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

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| ***Title:***  | Interval of Time between Searches for Higher Priority PLMN via Satellite NG-RAN |
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| ***Source to WG:*** | Vodafone, NTT DOCOMO, OPPO |
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| ***Work item code:*** | 5GSAT\_ARCH |  | ***Date:*** | 2022-02-10 |
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| ***Category:*** | **B** |  | ***Release:*** | Rel-17 |
|  | *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-15 (Release 15)Rel-16 (Release 16)Rel-17 (Release 17)Rel-18 (Release 18)* |
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| ***Reason for change:*** | Network operators can configure a parameter in the USIMs (see EFHPPLMN (Higher Priority PLMN search period) of TS31.102). The value of this parameter is used by the MS in a VPLMN of a country as the interval of time between searches for a higher priority PLMN via non-satellite access in that country. For instance, if the value of the parameter is 0x02, the time interval is 12 minutes and the MS will search of all the MS’s frequency bands in every 12 minutes for a higher priority PLMN in that country. The service requirements (TS22.011CR0326 approved in December 2021) for higher priority PLMN search have been extended to utilizing the satellite NG-RAN with a Shared MCC: *“If the currently received PLMN including associated Access Technology uses a Shared MCC, also a higher priority PLMN including associated Access Technology using any non-shared MCC shall be considered*.”With the details provided in C1-200367 and the discussions in CT1#133-bis-e, it is foreseen that the satellite access will be deployed over both continental and open sea areas. In the open sea area deployment as well as in the continental deployment scenarios (such as in the high mountain areas or the desert areas), it is reasonable to assume that the MS in a VPLMN via a satellite NG-RAN will not find a higher priority PLMN via the non-satellite access for a longer time period. In this case, continuing using the existing single parameter with a shorter time interval of e.g.,12 minutes configured for the non-satellite access becomes unjustified, because it gives rise to energy waste in the MS. Reducing energy waste as much as possible in the MS used by people who are located in such specific geographic areas is crucial to help them continuously obtain the service for longer time period (in such scenarios, a longer battery life of the MS can sometimes even be life saving). Thus, for the scenarios described above, 3GPP standard needs to provide mechanisms, whenever possible, for network operators to help their customers reduce energy waste in their MS. |
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| ***Summary of change:*** | It is proposed that as a mobile network operator configuration option as well as an MS implementation option, the MS can adjust the time interval accordingly by multiplying an integer M with the currently stored time value in SIM, and use the multiplied result as an interval of time between searches for a higher priority PLMN. To do so, network operators can configue an Integer M in their SIMs. If no value of M is configured in the SIM, M equals to one, which suggests that the existing time interval, in the aforementined case, 12mins, will be kept unchanged. |
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| ***Consequences if not approved:*** | MS using satellite NG-RAN with a shared MCC in certain specific geographic areas will be forced to apply a time interval that is only suitable for search of a higher priority PLMN via non-satellite access. This gives rise to emergy waste in the MS and the bad user experience. |
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| ***Clauses affected:*** | 4.4.3.3.1 |
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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:*** | If CT1 agrees on this CR, a corrsponding CT6 is needed to define the new parameter M. |
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| ***This CR's revision history:*** |  |

\* \* \* First change \* \* \*

#### 4.4.3.3 In VPLMN

##### 4.4.3.3.1 Automatic and manual network selection modes

If the MS is in a VPLMN, the MS shall periodically attempt to obtain service on its HPLMN (if the EHPLMN list is not present or is empty) or one of its EHPLMNs (if the EHPLMN list is present) or a higher priority PLMN/access technology combinations listed in "user controlled PLMN selector" or "operator controlled PLMN selector" by scanning in accordance with the requirements that are applicable to i), ii) and iii) as defined in the Automatic Network Selection Mode in clause 4.4.3.1.1. In the case that the mobile has a stored "Equivalent PLMNs" list the mobile shall only select a PLMN if it is of a higher priority than those of the same country as the current serving PLMN which are stored in the "Equivalent PLMNs" list. For this purpose, a value of timer T may be stored in the SIM. The interpretation of the stored value depends on the radio capabilities supported by the MS:

- For an MS that does not support any of the following: EC-GSM-IoT, Category M1 or Category NB1 (as defined in 3GPP TS 36.306 [54]), T is either in the range 6 minutes to 8 hours in 6 minutes steps or it indicates that no periodic attempts shall be made. For an MS supporting satellite NG-RAN access technology, T is in the range 6 multiplied by integer M minutes to 8 multiplied by integer M hours in 6 multiplied by integer M minutes steps. If no value for M is stored in the SIM, a default value of M equal to one is used. If no value for T is stored in the SIM, a default value of 60 minutes is used for T.

- For an MS that only supports any of the following or a combination of: EC-GSM-IoT, Category M1 or Category NB1 (as defined in 3GPP TS 36.306 [54]), T is either in the range 2 hours to 240 hours, using 2 hour steps from 2 hours to 80 hours and 4 hour steps from 84 hours to 240 hours, or it indicates that no periodic attempts shall be made. If no value for T is stored in the SIM, a default value of 72 hours is used.

