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| *CR-Form-v12.2* | | | | | | | | |
| **CHANGE REQUEST** | | | | | | | | |
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|  | **38.331** | **CR** | **3334** | **rev** | **2** | **Current version:** | **17.1.0** |  |
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| *For* [***HE******LP***](http://www.3gpp.org/3G_Specs/CRs.htm#_blank)*on using this form: comprehensive instructions can be found at* [*http://www.3gpp.org/Change-Requests*](http://www.3gpp.org/Change-Requests)*.* | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Proposed change affects:*** | UICC apps |  | ME | **X** | Radio Access Network | **X** | Core Network |  |

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| ***Title:*** | Corrections to TS 38.331 for RAN Slicing | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Source to WG:*** | Huawei, HiSilicon, Nokia, Nokia Shanghai Bell | | | | | | | | | |
| ***Source to TSG:*** | R2 | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Work item code:*** | NR\_Slice-Core | | | | |  | ***Date:*** | | | 2022-08-26 |
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| ***Category:*** | **F** |  | | | | | ***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 can be 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-16 (Release 16) Rel-17 (Release 17) Rel-18 (Release 18) Rel-19 (Release 19)* | |
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| ***Reason for change:*** | | Give the reasons for change:   1. For the IE sliceExcludedCellListNR, there is a typo in the field description 2. For the IE NSAG-IdentityInfo, the feature description “slice based cell reselection” is used but it is not not aligned with the feature description in TS 38.300 3. In the requirement of acquiring SIB16 it is not clarified that this is only for UEs supporting slice specific cell reselection. 4. In *SliceInfoDedicated* field descriptions the *nsag-IdentityInfo* is described as the NSAG identifier, which is misleading as it is the NSAG identifier and optionally the TAC. 5. In the *SliceInfo* field descriptions *sliceAllowedCellListNR* and *sliceExcludedCellListNR* are incomplete, as the meaning when a cell is in the list is not described. 6. Up to Rel-16, network can configure dedicated cell reselection priority information up to 8 NR frequencies in the RRCRelease message to match with UE capability. And, for legacy and slice-based reselection priorities, the total number of NR frequencies to be configured in the RRCRelease message can be up to 16.  * Thus, the maximum number of frequencies that the network can configure through *freqPriorityListNR* and *freqPriorityListDedicatedSlicing* should be kept as in legacy. However, it is missing the definition in the current spec. * The same NR carrier frequency can be included in *freqPriorityListNR* and *freqPriorityListDedicatedSilicing* as in broadcast signalling. In this case, this frequency is only counted once, but it is missing in the current spec.  1. For the field FreqPriorityDedicatedSlicing, it does not make sense to only include dl-ExplicitCarrierFreq, so the network should always include nsag-CellReselectionPriority. For the field FreqPrioritySlicing, it does not make sense to only include dl-ImplicitCarrierFreq, so the network should always include nsag-CellReselectionPriority. 2. In the description of the NSAG-IdentifyInfo, it states the IE is used to identify an NSAG for slice based cell reselection or slice specific RACH purpose. However, NSAG-IdentityInfo is not used in RACH configuration (only NSAG-ID), thus not the entire content of the IE is used for RACH purposes. 3. IE NSAG-ID-r17 is used in IEs NSAG-IdentityInfo-r17, NSAG-List-r17 and RA-PrioritizationSliceInfo-r17, and should be moved to own IE section. 4. *BWP-UplinkCommon* field descriptions, field enableRA-PrioritizationForSlicing Unclear what is made by “the set of applied parameters”. 5. *BWP-UplinkCommon* field descriptions, Condition *RA-PrioSliceAI*   Explanation need some changes to align with the RRC specification style.   1. IE *FreqPriorityListDedicatedSlicing*   Not clear what the word “dedicated” refers to in this context.   1. SliceInfoDedicated field descriptions Field description does not provide any real information. 2. RAN2 agreed that the sliceCellListNR/sliceAllowedCellListNR/sliceExcludedCellListNR for the serving frequency can have serving cell included, and it needs to be captured. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Summary of change:*** | | The following changes are made:   1. For the IE sliceExcludedCellListNR, the extra wording “slice” is removed 2. For the IE NSAG-IdentityInfo, the description “slice based cell reselection” is changed into “slice-based specific cell reselection” in order to be aligned with other descriptions 3. In 5.2.2.1 it is clarified that the UE requirement for SIB16 is only for UEs that are capable to perform slice-based cell reselection 4. In *SliceInfoDedicated* field descriptions the *nsag-IdentityInfo* is reworded. 5. In the *SliceInfo* field descriptions *sliceAllowedCellListNR* and *sliceExcludedCellListNR* the meaning when a cell is in the list is added 6. For the cellReselectionPriorities in RRCRelease, it is clarified:  * If both freqPriorityListNR and freqPriorityDedicatedSlicing are included in the RRCRelease message, the total number of NR carrier frequencies does not exceed 8. * If same NR carrier frequency is included in freqPriorityListNR and freqPriorityListDedicated, it is counted as a single NR carrier frequency in the total number of NR carrier frequencies.  1. For the field nsag-CellReselectionPriority-r17 in SliceInfoDedicated-r17/SliceInfo-r17, the need code is changed from Need R to Cond Mandatory. 2. For the description of NSAG-IdentityInfo, the wording “or slice specific RACH purposes” is removed. 3. NSAG-ID is moved out of NSAG-IdentityInfo. 4. *BWP-UplinkCommon* field descriptions, field enableRA-PrioritizationForSlicing Field description is clarified. 5. *BWP-UplinkCommon* field descriptions, Condition *RA-PrioSliceAI* Clarified the text. 6. IE *FreqPriorityListDedicatedSlicing* Rephrased. 7. SliceInfoDedicated field descriptions Deleted, to align with RRC specification style. 8. In field descriptions of the sliceCellListNR/sliceAllowedCellListNR/sliceExcludedCellListNR, it is clarified that the serving cell (on the serving frequency) can be included.   **Impact analysis**  Impacted 5G architecture options:  Standalone NR  Impacted functionality:  Slice-based cell reselection, slice-based random access  Inter-operability:  If NW implements according to this CR but UE does not, there is no inter-operability issue.  If UE implements according to this CR but NW does not, there is no inter-operability issue. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Consequences if not approved:*** | | The UE protocol model will not be followed for slice-based random access. The specification will remain unclear, and deviate from the RRC specification style. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Clauses affected:*** | | 5.2.2.1, 6.2.2, 6.3.1, 6.3.2 | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Other specs*** | |  | **X** | Other core specifications | | | |  | | |
| ***affected:*** | |  | **X** | Test specifications | | | |  | | |
| ***(show related CRs)*** | |  | **X** | O&M Specifications | | | |  | | |
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| ***Other comments:*** | |  | | | | | | | | |
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| ***This CR's revision history:*** | |  | | | | | | | | |

