:

This field is mandatory present when configuring gap pattern to UE in NE-DC or NR-DC. It is optional present, need M, when reconfiguring gap pattern in NE-DC or NR-DC. Otherwise, it is absent, need R.**Impact analysis**Impacted 5G architecture options:NE-DC, NR-DCImpacted functionality:Measurement gap configurationInter-operability:* If the network implements the CR and the UE does not, or if the UE implements the CR and the network does not, it is unclear whether the gNB can include the field upon SN addition, whether the gNB can update the field, and whether the gNB can release the field upon SN release. In case the gNB and UEs have different understandings, it will result in RRC reconfiguration failure.
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| ***Consequences if not approved:*** | It is unclear whether the gNB can include refServCellIndicator field in an already configured gap pattern upon SN addition, whether the gNB can update the refServCellIndicator field when the UE is in NE-DC or NR-DC, and whether the gNB can release the field upon SN release. |
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| ***Clauses affected:*** | 6.3.2 |
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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:*** |  |

Start of change

6.3.2 Radio resource control information elements

– *MeasGapConfig*

The IE *MeasGapConfig* specifies the measurement gap configuration and controls setup/release of measurement gaps.

***MeasGapConfig* information element**

-- ASN1START

-- TAG-MEASGAPCONFIG-START

MeasGapConfig ::= SEQUENCE {

 gapFR2 SetupRelease { GapConfig } OPTIONAL, -- Need M

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 gapFR1 SetupRelease { GapConfig } OPTIONAL, -- Need M

 gapUE SetupRelease { GapConfig } OPTIONAL -- Need M

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}

GapConfig ::= SEQUENCE {

 gapOffset INTEGER (0..159),

 mgl ENUMERATED {ms1dot5, ms3, ms3dot5, ms4, ms5dot5, ms6},

 mgrp ENUMERATED {ms20, ms40, ms80, ms160},

 mgta ENUMERATED {ms0, ms0dot25, ms0dot5},

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 refServCellIndicator ENUMERATED {pCell, pSCell, mcg-FR2} OPTIONAL -- Cond NEDCorNRDC

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}

-- TAG-MEASGAPCONFIG-STOP

-- ASN1STOP

| ***MeasGapConfig* field descriptions** |
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| ***gapFR1***Indicates measurement gap configuration that applies to FR1 only. In (NG)EN-DC, *gapFR1* cannot be set up by NR RRC (i.e. only LTE RRC can configure FR1 measurement gap). In NE-DC, *gapFR1* can only be set up by NR RRC (i.e. LTE RRC cannot configure FR1 gap). In NR-DC, *gapFR1* can only be set up in the *measConfig* associated with MCG. *gapFR1* can not be configured together with *gapUE*. The applicability of the FR1 measurement gap is according to Table 9.1.2-2 and Table 9.1.2-3 in TS 38.133 [14]. |
| ***gapFR2***Indicates measurement gap configuration applies to FR2 only. In (NG)EN-DC or NE-DC, *gapFR2* can only be set up by NR RRC (i.e. LTE RRC cannot configure FR2 gap). In NR-DC, *gapFR2* can only be set up in the *measConfig* associated with MCG. *gapFR2* cannot be configured together with *gapUE*. The applicability of the FR2 measurement gap is according to Table 9.1.2-2 and Table 9.1.2-3 in TS 38.133 [14]. |
| ***gapUE***Indicates measurement gap configuration that applies to all frequencies (FR1 and FR2). In (NG)EN-DC, *gapUE* cannot be set up by NR RRC (i.e. only LTE RRC can configure per UE measurement gap). In NE-DC, *gapUE* can only be set up by NR RRC (i.e. LTE RRC cannot configure per UE gap). In NR-DC, *gapUE* can only be set up in the *measConfig* associated with MCG. If *gapUE* is configured, then neither *gapFR1* nor *gapFR2* can be configured. The applicability of the per UE measurement gap is according to Table 9.1.2-2 and Table 9.1.2-3 in TS 38.133 [14]. |
| ***gapOffset***Value *gapOffset* is the gap offset of the gap pattern with MGRP indicated in the field *mgrp*. The value range is from 0 to *mgrp*-1. |
| ***mgl***Value *mgl* is the measurement gap length in ms of the measurement gap. The measurement gap length is according to in Table 9.1.2-1 in TS 38.133 [14]. Value *ms1dot5* corresponds to 1.5 ms, *ms3* corresponds to 3 ms and so on. |
| ***mgrp***Value *mgrp* is measurement gap repetition period in (ms) of the measurement gap. The measurement gap repetition period is according to Table 9.1.2-1 in TS 38.133 [14]. |
| ***mgta***Value *mgta* is the measurement gap timing advance in ms. The applicability of the measurement gap timing advance is according to clause 9.1.2 of TS 38.133 [14]. Value *ms0* corresponds to 0 ms, *ms0dot25* corresponds to 0.25 ms and *ms0dot5* corresponds to 0.5 ms. For FR2, the network only configures 0 ms and 0.25 ms.  |
| ***refServCellIndicator***Indicates the serving cell whose SFN and subframe are used for gap calculation for this gap pattern. Value pCell corresponds to the PCell, pSCell corresponds to the PSCell, and mcg-FR2 corresponds to a serving cell on FR2 frequency in MCG. |

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End of change