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# 1 Introduction

Study on 6 GHz for LTE and NR in Licensed and Unlicensed Operations is the RAN level study item, which aims at capturing the latest information and status of the regulatory decisions for the 6GHz frequency range. In this discussion paper we present a text proposal for the corresponding TR 37.890 that captures new regulatory decisions in the ITU region 1 (EU/CEPT, Morocco, UAE), and Region 2 (Chile, Columbia).

# 2 Text proposal

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### 4.1.4 Saudi Arabia

On 28th January 2021, Saudi Arabia Communications & Information Technology Commission announced its intention to allocate the entire 5925 – 7125 MHz band for license-exempt [41].

On 10th June 2021 Saudi Arabia Communications & Information Technology Commission (CICT) opened a public consultation to update the Radio Spectrum Allocation and Use Regulation for WLAN Applications [50].

On 22nd of August 2021, CITC opened a further consultation [51] on Light Licensing regime to optimize efficient use of spectrum addressing seven frequency ranges within 4-94 GHz, including the 6 GHz band for high power WLAN and Low Power 5G services (NR-U) (mobile).

On 1st January 2022, Saudi Arabia Communications & Information Technology Commission has published “WLAN Regulations” [52] which is now in effect and replaces previously published “Wireless Local Area Networks (WLAN/Wi-Fi) Usage Regulations”. Technical conditions for operation in the 5925-7125MHz frequency range are as follows:

- indoor access point with maximum EIRP of 1000mW and PSD of 10mW/MHz;

- indoor client device with maximum EIRP of 250mW and PSD of 10mW/MHz.

### 4.1.5 United Arab Emirates

On December 2020, the telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) has designated an additional 500 MHz radio spectrum, specifically 5925-6425MHz, for indoor use at an EIRP of 250 mW under class authorization [53].

### 4.1.6 African Telecommunication Union

In July 2021, ATU approved the ATU-R Recommendation 005-0 [57] recommending to its member states to designate the frequency band 5925–6425 MHz for use by WAS/RLAN equipment restricted to VLP (both outdoor and indoor use) and LPI use only on a non-exclusive, non-interference and non-protected basis, with the following operating conditions:

- Low power indoor:

- 23dBm mean EIRP and 10dBm/MHz mean EIRP density;

- Restricted to indoor use only including trains where metal coated windows are fitted and aircraft;

- Outdoor use (including in road vehicles) is not permitted;

- An LPI access point or bridge is a device that is supplied power from a wired connection, has an integrated antenna and is not battery powered.

- An LPI client device is a device that is connected to an LPI access point or another LPI client device and may or may not be battery powered.

- Very low power indoor and outdoor:

- 14dBm mean EIRP and 1dBm/MHz mean EIRP density;

- Use on drones is prohibited;

- Very Low Power device is a portable device.

- An adequate spectrum sharing mechanism shall be implemented for channel access and occupation;

In September 2021, ATU Preparatory Meeting for World Radiocommunication Conference 2023 (APM23-2) agreed for band 6425-7125 MHz that [58]:

- Conduct a survey among ATU Member States to identify services deployed at national level in the 6425 – 7125 MHz, with a view to protect existing services, and based on the results develop contributions to ITU-R WP5D, as appropriate;

- Preliminarily support identification of the frequency band 6 425-7 125 MHz for IMT, taking into account the result of the coexistence studies in ITU-R.

### 4.1.7 Morocco

On May 2021, the Moroccan National Telecommunications Regulatory Agency (ANRT) published a new decision on Short Range Devices (SRD) in 5925-6425MHz frequency range [54] with the following technical parameters:

- 23dBm EIRP for indoor usage only, not allowed inside vehicles;

- 14dBm EIRP for indoor and outdoor usage for the portable devices, not allowed for unmanned flying devices (i.e. drones).

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### 4.2.5 Chile

On 22th October 2020, Ministry of Transport and Communication of Chile published Resolution 1985 according to which low power access equipment, also referred to as AP, may operate in the frequency band 5925-7125 MHz under exclusive use for indoor environment and the following transmission power requirements:

- maximum EIRP of 30dBm;

- maximum spectral density of 5dBm/MHz.

- low-power AP equipment may only have integrated antennas, which cannot be removable or replaceable, nor may they have connectors that allow the connection of additional external antennas;

- likewise, they should not be able to operate with internal batteries or have spaces for their installation

User terminal devices that are associated with low power AP equipment must operate at the following power levels:

- maximum EIRP of 24dBm;

- maximum spectral density of -1dBm/MHz.

On July 2021, the Chilean authority developed Resolution 1321 [55] on July 2021 updating Resolution 1985 and covering the technical standard for short range devices in Chile:

- very low power devices with personal reach may operate outdoors, using internal batteries, in the 5925-7125 MHz frequency band;

- the maximum average EIRP power is 17 dBm.

### 4.2.6 Mexico

The Instituto Federal de Telecomunicaciones (IFT) in Mexico has opened a public consultation for the 5925-7125 MHz frequency band with the objectives to establish the technical operating conditions of WAS/RLAN systems that could make use of the of the 5925-7125 MHz frequency band and to increase the harmonization based on international best practices and existing technological advances.

### 4.2.7 Honduras

The National Telecommunications Commission (CONATEL) of Honduras has published Resolution NR 003/21 [48], which updates the National Frequency Allocation Plan (PNAF) to open the use of the 5925-7125MHz frequency range for the license-exempt usage.

