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**Introduction:**

This document contains 1 CRs on R99 Work Item TrFO/ OoBTC, that has been agreed by TSG\_N WG1, and is forwarded to TSG\_N Plenary meeting #9 for approval.

Spec	CR	Rev	Doc-2nd-Level	Phase	Subject	Cat	Ver_C	Ver_N
23.009	012	1	N1-000922	R99	CR to 23.009 for Transcoder Location at Handover	F	3.3.0	3.4.0

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<b>23.009</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>012R1</b>	Current Version: <b>3.3.0</b>
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**Subject:**    Correction to transcoder handling for R99

**Work item:**    Out-of-Band Transcoder Control

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**Reason for change:**    The text pertaining to transcoder control in this TS assumes that there there could be TrFO connections and also that there is support in MAP procedures to indicate if a transcoder should be inserted or not by the MSC-B. As the TrFO/Out Of Band Codec Control WI was removed from R99 this text needs to be corrected. MSC-B shall always insert a transcoder, with default UMTS AMR codec type in R99.

**Clauses affected:**    4.3.1, 4.4.1, 8.1.1, 8.2.1,8.2.3,8.3.1,8.3.3,

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### 4.3.1 Role of 3G\_MSC-A

In the Intra-3G\_MSC handover/relocation case, the 3G\_MSC-A (simply termed 3G\_MSC) controls the call, the mobility management and the radio resources before, during and after an Intra-3G\_MSC handover/relocation. When RANAP or BSSMAP procedures have to be performed, they are initiated and driven by 3G\_MSC-A.

In the case of ~~an inter-system~~, intra-MSC handover of a speech call, 3G\_MSC-A controls the transcoder in the core network. The 3G\_MSC-A determines if a transcoder is required to be inserted or released in the CN.

In the case of Inter-3G\_MSC relocation, 3G\_MSC-A links out the transcoder.

~~In case of ATM network between 3G\_MSC A and 3G\_MSC B, 3G\_MSC A retains control of transcoder. In the case of TDM between 3G\_MSC A and 3G\_MSC B, 3G\_MSC A assumes G.711 [16] coding on the TDM E interface. In case of UMTS to GSM handover, 3G\_MSC A assumes G.711 [16] coding on the ATM E interface.~~

#### 4.4.1 Role of 3G\_MSC-B

In the Intra-3G\_MSC handover/relocation case, the 3G\_MSC-B keeps the control of the whole Intra-3G\_MSC handover/relocation procedure.

~~In case of TDM networks, the role of 3G\_MSC-B is also to provide transcoder\_resources. In the case of ATM, 3G\_MSC-B has no transcoder handling.~~

### 8.1.1.1 With one circuit connection

The UMTS to GSM handover is initiated as described in subclause 6.2.1. (This is represented by Iu-RELOCATION-REQUIRED in figure 18). Upon receipt of the Iu-RELOCATION-REQUIRED from RNS-A, 3G\_MSC-A shall send a MAP-PREPARE-HANDOVER request to MSC-B including a complete A-HO-REQUEST message.

NOTE: 3G\_MSC-A shall not send further MAP-PREPARE-HANDOVER requests while a MAP-PREPARE-HANDOVER response is pending or before any timeouts.