- For an MS that supports both:

a) any of the following or a combination of: EC-GSM-IoT, Category M1 or Category NB1 (as defined in 3GPP TS 36.306 [54]); and

b) any access technology other than the following: EC-GSM-IoT, Category M1 or Category NB1 (as defined in 3GPP TS 36.306 [54]),

 then T is interpreted depending on the access technology in use as specified below:

1) if the MS is using any of the following at the time of starting timer T: EC-GSM-IoT, Category M1 or Category NB1 (as defined in 3GPP TS 36.306 [54]), T is either in the range 2 hours to 240 hours, using 2 hour steps from 2 hours to 80 hours and 4 hour steps from 84 hours to 240 hours, or it indicates that no periodic attempts shall be made. If no value for T is stored in the SIM, a default value of 72 hours is used; and

2) if the MS is not using any of the following at the time of starting timer T: EC-GSM-IoT, Category M1 or Category NB1 (as defined in 3GPP TS 36.306 [54]), T is either in the range 6 minutes to 8 hours in 6 minutes steps or it indicates that no periodic attempts shall be made. If the MS is using the satellite NG-RAN access technology at the time of starting timer T: T is in the range 6 multiplied by integer M minutes to 8 multiplied by integer M hours in 6 multiplied by integer M minutes steps. If no value for M is stored in the SIM, a default value of M equal to one is used. If no value for T is stored in the SIM, a default value of 60 minutes is used for T.

Editor's note: Whether the existing timer T duration can be reused if the UE has selected a PLMN offering disaster roaming service as VPLMN or a new timer duration needs to be defined is FFS.

If the MS is configured with the MinimumPeriodicSearchTimer as specified in 3GPP TS 24.368 [50] or 3GPP TS 31.102 [40], the MS shall not use a value for T that is less than the MinimumPeriodicSearchTimer. If the value stored in the SIM, or the default value for T (when no value is stored in the SIM), is less than the MinimumPeriodicSearchTimer, then T shall be set to the MinimumPeriodicSearchTimer.

The MS does not stop timer T, as described in 3GPP TS 24.008 [23] and 3GPP TS 24.301 [23A], when it activates power saving mode (PSM) (see 3GPP TS 23.682 [27A]) or mobile initiated connection only mode (MICO) as described in 3GPP TS 24.501 [64].

The MS can be configured for Fast First Higher Priority PLMN search as specified in 3GPP TS 31.102 [40] or 3GPP TS 24.368 [50]. Fast First Higher Priority PLMN search is enabled if the corresponding configuration parameter is present and set to enabled. Otherwise, Fast First Higher Priority PLMN search is disabled.

The attempts to access the HPLMN or an EHPLMN or higher priority PLMN shall be as specified below:

a) The periodic attempts shall only be performed in automatic mode when the MS is roaming, and not while the MS is attached for emergency bearer services, is registered for emergency services, has a PDU session for emergency services or has a PDN connection for emergency bearer services;

b) The MS shall make the first attempt after a period of at least 2 minutes and at most T minutes:

- only after switch on if Fast First Higher Priority PLMN search is disabled; or

- after switch on or upon selecting a VPLMN if Fast First Higher Priority PLMN search is enabled.

c) The MS shall make the following attempts if the MS is on the VPLMN at time T after the last attempt;

d) Periodic attempts shall only be performed by the MS while in idle mode or 5GMM-CONNECTED mode with RRC inactive indication (see 3GPP TS 24.501 [64]);

d1) Periodic attempts may be postponed while the MS is in power saving mode (PSM) (see 3GPP TS 23.682 [27A]).

d2) Periodic attempts may be postponed while the MS is receiving eMBMS transport service in idle mode (see 3GPP TS 23.246 [68]).

d3) Periodic attempts may be postponed till the next eDRX occasion while the MS is configured with eDRX.

d4) Periodic attempts may be postponed while the MS is in relaxed monitoring (see 3GPP TS 36.304 [43]).

d5) Periodic attempts may be postponed while the MS is in Mobile Initiated Connection Only mode (MICO).

e) If the HPLMN (if the EHPLMN list is not present or is empty) or a EHPLMN (if the list is present) or a higher priority PLMN is not found, the MS shall remain on the VPLMN.

f) In steps i), ii) and iii) of clause 4.4.3.1.1 the MS shall limit its attempts to access higher priority PLMN/access technology combinations to PLMN/access technology combinations of the same country as the current serving VPLMN, as defined in Annex B.

g) Only the priority levels of Equivalent PLMNs of the same country as the current serving VPLMN, as defined in Annex B, and which are not in the list of "PLMNs where registration was aborted due to SOR" if the UE has a list of "PLMNs where registration was aborted due to SOR" shall be taken into account to compare with the priority level of a selected PLMN.

.h) If the PLMN of the highest priority PLMN/access technology combination available is the current VPLMN, or one of the PLMNs in the "Equivalent PLMNs" list and is not in the list of "PLMNs where registration was aborted due to SOR" if the UE has a list of "PLMNs where registration was aborted due to SOR", the MS shall remain on the current PLMN/access technology combination.

i) In step iii) of clause 4.4.3.1.1 the MS shall consider PLMNs which are in the list of "PLMNs where registration was aborted due to SOR" as lowest priority, if the UE has a list of "PLMNs where registration was aborted due to SOR".

NOTE: As an MS implementation option, the MS can make an attempt when the timer TD, TE, TF, TG or TH expires and there is a PLMN/access technology combination which the MS could not select while the timer was running (e.g. the PLMN was in the list of PLMNs where voice service was not possible in E-UTRAN) that is higher priority than the current serving PLMN and belongs to the same country as the current serving PLMN, as defined in Annex B.

\* \* \* End of changes \* \* \*