#### 5.2.2.1 General UE requirements



Figure 5.2.2.1-1: System information acquisition

The UE applies the SI acquisition procedure to acquire the AS, NAS- and positioning assistance data information. The procedure applies to UEs in RRC\_IDLE, in RRC\_INACTIVE and in RRC\_CONNECTED.

The UE in RRC\_IDLE and RRC\_INACTIVE shall ensure having a valid version of (at least) the *MIB*, *SIB1* through *SIB4,* *SIB5* (if the UE supports E-UTRA), *SIB11* (if the UE is configured for idle/inactive measurements), *SIB12* (if UE is capable of NR sidelink communication/discovery and is configured by upper layers to receive or transmit NR sidelink communication/discovery), and *SIB13*, *SIB14* (if UE is capable of V2X sidelink communication and is configured by upper layers to receive or transmit V2X sidelink communication), *SIB15* (if UE is configured by upper layers to report disaster roaming related information), *SIB16* (if the UE is capable of slice-based cell reselection and the UE receives NSAG information for cell reselection from upper layer), *SIB19* (if UE is accessing NR via NTN access).

The UE capable of MBS broadcast which is receiving or interested to receive MBS broadcast service(s) via a broadcast MRB shall ensure having a valid version of *SIB20* and *SIB21*, regardless of the RRC state the UE is in.

The UE shall ensure having a valid version of the posSIB requested by upper layers.

*<Next modification>*

### 6.2.2 Message definitions

*<Partially omitted>*

#### – *RRCRelease*

The *RRCRelease* message is used to command the release of an RRC connection or the suspension of the RRC connection.

Signalling radio bearer: SRB1

RLC-SAP: AM

Logical channel: DCCH

Direction: Network to UE

*RRCRelease* message

-- ASN1START

-- TAG-RRCRELEASE-START

RRCRelease ::= SEQUENCE {

rrc-TransactionIdentifier RRC-TransactionIdentifier,

criticalExtensions CHOICE {

rrcRelease RRCRelease-IEs,

criticalExtensionsFuture SEQUENCE {}

}

}

RRCRelease-IEs ::= SEQUENCE {

redirectedCarrierInfo RedirectedCarrierInfo OPTIONAL, -- Need N

cellReselectionPriorities CellReselectionPriorities OPTIONAL, -- Need R

suspendConfig SuspendConfig OPTIONAL, -- Need R

deprioritisationReq SEQUENCE {

deprioritisationType ENUMERATED {frequency, nr},

deprioritisationTimer ENUMERATED {min5, min10, min15, min30}

} OPTIONAL, -- Need N

lateNonCriticalExtension OCTET STRING OPTIONAL,

nonCriticalExtension RRCRelease-v1540-IEs OPTIONAL

}

RRCRelease-v1540-IEs ::= SEQUENCE {

waitTime RejectWaitTime OPTIONAL, -- Need N

nonCriticalExtension RRCRelease-v1610-IEs OPTIONAL

}

RRCRelease-v1610-IEs ::= SEQUENCE {

voiceFallbackIndication-r16 ENUMERATED {true} OPTIONAL, -- Need N

measIdleConfig-r16 SetupRelease {MeasIdleConfigDedicated-r16} OPTIONAL, -- Need M

nonCriticalExtension RRCRelease-v1650-IEs OPTIONAL

}

RRCRelease-v1650-IEs ::= SEQUENCE {

mpsPriorityIndication-r16 ENUMERATED {true} OPTIONAL, -- Cond Redirection2

nonCriticalExtension RRCRelease-v1710-IEs OPTIONAL

}

RRCRelease-v1710-IEs ::= SEQUENCE {

noLastCellUpdate-r17 ENUMERATED {true} OPTIONAL, -- Need S

nonCriticalExtension SEQUENCE {} OPTIONAL

}

RedirectedCarrierInfo ::= CHOICE {

nr CarrierInfoNR,

eutra RedirectedCarrierInfo-EUTRA,

...

}

RedirectedCarrierInfo-EUTRA ::= SEQUENCE {

eutraFrequency ARFCN-ValueEUTRA,

cnType ENUMERATED {epc,fiveGC} OPTIONAL -- Need N

}

CarrierInfoNR ::= SEQUENCE {

carrierFreq ARFCN-ValueNR,

ssbSubcarrierSpacing SubcarrierSpacing,

smtc SSB-MTC OPTIONAL, -- Need S

...