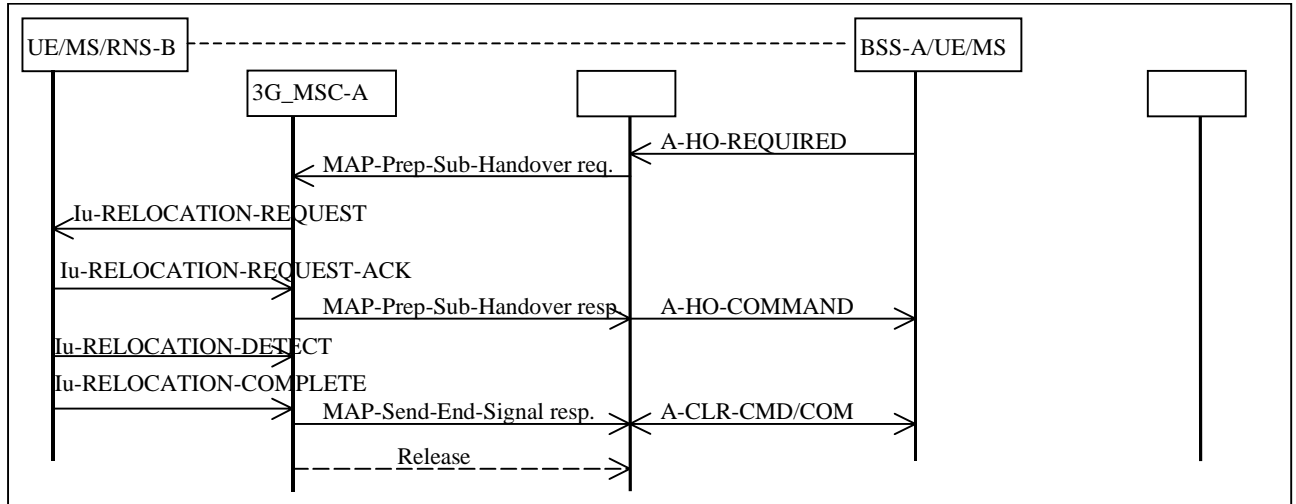
The MAP-PREPARE-HANDOVER request shall carry in the A-HO-REQUEST all information needed by MSC-B for allocating a radio channel, see Technical Specification GSM 08.08. For compatibility reasons, the MAP-PREPARE-HANDOVER request will also identify the cell to which the call is to be handed over. MSC-B will return the MAP-PREPARE-HANDOVER response after having retrieved a Handover Number from its associated VLR (exchange of the messages MAP-allocate-handover-number request and MAP-send-handover-report request). The Handover Number shall be used for routing the connection of the call from 3G\_MSC-A to MSC-B. If a traffic channel is available in MSC-B the MAP-PREPARE-HANDOVER response, sent to 3G\_MSC-A will contain the complete A-HO-REQUEST-ACKNOWLEDGE message received from BSS-B, containing the radio resources definition to be sent by RNS-A to the UE/MS and possible extra BSSMAP information, amended by MSC-B due to the possible interworking between the BSSMAP protocol carried on the E-interface and the BSSMAP protocol used on the A-interface. If the traffic channel allocation is queued by BSS-B, the A-QUEUING-INDICATION may optionally be sent back to 3G\_MSC-A. The further traffic channel allocation result (A-HO-REQUEST-ACK or A-HO-FAILURE) will be transferred to 3G\_MSC-A using the MAP-PROCESS-ACCESS-SIGNALLING request. If the traffic channel allocation is not possible, the MAP-PREPARE-HANDOVER response containing an A-HO-FAILURE will be sent to 3G\_MSC-A. MSC-B will do the same if a fault is detected on the identity of the cell where the call has to be handed over. MSC-B simply reports the events related to the dialogue. It is up to 3G\_MSC-A to decide the action to perform if it receives negative responses or the operation fails due to the expiry of the MAP-PREPARE-HANDOVER timer.

If an error related to the TCAP dialogue or to the MAP-PREPARE-HANDOVER request is returned from MSC-B, this will be indicated to 3G\_MSC-A and 3G\_MSC-A will terminate the handover attempt. 3G\_MSC-A rejects the handover attempt towards RNS-A. The existing connection to the UE/MS shall not be cleared.

When the A-HO-REQUEST-ACKNOWLEDGE has been received, 3G\_MSC-A shall establish a circuit between 3G\_MSC-A and MSC-B by signalling procedures supported by the network. In figure 18 this is illustrated by the messages IAM (Initial Address Message) and ACM (Address Complete Message) of Signalling System no 7. MSC-B awaits the capturing of the UE/MS (subclause 6.2.1) on the radio path when the ACM is sent and 3G\_MSC-A initiates the UMTS to GSM handover execution when ACM is received (illustrated by the Iu-RELOCATION-COMMAND and described in the subclause 6.2.1). 3G\_MSC-A ~~inserts or removes the~~ a transcoder ~~from~~ in the path to the other party, depending on the type of connection. As handover to GSM means that a transcoder is inserted in the BSS-B then G.711 [16] is assumed on the E-interface. ~~If the original connection is transcoder free then 3G\_MSC A shall insert a transcoder. If 3G\_MSC A had a transcoder in the original path then it shall remove it.~~

### 8.2.3.1 Description of subsequent GSM to UMTS handover procedure i): MSC-B to 3G\_MSC-A

The procedure for successful GSM to UMTS handover from MSC-B back to 3G\_MSC-A is shown in figure 26.



**Figure 26: Subsequent GSM to UMTS handover procedure i): successful handover from MSC-B to 3G\_MSC-A using a circuit connection**

The procedure is as follows.

MSC-B sends the MAP-PREPARE-SUBSEQUENT-HANDOVER request to 3G\_MSC-A indicating the new MSC number (3G\_MSC-A number), indicating also the identity of the cell where the call has to be handed over and including a complete A-HO-REQUEST message. (NOTE: MSC-B shall not send further MAP-PREPARE-SUBSEQUENT-HANDOVER requests while a handover attempt is pending or before any timeouts). Since 3G\_MSC-A is the call controlling MSC, this MSC needs no Handover Number for routing purposes; 3G\_MSC-A can immediately initiate the search for free radio resources. 3G\_MSC-A then inserts or removes a transcoder depending on between its RNS and the connection to the other party.

### 8.3.1.1 With one circuit connection

The relocation is initiated as described in subclause 6.2.3. (This is represented by IU-RELOC-REQUIRED in figure 30). Upon receipt of the IU-RELOC-REQUIRED from RNS-A, 3G\_MSC-A shall send a MAP-PREPARE-HANDOVER request to 3G\_MSC-B including a complete IU-RELOC-REQUEST message. (NOTE: 3G\_MSC-A shall not send further MAP-PREPARE-HANDOVER requests while a MAP-PREPARE-HANDOVER response is pending or before any timeouts). The MAP-PREPARE-HANDOVER request shall carry in the IU-RELOC-REQUEST all information needed by 3G\_MSC-B for allocating radio resources in the case of SRNS relocation without Iur interface, see TS 25.413 [11].

