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| *CR-Form-v12.1* |
| **CHANGE REQUEST** |
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|  | **36.331** | **CR** | **2798** | **rev** | **-** | **Current version:** | **15.14.0** |  |
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| ***Proposed change affects:*** | UICC apps |  | ME | **X** | Radio Access Network | **X** | Core Network |  |

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| ***Title:***  | Correction on reconfigurationWithSync |
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| ***Source to WG:*** | Huawei, HiSilicon |
| ***Source to TSG:*** | RAN2 |
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| ***Work item code:*** | NR\_newRAT-Core |  | ***Date:*** | 2021-08-27 |
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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-15 (Release 15)Rel-16 (Release 16)Rel-17 (Release 17)Rel-18 (Release 18)* |
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| ***Reason for change:*** | The presence conditions for reconfigurationWithSync are:The field is mandatory present in the *RRCReconfiguration* message:- in each configured *CellGroupConfig* for which the SpCell changes,- in the *masterCellGroup* at change of AS security key derived from KgNB,- in the *secondaryCellGroup* at:- PSCell addition,- update of required SI for PSCell,- change of AS security key derived from S-KgNB while the UE is configured with at least one radio bearer with *keyToUse* set to *secondary* and that is not released by this *RRCReconfiguration* message.Otherwise it is optionally present, need M. The field is absent in *RRCResume* or *RRCSetup* messages.The conditions allow reconfigurationWithSync to be absent in NR SCG in case of change of AS security key derived from S-KgNB if no SN terminated bearer is configured (i.e. only MN terminated bearers are configured).However, in 36.331 for (NG)EN-DC, it says:If an SCG is configured, handover involves either SCG release or either SCG change (in case of DC) or an NR SCG reconfiguration with sync and key change (in case of EN-DC and NGEN-DC).Basically, it means that in (NG)EN-DC, in case of LTE handover which will cause S-KgNB change, NR SCG should perform reconfiguration with sync (or SCG release).TS 36.331 and TS 38.331 are not aligned in this regard. |
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| ***Summary of change:*** | Clarify that for (NG)EN-DC, it is mandatary to signal reconfigurationWithSync in NR SCG in case of change of AS security key derived from S-KgNB.**Impact Analysis**Impacted 5G architecture options:EN-DC, NGEN-DCImpacted functionality:Reconfiguration with syncInter-operability:1. If the UE is implemented according to the CR and the NW is not, the network may not perform reconfigurationWithSync in NR SCG in case of LTE handover in (NG)EN-DC, and the reconfiguration may fail.
2. If the NW is implemented according to the CR and the UE is not, there is no inter-operability issue forseen.
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| ***Consequences if not approved:*** | TS 36.331 and TS 38.331 are not aligned on whether to perform reconfigurationWithSync in NR SCG in case of LTE handover in (NG)EN-DC. |
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| ***Clauses affected:*** | 6.3.2 |
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|  | **Y** | **N** |  |  |
| ***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*

– *CellGroupConfig*

The *CellGroupConfig* IE is used to configure a master cell group (MCG) or secondary cell group (SCG). A cell group comprises of one MAC entity, a set of logical channels with associated RLC entities and of a primary cell (SpCell) and one or more secondary cells (SCells).

***CellGroupConfig* information element**

-- ASN1START

-- TAG-CELLGROUPCONFIG-START

-- Configuration of one Cell-Group:

CellGroupConfig ::= SEQUENCE {

 cellGroupId CellGroupId,

 rlc-BearerToAddModList SEQUENCE (SIZE(1..maxLC-ID)) OF RLC-BearerConfig OPTIONAL, -- Need N

 rlc-BearerToReleaseList SEQUENCE (SIZE(1..maxLC-ID)) OF LogicalChannelIdentity OPTIONAL, -- Need N

 mac-CellGroupConfig MAC-CellGroupConfig OPTIONAL, -- Need M

 physicalCellGroupConfig PhysicalCellGroupConfig OPTIONAL, -- Need M

 spCellConfig SpCellConfig OPTIONAL, -- Need M

 sCellToAddModList SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxNrofSCells)) OF SCellConfig OPTIONAL, -- Need N

 sCellToReleaseList SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxNrofSCells)) OF SCellIndex OPTIONAL, -- Need N

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 reportUplinkTxDirectCurrent ENUMERATED {true} OPTIONAL -- Cond BWP-Reconfig

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-- Serving cell specific MAC and PHY parameters for a SpCell:

SpCellConfig ::= SEQUENCE {

 servCellIndex ServCellIndex OPTIONAL, -- Cond SCG

 reconfigurationWithSync ReconfigurationWithSync OPTIONAL, -- Cond ReconfWithSync

 rlf-TimersAndConstants SetupRelease { RLF-TimersAndConstants } OPTIONAL, -- Need M

 rlmInSyncOutOfSyncThreshold ENUMERATED {n1} OPTIONAL, -- Need S

 spCellConfigDedicated ServingCellConfig OPTIONAL, -- Need M

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ReconfigurationWithSync ::= SEQUENCE {

 spCellConfigCommon ServingCellConfigCommon OPTIONAL, -- Need M

 newUE-Identity RNTI-Value,

 t304 ENUMERATED {ms50, ms100, ms150, ms200, ms500, ms1000, ms2000, ms10000},

 rach-ConfigDedicated CHOICE {

 uplink RACH-ConfigDedicated,

 supplementaryUplink RACH-ConfigDedicated

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 smtc SSB-MTC OPTIONAL -- Need S