}

SuspendConfig ::= SEQUENCE {

fullI-RNTI I-RNTI-Value,

shortI-RNTI ShortI-RNTI-Value,

ran-PagingCycle PagingCycle,

ran-NotificationAreaInfo RAN-NotificationAreaInfo OPTIONAL, -- Need M

t380 PeriodicRNAU-TimerValue OPTIONAL, -- Need R

nextHopChainingCount NextHopChainingCount,

...,

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sl-UEIdentityRemote-r17 RNTI-Value OPTIONAL, -- Cond L2RemoteUE

sdt-Config-r17 SetupRelease { SDT-Config-r17 } OPTIONAL, -- Need M

srs-PosRRC-Inactive-r17 SetupRelease { SRS-PosRRC-Inactive-r17 } OPTIONAL, -- Need M

ran-ExtendedPagingCycle-r17 ExtendedPagingCycle-r17 OPTIONAL -- Cond RANPaging

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}

PeriodicRNAU-TimerValue ::= ENUMERATED { min5, min10, min20, min30, min60, min120, min360, min720}

CellReselectionPriorities ::= SEQUENCE {

freqPriorityListEUTRA FreqPriorityListEUTRA OPTIONAL, -- Need M

freqPriorityListNR FreqPriorityListNR OPTIONAL, -- Need M

t320 ENUMERATED {min5, min10, min20, min30, min60, min120, min180, spare1} OPTIONAL, -- Need R

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freqPriorityListDedicatedSlicing-r17 FreqPriorityListDedicatedSlicing-r17 OPTIONAL -- Need M

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}

PagingCycle ::= ENUMERATED {rf32, rf64, rf128, rf256}

ExtendedPagingCycle-r17 ::= ENUMERATED {rf256, rf512, rf1024, spare1}

FreqPriorityListEUTRA ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxFreq)) OF FreqPriorityEUTRA

FreqPriorityListNR ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxFreq)) OF FreqPriorityNR

FreqPriorityEUTRA ::= SEQUENCE {

carrierFreq ARFCN-ValueEUTRA,

cellReselectionPriority CellReselectionPriority,

cellReselectionSubPriority CellReselectionSubPriority OPTIONAL -- Need R

}

FreqPriorityNR ::= SEQUENCE {

carrierFreq ARFCN-ValueNR,

cellReselectionPriority CellReselectionPriority,

cellReselectionSubPriority CellReselectionSubPriority OPTIONAL -- Need R

}

RAN-NotificationAreaInfo ::= CHOICE {

cellList PLMN-RAN-AreaCellList,

ran-AreaConfigList PLMN-RAN-AreaConfigList,

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}

PLMN-RAN-AreaCellList ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1.. maxPLMNIdentities)) OF PLMN-RAN-AreaCell

PLMN-RAN-AreaCell ::= SEQUENCE {

plmn-Identity PLMN-Identity OPTIONAL, -- Need S

ran-AreaCells SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..32)) OF CellIdentity

}

PLMN-RAN-AreaConfigList ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxPLMNIdentities)) OF PLMN-RAN-AreaConfig

PLMN-RAN-AreaConfig ::= SEQUENCE {

plmn-Identity PLMN-Identity OPTIONAL, -- Need S

ran-Area SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..16)) OF RAN-AreaConfig

}

RAN-AreaConfig ::= SEQUENCE {

trackingAreaCode TrackingAreaCode,

ran-AreaCodeList SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..32)) OF RAN-AreaCode OPTIONAL -- Need R

}

SDT-Config-r17 ::= SEQUENCE {

sdt-DRB-List-r17 SEQUENCE (SIZE (0..maxDRB)) OF DRB-Identity OPTIONAL, -- Need M

sdt-SRB2-Indication-r17 ENUMERATED {allowed} OPTIONAL, -- Need R

sdt-MAC-PHY-CG-Config-r17 SetupRelease {SDT-CG-Config-r17} OPTIONAL, -- Need M

sdt-DRB-ContinueROHC-r17 ENUMERATED { cell, rna } OPTIONAL -- Need S

}

SDT-CG-Config-r17 ::= OCTET STRING (CONTAINING SDT-MAC-PHY-CG-Config-r17)

SDT-MAC-PHY-CG-Config-r17 ::= SEQUENCE {

-- CG-SDT specific configuration

cg-SDT-ConfigLCH-RestrictionToAddModList-r17 SEQUENCE (SIZE(1..maxLC-ID)) OF CG-SDT-ConfigLCH-Restriction-r17 OPTIONAL, -- Need N

cg-SDT-ConfigLCH-RestrictionToReleaseList-r17 SEQUENCE (SIZE(1..maxLC-ID)) OF LogicalChannelIdentity OPTIONAL, -- Need N

cg-SDT-ConfigInitialBWP-NUL-r17 SetupRelease {BWP-UplinkDedicatedSDT-r17} OPTIONAL, -- Need M

cg-SDT-ConfigInitialBWP-SUL-r17 SetupRelease {BWP-UplinkDedicatedSDT-r17} OPTIONAL, -- Need M

cg-SDT-ConfigInitialBWP-DL-r17 BWP-DownlinkDedicatedSDT-r17 OPTIONAL, -- Need M

cg-SDT-TimeAlignmentTimer-r17 TimeAlignmentTimer OPTIONAL, -- Need M

cg-SDT-RSRP-ThresholdSSB-r17 RSRP-Range OPTIONAL, -- Need M

cg-SDT-TA-ValidationConfig-r17 SetupRelease { CG-SDT-TA-ValidationConfig-r17 } OPTIONAL, -- Need M