3G\_MSC-A shall configure the RANAP RAB parameters according to the current selected codec, ~~and shall indicate in MAP-PREPARE-HANDOVER to 3G\_MSC-B if a transcoder is required to be inserted.~~

MAP-PREPARE-HANDOVER request shall also carry the identity of the target RNS to which the call is to be relocated, see TS 29.002. 3G\_MSC-B will return the MAP-PREPARE-HANDOVER response after having retrieved one or several Handover Numbers from its associated VLR (exchange of the messages MAP-allocate-handover-number request and MAP-send-handover-report request), ~~if requested to do so in the MAP procedure~~ 3G\_MSC-B shall connect a transcoder. The Handover Numbers shall be used for routing the connections of the calls from 3G\_MSC-A to 3G\_MSC-B. If radio resources are available in 3G\_MSC-B, the MAP-PREPARE-HANDOVER response sent to 3G\_MSC-A will contain the complete IU-RELOC-REQUEST-ACKNOWLEDGE message received from RNS-B, containing the radio resources definition to be sent by RNS-A to the UE (in case of relocation without Iur interface) and possible extra RANAP information, amended by 3G\_MSC-B due to the possible interworking between the RANAP protocol carried on the E-interface and the RANAP protocol used on the Iu-interface. If the radio resource allocation is not possible, the MAP-PREPARE-HANDOVER response containing an IU-RELOCATION-FAILURE will be sent to 3G\_MSC-A. 3G\_MSC-B will do the same if a fault is detected on the identity of the RNS where the call has to be relocated. 3G\_MSC-B simply reports the events related to the dialogue. It is up to 3G\_MSC-A to decide the action to perform if it receives negative responses or the operation fails due to the expiry of the MAP-PREPARE-HANDOVER timer.

If an error related to the TCAP dialogue or to the MAP-PREPARE-HANDOVER request is returned from 3G\_MSC-B, this will be indicated to 3G\_MSC-A and 3G\_MSC-A will terminate the relocation attempt. The existing connection to the UE shall not be cleared.

When the IU-RELOC-REQUEST-ACKNOWLEDGE has been received, 3G\_MSC-A shall establish a circuit between 3G\_MSC-A and 3G\_MSC-B by signalling procedures supported by the network. In figure 30 this is illustrated by the messages IAM (Initial Address Message) and ACM (Address Complete Message) of Signalling System no 7. 3G\_MSC-B awaits the capturing of the UE (subclause 6.2.3) on the radio path when the ACM is sent and 3G\_MSC-A initiates the relocation execution when ACM is received (illustrated by the IU-RELOC-COMMAND and described in the subclause 6.2.3). ~~In case of TDM 3G\_MSC-A shall insert or remove thea transcoder between the MSC and other party, depending on the original connection.~~

### 8.3.3.1.1 With one circuit connection

The procedure is as follows.

3G\_MSC-B sends the MAP-PREPARE-SUBSEQUENT-HANDOVER request to 3G\_MSC-A indicating the new 3G\_MSC number (3G\_MSC-A number), indicating also the identity of the target RNS where the call has to be relocated and including a complete IU-RELOC-REQUEST message.

NOTE: 3G\_MSC-B shall not send further MAP-PREPARE-SUBSEQUENT-HANDOVER requests while a relocation attempt is pending or before any timeouts.

Since 3G\_MSC-A is the call controlling 3G\_MSC, this 3G\_MSC needs no Handover Number for routing purposes; 3G\_MSC-A can immediately initiate the relocation towards the target RNS.

When relocation can be initiated, 3G\_MSC-A shall return in the MAP-PREPARE-SUBSEQUENT-HANDOVER response the complete IU-RELOC-REQUEST-ACKNOWLEDGE message received from the RNS-B and possible extra RANAP information, amended by 3G\_MSC-A due to the possible interworking between the RANAP protocol carried on the E-interface and the RANAP protocol used on the Iu-interface. If a radio resource cannot be assigned or if a fault is detected on the target RNS identity, or the target RNS identity in the IU-RELOC-REQUEST is not consistent with the target 3G\_MSC number, the MAP-PREPARE-SUBSEQUENT-HANDOVER response containing an IU-RELOC-FAILURE message shall be given to 3G\_MSC-B, in addition 3G\_MSC-B shall maintain the connection with the UE.

If the procedure in 3G\_MSC-A is successful then 3G\_MSC-B can request the UE to retune to the new RNS-B on 3G\_MSC-A in the case of relocation without Iur interface, or request RNS-B to become serving RNS in the case of relocation with Iur interface. This is illustrated in figure 32 by the IU-RELOC-COMMAND message. The operation is successfully completed when 3G\_MSC-A receives the IU-RELOC-COMplete message.

~~If 3G\_MSC-A inserted a transcoder at basic relocation then it shall remove it on successful subsequent relocation back to 3G\_MSC-A. If it removed a transcoder at basic relocation then it shall insert a transcoder at successful subsequent relocation back to 3G\_MSC-A.~~