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}

SCellConfig ::= SEQUENCE {

 sCellIndex SCellIndex,

 sCellConfigCommon ServingCellConfigCommon OPTIONAL, -- Cond SCellAdd

 sCellConfigDedicated ServingCellConfig OPTIONAL, -- Cond SCellAddMod

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-- TAG-CELLGROUPCONFIG-STOP

-- ASN1STOP

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| ***CellGroupConfig* field descriptions** |
| ***mac-CellGroupConfig***MAC parameters applicable for the entire cell group. |
| ***rlc-BearerToAddModList***Configuration of the MAC Logical Channel, the corresponding RLC entities and association with radio bearers. |
| ***reportUplinkTxDirectCurrent***Enables reporting of uplink and supplementary uplink Direct Current location information upon BWP configuration and reconfiguration. This field is only present when the BWP configuration is modified or any serving cell is added or removed. This field is absent in the IE *CellGroupConfig* when provided as part of *RRCSetup* message. If UE is configured with SUL carrier, UE reports both UL and SUL Direct Current locations. |
| ***rlmInSyncOutOfSyncThreshold***BLER threshold pair index for IS/OOS indication generation, see TS 38.133 [14], table 8.1.1-1. *n1* corresponds to the value 1. When the field is absent, the UE applies the value 0. Whenever this is reconfigured, UE resets N310 and N311, and stops T310, if running. Network does not include this field. |
| ***sCellToAddModList***List of seconary serving cells (SCells) to be added or modified. |
| ***sCellToReleaseList***List of secondary serving cells (SCells) to be released. |
| ***spCellConfig***Parameters for the SpCell of this cell group (PCell of MCG or PSCell of SCG).  |

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| ***ReconfigurationWithSync* field descriptions** |
| ***rach-ConfigDedicated***Random access configuration to be used for the reconfiguration with sync (e.g. handover). The UE performs the RA according to these parameters in the *firstActiveUplinkBWP* (see *UplinkConfig*). |
| ***smtc***The SSB periodicity/offset/duration configuration of target cell for NR PSCell change, NR PCell change, and (for NR-DC) NR PSCell addition. The network sets the *periodicityAndOffset* to indicate the same periodicity as *ssb-periodicityServingCell* in *spCellConfigCommon*. For case of NR PCell change and NR PSCell addition, the *smtc* is based on the timing reference of (source) PCell. For case of NR PSCell change, it is based on the timing reference of source PSCell. If the field is absent, the UE uses the SMTC in the *measObjectNR* having the same SSB frequency and subcarrier spacing, as configured before the reception of the RRC message. |

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| ***SCellConfig* field descriptions** |
| ***smtc***The SSB periodicity/offset/duration configuration of target cell for NR SCell addition. The network sets the *periodicityAndOffset* to indicate the same periodicity as *ssb-periodicityServingCell* in *sCellConfigCommon*. The *smtc* is based on the timing of the SpCell of associated cell group. In case of inter-RAT handover to NR, the timing reference is the NR PCell. In case of intra-NR PCell change (standalone NR) or NR PSCell change (EN-DC), the timing reference is the target SpCell. If the field is absent, the UE uses the SMTC in the *measObjectNR* having the same SSB frequency and subcarrier spacing, as configured before the reception of the RRC message. |

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| ***SpCellConfig* field descriptions** |
| ***reconfigurationWithSync***Parameters for the synchronous reconfiguration to the target SpCell. |
| ***rlf-TimersAndConstants***Timers and constants for detecting and triggering cell-level radio link failure. For the SCG, *rlf-TimersAndConstants* can only be set to *setup* and is always included at SCG addition. |
| ***servCellIndex***Serving cell ID of a PSCell. The PCell of the Master Cell Group uses ID = 0. |

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| **Conditional Presence** | **Explanation** |
| *BWP-Reconfig* | The field is optionally present, Need N, if the BWPs are reconfigured or if serving cells are added or removed. Otherwise it is absent.  |
| *ReconfWithSync* | The field is mandatory present in the *RRCReconfiguration* message:- in each configured *CellGroupConfig* for which the SpCell changes,- in the *masterCellGroup* at change of AS security key derived from KgNB,- in the *secondaryCellGroup* at:- PSCell addition,- update of required SI for PSCell,- change of AS security key derived from S-KgNB in NR-DC while the UE is configured with at least one radio bearer with *keyToUse* set to *secondary* and that is not released by this *RRCReconfiguration* message.- change of AS security key derived from S-KgNB in (NG)EN-DC.Otherwise it is optionally present, need M. The field is absent in *RRCResume* or *RRCSetup* messages. |
| *SCellAdd* | The field is mandatory present upon SCell addition; otherwise it is absent, Need M. |
| *SCellAddMod* | The field is mandatory present upon SCell addition; otherwise it is optionally present, need M. |
| *SCG* | The field is mandatory present in an *SpCellConfig* for the PSCell. It is absent otherwise.  |

NOTE: In case of change of AS security key derived from S-KgNB/S-KeNB, if *reconfigurationWithSync* is not included in the *masterCellGroup*, the network releases all existing MCG RLC bearers associated with a radio bearer with *keyToUse* set to *secondary*. In case of change of AS security key derived from KgNB/KeNB, if *reconfigurationWithSync* is not included in the *secondaryCellGroup*, the network releases all existing SCG RLC bearers associated with a radio bearer with *keyToUse* set to *primary*.

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