cg-SDT-CS-RNTI-r17 RNTI-Value OPTIONAL, -- Need M

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}

CG-SDT-TA-ValidationConfig-r17 ::= SEQUENCE {

cg-SDT-RSRP-ChangeThreshold-r17 ENUMERATED { dB2, dB4, dB6, dB8, dB10, dB14, dB18, dB22,

dB26, dB30, dB34, spare5, spare4, spare3, spare2, spare1}

}

BWP-DownlinkDedicatedSDT-r17 ::= SEQUENCE {

pdcch-Config-r17 SetupRelease { PDCCH-Config } OPTIONAL, -- Need M

pdsch-Config-r17 SetupRelease { PDSCH-Config } OPTIONAL, -- Need M

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}

BWP-UplinkDedicatedSDT-r17 ::= SEQUENCE {

pusch-Config-r17 SetupRelease { PUSCH-Config } OPTIONAL, -- Need M

configuredGrantConfigToAddModList-r17 ConfiguredGrantConfigToAddModList-r16 OPTIONAL, -- Need N

configuredGrantConfigToReleaseList-r17 ConfiguredGrantConfigToReleaseList-r16 OPTIONAL, -- Need N

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}

CG-SDT-ConfigLCH-Restriction-r17 ::= SEQUENCE {

logicalChannelIdentity-r17 LogicalChannelIdentity,

configuredGrantType1Allowed-r17 ENUMERATED {true} OPTIONAL, -- Need R

allowedCG-List-r17 SEQUENCE (SIZE (0.. maxNrofConfiguredGrantConfigMAC-1-r16)) OF ConfiguredGrantConfigIndexMAC-r16

OPTIONAL -- Need R

}

SRS-PosRRC-Inactive-r17 ::= OCTET STRING (CONTAINING SRS-PosRRC-InactiveConfig-r17)

SRS-PosRRC-InactiveConfig-r17 ::= SEQUENCE {

srs-PosConfigNUL-r17 SRS-PosConfig-r17 OPTIONAL, -- Need R

srs-PosConfigSUL-r17 SRS-PosConfig-r17 OPTIONAL, -- Need R

bwp-NUL-r17 BWP OPTIONAL, -- Need S

bwp-SUL-r17 BWP OPTIONAL, -- Need S

inactivePosSRS-TimeAlignmentTimer-r17 TimeAlignmentTimer OPTIONAL, -- Need M

inactivePosSRS-RSRP-changeThreshold-r17 RSRP-ChangeThreshold-r17 OPTIONAL -- Need M

}

RSRP-ChangeThreshold-r17 ::= ENUMERATED {dB4, dB6, dB8, dB10, dB14, dB18, dB22, dB26, dB30, dB34, spare6, spare5, spare4, spare3, spare2, spare1}

SRS-PosConfig-r17 ::= SEQUENCE {

srs-PosResourceSetToReleaseList-r17 SEQUENCE (SIZE(1..maxNrofSRS-PosResourceSets-r16)) OF SRS-PosResourceSetId-r16 OPTIONAL,-- Need N

srs-PosResourceSetToAddModList-r17 SEQUENCE (SIZE(1..maxNrofSRS-PosResourceSets-r16)) OF SRS-PosResourceSet-r16 OPTIONAL,-- Need N

srs-PosResourceToReleaseList-r17 SEQUENCE (SIZE(1..maxNrofSRS-PosResources-r16)) OF SRS-PosResourceId-r16 OPTIONAL,-- Need N

srs-PosResourceToAddModList-r17 SEQUENCE (SIZE(1..maxNrofSRS-PosResources-r16)) OF SRS-PosResource-r16 OPTIONAL -- Need N

}

-- TAG-RRCRELEASE-STOP

-- ASN1STOP

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| *RRCRelease-IEs* field descriptions |
| ***cnType***  Indicate that the UE is redirected to EPC or 5GC. |
| ***deprioritisationReq***  Indicates whether the current frequency or RAT is to be de-prioritised. |
| ***deprioritisationTimer***  Indicates the period for which either the current carrier frequency or NR is deprioritised. Value *minN* corresponds to N minutes. |
| ***measIdleConfig***  Indicates measurement configuration to be stored and used by the UE while in RRC\_IDLE or RRC\_INACTIVE. |
| ***mpsPriorityIndication***  Indicates the UE can set the establishment cause to mps-PriorityAccess for a new connection to a new RAT following a redirect to NR. If the target RAT is E-UTRA, see TS 36.331 [10]. The gNB sets the indication only for UEs authorized to receive MPS treatment as indicated by ARP and/or QoS characteristics at the gNB, and it is applicable only for this instance of release with redirection to carrier/RAT included in the *redirectedCarrierInfo* field in the *RRCRelease* message. |
| ***noLastCellUpdate***  Presence of the field indicates that the last used cell for PEI shall not be updated. When the field is absent, the UE shall update its last used cell with the current cell. |
| ***srs-PosRRCInactiveConfig***  SRS for positioning confifuration during RRC\_INACTIVE State. |
| ***suspendConfig***  Indicates configuration for the RRC\_INACTIVE state. The network does not configure *suspendConfig* when the network redirect the UE to an inter-RAT carrier frequency or if the UE is configured with a DAPS bearer. |
| ***redirectedCarrierInfo***  Indicates a carrier frequency (downlink for FDD) and is used to redirect the UE to an NR or an inter-RAT carrier frequency, by means of cell selection at transition to RRC\_IDLE or RRC\_INACTIVE as specified in TS 38.304 [20]. Based on UE capability, the network may include *redirectedCarrierInfo* in *RRCRelease* message with *suspendConfig* if this message is sent in response to an *RRCResumeRequest* or an *RRCResumeRequest1* which is triggered by the NAS layer (see 5.3.1.4 in TS 24.501 [23]). |
| ***voiceFallbackIndication***  Indicates the RRC release is triggered by EPS fallback for IMS voice as specified in TS 23.502 [43]. |
| ***cellReselectionPriorities***  Dedicated priorities to be used for cell reselection as specified in TS 38.304 [20]*.* The maximum number of NR carrier frequencies that the network can configure through *FreqPriorityListNR* and *FreqPriorityListDedicatedSlicing* together is eight. If the same frequency is configured in both *FreqPriorityListNR* and *FreqPriorityListDedicatedSlicing*, the frequency is only counted once. |

