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GSM (AA.BB) or 3G (AA.BBB) specification number ↑ *↑ CR number as allocated by MCC support team*

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Proposed change affects: *(at least one should be marked with an X)*	(U)SIM	X	ME	X	UTRAN / Radio	X	Core Network	X

Source:	Ericsson
Date:	2000-04-13
Subject:	Clarification on ciphering and integrity protection at intersystem handover
Work item:	Security

Category: *(only one category shall be marked with an X)*

F	Correction	X
A	Corresponds to a correction in an earlier release	
B	Addition of feature	
C	Functional modification of feature	
D	Editorial modification	

Release:

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Release 96	
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Release 98	
Release 99	X
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Reason for change:
- to clarify how the integrity protection is started at handover from GSM BSS to UTRAN
- to clarify the handling of HFN at handover from UTRAN to GSM BSS
- to update the list of unprotected messages with the Handover to UTRAN complete message
- to clarify that intersystem handover implies a change of ciphering algorithm

Clauses affected: 6.5.1, 6.8.4, 6.8.5

Other specs affected:

Other 3G core specifications		→ List of CRs:
Other GSM core specifications		→ List of CRs:
MS test specifications		→ List of CRs:
BSS test specifications		→ List of CRs:
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6.5 Access link data integrity

6.5.1 General

Most control signalling information elements that are sent between the MS and the network are considered sensitive and must be integrity protected. A message authentication function shall be applied on these signalling information elements transmitted between the ~~UE~~ MS and the RNC.

After the RRC connection establishment and execution of the security mode set-up procedure, all dedicated MS <–> network control signalling messages (e.g. RRC, MM, CC, GMM, and SM messages) shall be integrity protected. The Mobility Management layer in the MS supervises that the integrity protection is started (see section 6.4.5).

All signalling messages except the following ones shall then be integrity protected:

- Paging Type 1
- RRC Connection Request
- RRC Connection Setup
- RRC Connection Setup Complete
- RRC Connection Reject
- System Information (broadcasted information).
- Handover to UTRAN complete

6.8.4 Intersystem handover for CS Services – from UTRAN to GSM BSS

If ciphering has been started when an intersystem handover occurs from UTRAN to GSM BSS, the necessary information (e.g. Kc, supported/allowed GSM ciphering algorithms) is transmitted within the system infrastructure before the actual handover is executed to enable the communication to proceed from the old RNC to the new GSM BSS, and to continue the communication in ciphered mode. The RNC requests the MS to send the MS Classmark, which includes information on the GSM ciphering algorithm capabilities of the MS. The intersystem handover will imply a change of ciphering algorithm from a UEA to a GSM A5. The GSM BSS includes the selected GSM ciphering mode in the handover command message sent to the MS via the RNC.

The integrity protection of signalling messages is stopped at handover to GSM BSS.

The highest hyperframe number value reached for all signaling and user data bearers during the RRC connection shall be stored in the ME/USIM at handover to GSM BSS.

6.8.5 Intersystem handover for CS Services – from GSM BSS to UTRAN

If ciphering has been started when an intersystem handover occurs from GSM BSS to UTRAN, the necessary information (e.g. CK, IK, initial HFN value information, supported/allowed UMTS algorithms) is transmitted within the system infrastructure before the actual handover is executed to enable the communication to proceed from the old GSM BSS to the new RNC, and to continue the communication in ciphered mode. The GSM BSS requests the MS to send the UMTS capability information, which includes information on the initial HFN and UMTS security capabilities of the MS. The intersystem handover will imply a change of ciphering algorithm from a GSM A5 to a UEA. The target UMTS RNC includes the selected UMTS ciphering mode in the handover to UTRAN command message sent to the MS via the GSM BSS.

The integrity protection of signalling messages shall be started immediately after that the intersystem handover from GSM BSS to UTRAN is completed. The Serving RNC will do this by initiating the RRC security mode control procedure when the first RRC message (i.e. the Handover to UTRAN complete message) has been received from the MS. The UE security capability information, that has been sent from MS to RNC via the GSM radio access and the system infrastructure before the actual handover execution, will then be included in the RRC Security mode command message

sent to MS and then verified by the MS (i.e. verified that it is equal to the UE security capability information stored in the MS).