### 4.2.8 Costa Rica

The Superintendencia de Telecomunicaciones (SUTEL) in Costa Rica has published its Plan Nacional de Atribución de Frecuencias (PNAF) [49], according to which the 5925-7125MHz frequency range is opened for the license-exempt usage with the following technical conditions:

- maximum EIRP is 30dBm;

- maximum output power of the equipment is 24dBm;

- unlicensed usage is allowed at the following conditions:

- low power indoor applications (LPI) in accordance with the power limits indicated above;

- very low power (VLP) indoors and outdoors with a maximum EIRP of 14 dBm;- LPI applications are restricted to operation inside buildings for RLAN type systems (wireless local area networks) or similar, which use contention protocols to get access to the environment;

- VLP applications are for portable or similar type devices, limited in power, allowing connectivity over short distances.

### 4.2.9 Colombia

On October 2021, Colombian National Agency (Agencia Nacional del Espectro) released a new resolution [56] according to which the 5925-7125MHz frequency range is opened for the license-exempt operation with the following technical parameters:

- only indoor usage is allowed;

- the use of devices located on oil rigs, automobiles, trains, boats and aircraft is not allowed with the exception of aircraft flying above 10,000 feet;

- the operation of equipment intended to control or communicate with unmanned aerial vehicles is not allowed;

- maximum EIRP of 30dBm for AP devices with maximum PSD of 5dBm/MHz;

- maximum EIRP of 24dBm for CL devices with maximum PSD of -1dBm/MHz;

- the spectral density should be attenuated 20 dB at a distance of 1 MHz from the end of the channel, 28 dB at a distance of one channel apart from the center of the channel, and 40 dB at a distance of 1.5 channels apart from the center of the channel;

- emissions outside the 5925-7125MHz frequency range should be limited to -27 dBm/MHz;

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## 4.5 Regulatory parameters comparative for license-exempt

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| Region | Country | Permissible operation  (Note 1) | Frequency range | Maximum mean EIRP for in-band emissions | Maximum mean EIRP density for in-band emissions | Maximum mean EIRP density for out-of-band emissions |
| Region 1 | EU/CEPT | LPI (see 4.1.1) | 5945 – 6425MHz | 23dBm | 10dBm/MHz | -22 dBm/MHz  (below 5935MHz) |
| VLP (see 4.1.1) | 14dBm | 1dBm/MHz  10dBm/MHz (for the narrowband usage) | -45 dBm/MHz  (below 5935MHz); |
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| UK | LPI (see 4.1.3) | 5925 – 6425MHz | 24dBm | 11dBm/MHz | In accordance with directive 2014/53/EC |
| VLP (see 4.1.3) | 14dBm |  |
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| UAE | LPI (see 4.1.5) | 5925 – 6425MHz | 24 dBm |  |  |
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| Morocco | LPI (see 4.1.7) | 5925 – 6425MHz | 23 dBm |  |  |
| VLP (see 4.1.7) | 14 dBm |  |  |
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| Saudi Arabia | LPI (see 4.1.4) | 5925 – 7125MHz | 30dBm (AP)  24dBm (CL) | 10dBm/MHz |  |
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| Region 2 | US | SP (see 4.2.1) | 5925 – 6425MHz  6525 – 6875MHz | 36dBm (AP)  30dBm (CL) | 23dBm/MHz (AP)  17dBm/MHz (CL) | -27 dBm/MHz  (outside operational range) |
| LPI (see 4.2.1) | 5925 – 7125MHz | 30dBm (AP)  24dBm (CL) | 5 dBm/MHz (AP)  -1 dBm/MHz (CL) |
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| Canada | SP (see 4.2.2) | 5925-6875 MHz | 36dBm | 23dBm/MHz |  |
| LPI (see 4.2.2) | 5925-7125 MHz | 30dBm | 5 dBm/MHz |  |
| VLP (see 4.2.2) | 14dBm | -8dBm/MHz |  |
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| Brazil | LPI (see 4.2.3) | 5925 – 7125MHz | 30dBm (AP)  24dBm (CL) | 5dBm/MHz (AP)  -1dBm/MHz (CL) | -27 dBm/MHz (outside operational range) |
| VLP (see 4.2.3) | 17 dBm | -5 dBm/MHz |
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| Peru | LPI (see 4.2.4) | 5925 – 7125MHz | 30dBm (AP)  24dBm (CL) | 5dBm/MHz (AP)  -1dBm/MHz (CL) |  |
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| Chile | LPI (see 4.2.5) | 5925 – 7125MHz | 30dBm (AP)  24dBm (CL) | 5dBm/MHz (AP)  -1dBm/MHz (CL) |  |
| VLP (4.2.5) | 17 dBm |  |  |
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| Colombia | LPI (see 4.2.9) | 5925 – 7125MHz | 30dBm (AP)  24dBm (CL) | 5dBm/MHz (AP)  -1dBm/MHz (CL) | -27 dBm/MHz (outside operational range) |
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| Region 3 | South Korea | LPI (see 4.3.2) | 5925 – 7125MHz | 24dBm | 2dBm/MHz | -27 dBm/MHz (outside operational range) |
| VLP (see 4.3.2) | 5925 – 6425MHz | 14dBm | 1dBm/MHz | -34 dBm/MHz (outside operational range of the VLP mode) |
| Note 1: For the exact conditions of operation, refer to the sub-clause which is mentioned in parenthesis (e.g. for the exact conditions for operating SP in US, refer to sub-clause 4.2.1.) | | | | | | |

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