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| *CarrierInfoNR* field descriptions |
| ***carrierFreq***  Indicates the redirected NR frequency. |
| ***ssbSubcarrierSpacing***  Subcarrier spacing of SSB in the redirected SSB frequency.  Only the following values are applicable depending on the used frequency:  FR1: 15 or 30 kHz  FR2-1: 120 or 240 kHz  FR2-2: 120, 480, or 960 kHz |
| ***smtc***  The SSB periodicity/offset/duration configuration for the redirected SSB frequency. It is based on timing reference of PCell. If the field is absent, the UE uses the SMTC configured in the measObjectNR having the same SSB frequency and subcarrier spacing. |

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| *RAN-NotificationAreaInfo* field descriptions |
| ***cellList***  A list of cells configured as RAN area. |
| ***ran-AreaConfigList***  A list of RAN area codes or RA code(s) as RAN area. |

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| *PLMN-RAN-AreaConfig* field descriptions |
| ***plmn-Identity***  PLMN Identity to which the cells in *ran-Area* belong. If the field is absent the UE not in SNPN access mode uses the ID of the registered PLMN. This field is not included for UE in SNPN access mode (for UE in SNPN access mode the *ran-Area* always belongs to the registered SNPN). |
| ***ran-AreaCodeList***  The total number of RAN-AreaCodes of all PLMNs does not exceed 32. |
| ***ran-Area***  Indicates whether TA code(s) or RAN area code(s) are used for the RAN notification area. The network uses only TA code(s) or both TA code(s) and RAN area code(s) to configure a UE. The total number of TACs across all PLMNs does not exceed 16. |

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| *PLMN-RAN-AreaCell* field descriptions |
| ***plmn-Identity***  PLMN Identity to which the cells in *ran-AreaCells* belong. If the field is absent the UE not in SNPN access mode uses the ID of the registered PLMN. This field is not included for UE in SNPN access mode (for UE in SNPN access mode the *ran-AreaCells* always belongs to the registered SNPN). |
| ***ran-AreaCells***  The total number of cells of all PLMNs does not exceed 32. |

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| *SDT-Config* field descriptions |
| ***sdt-DRB-ContinueROHC***  Indicates whether the PDCP entity of the radio bearers configured for SDT continues or resets the ROHC header compression protocol during PDCP re-establishment during SDT procedure, as specified in TS 38.323 [5]. Value *cell* indicates that ROHC header compression continues when the UE resumes for SDT in the same cell as the PCell when the RRCRelease message was received. Value *rna* indicates that ROHC header compression continues when the UE resumes for SDT in a cell belonging to the same RNA as the PCell where the RRCRelease message was received. If the field is absent, the UE releases any stored value for this field and the PDCP entity of the radio bearers configured for SDT always resets the ROHC header compression protocol during PDCP re-establishment when SDT procedure is initiated, as specified in TS 38.323 [5]. |
| ***sdt-DRB-List***  Indicates the ID(s) of the DRB(s) that are configured for SDT. If size of the sequence is zero, then the UE assumes that none of the DRBs are configured for SDT. The network only configures MN terminated MCG bearers for SDT. |
| ***sdt-SRB2-Indication***  Indiates whether SRB2 is configured for SDT or not. |

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| *SDT-MAC-PHY-CG-Config* field descriptions |
| ***cg-SDT-CS-RNTI***  The CS-RNTI value for CG-SDT as specified in TS 38.321 [3]. |
| ***cg-SDT-RSRP-ThresholdSSB***  An RSRP threshold configured for SSB selection for CG-SDT as specified in TS 38.321 [3]. |
| ***cg-SDT-TA-ValidationConfig***  Configuration for the RSRP based TA validation. If this field is not configured, then the UE does not perform RSRP based TA validation. |
| ***cg-SDT-timeAlignmentTimer***  TAT value for CG-SDT as specified in TS 38.321 [3]. The network always configures this when *sdt-MAC-PHY-CG-Config* is configured. |

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| *CG-SDT-TA-ValidationConfig* field descriptions |
| ***cg-SDT-RSRP-ChangeThreshold***  The RSRP threshold for TA validation for CG-SDT as specified in TS 38.321 [3]. Value *dB2* corresponds to 2 dB, value *dB4* corresponds to 4 dB and so on. |

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| *SRS-PosRRC-InactiveConfig* field descriptions |
| ***bwp-NUL***  BWP configuration for SRS for Positioning during the RRC\_INACTIVE state in Normal Uplink Carrier. If the field is absent UE is configured with an SRS for Positioning associated with the initial UL BWP and transmitted, during the RRC\_INACTIVE state, inside the initial UL BWP with the same CP and SCS as configured for initial UL BWP. |
| ***bwp-SUL***  BWP configuration for SRS for Positioning during the RRC\_INACTIVE state in Supplementary Uplink Carrier. If the field is absent UE is configured with an SRS for Positioning associated with the initial UL BWP and transmitted, during the RRC\_INACTIVE state, inside the initial UL BWP with the same CP and SCS as configured for initial UL BWP. |
| ***inactivePosSRS-RSRP-changeThreshold***  RSRP threshold for the increase/decrease of RSRP for time alignment validation as specified in TS 38.321 [3]. |
| ***inactivePosSRS-TimeAlignmentTimer***  TAT value for SRS for positioning transmission during RRC\_INACTIVE State as specified in TS 38.321 [3]. |
| ***srs-PosConfig-NUL***  SRS for Positioning configuration in RRC\_INACTIVE state in Normal Uplink Carrier. |
| ***srs-PosConfig-SUL***  SRS for Positioning configuration in RRC\_INACTIVE state in Supplementary Uplink Carrier. |

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| *SuspendConfig* field descriptions | |
| ***ran-ExtendedPagingCycle***  The extended DRX (eDRX) cycle for RAN-initiated paging to be applied by the UE. Value *rf256* corresponds to 256 radio frames, value *rf512* corresponds to 512 radio frames and so on. Value of the field indicates an eDRX cycle which is shorter or equal to the IDLE mode eDRX cycle configured for the UE. |
| ***ran-NotificationAreaInfo***  Network ensures that the UE in RRC\_INACTIVE always has a valid *ran-NotificationAreaInfo*. | |
| ***ran-PagingCycle***  Refers to the UE specific cycle for RAN-initiated paging. Value *rf32* corresponds to 32 radio frames, value *rf64* corresponds to 64 radio frames and so on. | |
| ***sl-UEIdentityRemote***  Indicates the C-RNTI to the L2 U2N Remote UE. | |
| ***t380***  Refers to the timer that triggers the periodic RNAU procedure in UE. Value *min5* corresponds to 5 minutes, value *min10* corresponds to 10 minutes and so on. | |

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| Conditional Presence | Explanation |
| *L2RemoteUE* | The field is mandatory present for L2 U2N Remote UE's RNAU; otherwise it is absent. |
| *RANPaging* | This field is optionally present, Need R, if the UE is configured with eDRX in IDLE mode, see TS 24.401 [23]; otherwise the field is not present. |
| *Redirection2* | The field is optionally present, Need R, if *redirectedCarrierInfo* is included; otherwise the field is not present. |

### 6.3.1 System information blocks

*<Partially omitted>*

#### – *SIB16*

SIB16 contains configurations of slice-based cell reselection information.

*SIB16* information element

-- ASN1START

-- TAG-SIB16-START

SIB16-r17 ::= SEQUENCE {

freqPriorityListSlicing-r17 FreqPriorityListSlicing-r17 OPTIONAL, -- Need R

lateNonCriticalExtension OCTET STRING OPTIONAL,

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}

-- TAG-SIB16-STOP

-- ASN1STOP

| *SIB16* field descriptions |
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| ***freqPriorityListSlicing***  This field indicates cell reselection priorities for slicing. |

### 6.3.2 Radio resource control information elements

*<Partially omitted>*

#### – *BWP-UplinkCommon*

The IE *BWP-UplinkCommon* is used to configure the common parameters of an uplink BWP. They are "cell specific" and the network ensures the necessary alignment with corresponding parameters of other UEs. The common parameters of the initial bandwidth part of the PCell are also provided via system information. For all other serving cells, the network provides the common parameters via dedicated signalling.

*BWP-UplinkCommon* information element

-- ASN1START

-- TAG-BWP-UPLINKCOMMON-START

BWP-UplinkCommon ::= SEQUENCE {

genericParameters BWP,

rach-ConfigCommon SetupRelease { RACH-ConfigCommon } OPTIONAL, -- Need M

pusch-ConfigCommon SetupRelease { PUSCH-ConfigCommon } OPTIONAL, -- Need M

pucch-ConfigCommon SetupRelease { PUCCH-ConfigCommon } OPTIONAL, -- Need M

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rach-ConfigCommonIAB-r16 SetupRelease { RACH-ConfigCommon } OPTIONAL, -- Need M

useInterlacePUCCH-PUSCH-r16 ENUMERATED {enabled} OPTIONAL, -- Need R

msgA-ConfigCommon-r16 SetupRelease { MsgA-ConfigCommon-r16 } OPTIONAL -- Cond SpCellOnly2

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enableRA-PrioritizationForSlicing-r17 BOOLEAN OPTIONAL, -- Cond RA-PrioSliceAI

additionalRACH-ConfigList-r17 SetupRelease { AdditionalRACH-ConfigList-r17 } OPTIONAL, -- Cond SpCellOnly2

rsrp-ThresholdMsg3-r17 RSRP-Range OPTIONAL, -- Need R

numberOfMsg3-RepetitionsList-r17 SEQUENCE (SIZE (4)) OF NumberOfMsg3-Repetitions-r17 OPTIONAL, -- Cond Msg3Rep

mcs-Msg3-Repetitions-r17 SEQUENCE (SIZE (8)) OF INTEGER (0..31) OPTIONAL -- Cond Msg3Rep

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}

AdditionalRACH-ConfigList-r17 ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE(1..maxAdditionalRACH-r17)) OF AdditionalRACH-Config-r17

AdditionalRACH-Config-r17 ::= SEQUENCE {

rach-ConfigCommon-r17 RACH-ConfigCommon OPTIONAL, -- Need R

msgA-ConfigCommon-r17 MsgA-ConfigCommon-r16 OPTIONAL, -- Need R

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}

NumberOfMsg3-Repetitions-r17::= ENUMERATED {n1, n2, n3, n4, n7, n8, n12, n16}

-- TAG-BWP-UPLINKCOMMON-STOP

-- ASN1STOP

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| *BWP-UplinkCommon* field descriptions |
| ***additionalRACH-ConfigList***  List of feature or feature combination-specific RACH configurations, i.e. the RACH configurations configured in addition to the one configured by *rach-ConfigCommon* and by *msgA-ConfigCommon*. The network associates all possible preambles of an additional RACH configuration to a feature or feature combination. |
| ***enableRA-PrioritizationForSlicing***  Indicates whether or not the *ra-PrioritizationForSlicing/ra-PrioritizationForSlicingTwoStep* should override the *ra-PrioritizationForAccessIdentity*. The field is applicable only when the UE is configured by upper layers with both NSAG and Access Identity 1 or 2. If value *TRUE* is configured, the UE should only apply the *ra-PrioritizationForSlicing/ra-PrioritizationForSlicingTwoStep*. If value *FALSE* is configured, the UE should only apply *ra-PrioritizationForAccessIdentity*. If the field is absent, whether to use *ra-PrioritizationForSlicing/ra-PrioritizationForSlicingTwoStep* or *ra-PrioritizationForAccessIdentity* is up to UE implementation. |
| ***mcs-Msg3-Repetitions***  Configuration of eight candidate MCS indexes for PUSCH transmission scheduled by RAR UL grant and DCI format 0\_0 with CRC scrambled by TC-RNTI. Only the first 4 configured or default MCS indexes are used for PUSCH transmission scheduled by RAR UL grant. If this field is absent when the set(s) of Random Access resources with MSG3 repetition indication are configured in the *BWP-UplinkCommon*, the UE shall apply the values {0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7} (see see TS 38.214 [19], clause 6.1.4). |
| ***msgA-ConfigCommon***  Configuration of the cell specific PRACH and PUSCH resource parameters for transmission of MsgA in 2-step random access type procedure. The NW can configure *msgA-ConfigCommon* only for UL BWPs if the linked DL BWPs (same bwp-Id as UL-BWP) are the initial DL BWPs or DL BWPs containing the SSB associated to the initial BL BWP |
| ***numberOfMsg3-RepetitionsList***  The number of repetitions for PUSCH transmission scheduled by RAR UL grant and DCI format 0\_0 with CRC scrambled by TC-RNTI. If this field is absent when the set(s) of Random Access resources with MSG3 repetition indication are configured in the *BWP-UplinkCommon*, the UE shall apply the values {n1, n2, n3, n4} (see see TS 38.214 [19], clause 6.1.2.1). |
| ***pucch-ConfigCommon***  Cell specific parameters for the PUCCH of this BWP. |
| ***pusch-ConfigCommon***  Cell specific parameters for the PUSCH of this BWP. |
| ***rach-ConfigCommon***  Configuration of cell specific random access parameters which the UE uses for contention based and contention free random access as well as for contention based beam failure recovery in this BWP. The NW configures SSB-based RA (and hence *RACH-ConfigCommon*) only for UL BWPs if the linked DL BWPs (same *bwp-Id* as UL-BWP) are the initial DL BWPs or DL BWPs containing the SSB associated to the initial DL BWP or for RedCap UEs DL BWPs associated with *nonCellDefiningSSB*. The network configures *rach-ConfigCommon*, whenever it configures contention free random access (for reconfiguration with sync or for beam failure recovery). |
| ***rach-ConfigCommonIAB***  Configuration of cell specific random access parameters for the IAB-MT. The IAB specific IAB RACH configuration is used by IAB-MT, if configured. |
| ***rsrp-ThresholdMsg3***  Threshold used by the UE for determining whether to select resources indicating Msg3 repetition in this BWP, as specified in TS 38.321 [3]. The field is mandatory if both set(s) of Random Access resources with MSG3 repetition indication and set(s) of Random Access resources without MSG3 repetition indication are configured in the BWP. It is absent otherwise. |
| ***useInterlacePUCCH-PUSCH***  If the field is present, the UE uses uplink frequency domain resource allocation Type 2 for cell-specific PUSCH, e.g., PUSCH scheduled by RAR UL grant (see 38.213 clause 8.3 and 38.214 clause 6.1.2.2) and uses interlaced PUCCH Format 0 and 1 for cell-specific PUCCH (see TS 38.213 [13], clause 9.2.1). |

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| Conditional Presence | Explanation |
| *Msg3Rep* | This field is optional present, Need S, if the set(s) of Random Access resources with MSG3 repetition indication are configured in the *BWP-UplinkCommon*. It is absent otherwise. |
| *RA-PrioSliceAI* | The field is optionally present in *SIB1*, Need R, if both parameters *ra-PrioritizationForAccessIdentity* and the *ra-PrioritizationForSlicing/ra-PrioritizationForSlicingTwoStep* are present in *SIB1*. It is absent otherwise. |
| *SpCellOnly2* | The field is optionally present, Need M, in the *BWP-UplinkCommon* of an SpCell. It is absent otherwise. |

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#### – *FreqPriorityListDedicatedSlicing*

The IE *FreqPriorityListDedicatedSlicing* provides dedicated cell reselection priorities for slicing in *RRCRelease*.

*FreqPriorityListDedicatedSlicing* information element

-- ASN1START

-- TAG-FREQPRIORITYLISTDEDICATEDSLICING-START

FreqPriorityListDedicatedSlicing-r17 ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1.. maxFreq)) OF FreqPriorityDedicatedSlicing-r17

FreqPriorityDedicatedSlicing-r17 ::= SEQUENCE {

dl-ExplicitCarrierFreq-r17 ARFCN-ValueNR,

sliceInfoListDedicated-r17 SliceInfoListDedicated-r17 OPTIONAL -- Need R

}

SliceInfoListDedicated-r17 ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxSliceInfo-r17)) OF SliceInfoDedicated-r17

SliceInfoDedicated-r17 ::= SEQUENCE {

nsag-IdentityInfo-r17 NSAG-IdentityInfo-r17,

nsag-CellReselectionPriority-r17 CellReselectionPriority OPTIONAL, -- Cond Mandatory

nsag-CellReselectionSubPriority-r17 CellReselectionSubPriority OPTIONAL -- Need R

}

-- TAG-FREQPRIORITYLISTDEDICATEDSLICING-STOP

-- ASN1STOP

| *FreqPriorityDedicatedSlicing* field descriptions |
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| ***dl-ExplicitCarrierFreq***  Indicates the downlink carrier frequency to which *SliceInfoListDedicated* is associated. |
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| Conditional Presence | Explanation |
| *Mandatory* | The field is mandatory present. |

#### – *FreqPriorityListSlicing*

The IE *FreqPriorityListSlicing* indicates cell reselection priorities for slicing in SIB16.

*FreqPriorityListSlicing* information element

-- ASN1START

-- TAG-FREQPRIORITYLISTSLICING-START

FreqPriorityListSlicing-r17 ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxFreqPlus1)) OF FreqPrioritySlicing-r17

FreqPrioritySlicing-r17 ::= SEQUENCE {

dl-ImplicitCarrierFreq-r17 INTEGER (0..maxFreq),

sliceInfoList-r17 SliceInfoList-r17 OPTIONAL -- Need R

}

SliceInfoList-r17 ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxSliceInfo-r17)) OF SliceInfo-r17

SliceInfo-r17 ::= SEQUENCE {

nsag-IdentityInfo-r17 NSAG-IdentityInfo-r17,

nsag-CellReselectionPriority-r17 CellReselectionPriority OPTIONAL, -- Cond Mandatory

nsag-CellReselectionSubPriority-r17 CellReselectionSubPriority OPTIONAL, -- Need R

sliceCellListNR-r17 CHOICE {

sliceAllowedCellListNR-r17 SliceCellListNR-r17,

sliceExcludedCellListNR-r17 SliceCellListNR-r17

} OPTIONAL -- Need R

}

SliceCellListNR-r17 ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE (1..maxCellSlice-r17)) OF PCI-Range

-- TAG-FREQPRIORITYLISTSLICING-STOP

-- ASN1STOP

| *FreqPriorityListSlicing* field descriptions |
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| ***dl-ImplicitCarrierFreq***  Indicates the downlink carrier frequency to which *sliceInfoList* is associated with. The frequency is signalled implicitly, value 0 corresponds to the serving frequency, value 1 corresponds to the first frequency indicated by the *InterFreqCarrierFreqList* in SIB4, and value 2 coresponds to the second frequency indicated by the *InterFreqCarrierFreqList* in SIB4, and so on. |
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| *SliceInfo* field descriptions |
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| ***sliceAllowedCellListNR***  List of allow-listed serving cell (on the serving frequency) and neighbouring cells for slicing. If present, the cells listed in this list support the corresponding nsag-frequency pair, and the cells not listed in this list do not support the corresponding nsag-frequency pair, according to 38.304 [20], clause 5.2.4.11. |
| ***sliceCellListNR***  Contains either the list of allow-listed or exclude-listed serving cell (on the serving frequency) and neighbour cells for slicing. If absent, it implies all the serving cell (on the serving frequency) and neighbour cells support the corresponding nsag-frequency pair, according to 38.304 [20], clause 5.2.4.11. |
| ***sliceExcludedCellListNR***  List of exclude-listed serving cell (on the serving frequency) and neighbouring cells for slicing. If present, the cells listed in this list do not support the corresponding nsag-frequency pair, and the cells not listed in this list support the corresponding nsag-frequency pair, according to 38.304 [20], clause 5.2.4.11. |

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| Conditional Presence | Explanation |
| *Mandatory* | The field is mandatory present. |

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#### – *NSAG-IdentityInfo*

The IE *NSAG-IdentityInfo* is used to identify an NSAG (TS 23.501 [32]) for slice-based cell reselection.

*NSAG-IdentityInfo* information element

-- ASN1START

-- TAG-NSAG-IDENTITYINFO-START

NSAG-IdentityInfo-r17 ::= SEQUENCE {

nsag-ID-r17 NSAG-ID-r17,

trackingAreaCode-r17 TrackingAreaCode OPTIONAL -- Need R

}

-- TAG-NSAG-IDENTITYINFO-STOP

-- ASN1STOP

| *NSAG-IdentityInfo* field descriptions |
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| ***trackingAreaCode***  If absent, UE assumes the *trackingAreaCode*of the serving cell. |

#### – *NSAG-ID*

The IE *NSAG-ID* is used to identify an NSAG (TS 23.501 [32]) for slice-based cell reselection or slice-based random access.

*NSAG-ID* information element

-- ASN1START

-- TAG-NSAG-ID-START

NSAG-ID-r17 ::= BIT STRING (SIZE (8))

-- TAG-NSAG-ID-STOP

-- ASN1STOP