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

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| ***Title:*** | NSACF update by multiple consumer NFs | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Source to WG:*** | Lenovo, Motorola Mobility, Samsung, NEC | | | | | | | | | |
| ***Source to TSG:*** | SA2 | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Work item code:*** | eNS\_Ph2 | | | | |  | ***Date:*** | | | 2021-08-01 |
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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 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-12 (Release 12)* *Rel-13 (Release 13) Rel-14 (Release 14) Rel-15 (Release 15) Rel-16 (Release 16)* | |
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| ***Reason for change:*** | | In SA2#145E meeting, it was agreed that the NSACF may temporary store multiple registration entries for the same UE: the existing entry and an entry from the new AMF. When the NSACF receives an update request to 'decrease' the UE count, the NSACF removes the old entry.  However, it is still unlcear whether the use of the term "temporary" is correct, as in the case of different SMF +PGW-Cs sending the update request for maximum number of UEs to the NSACF, the NSACF stores the multiple entries for the same UE until the SMF +PGW-C send an update to decrease the number of UEs (i.e. which happens durinng PDN Connection release).  TBD… | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Summary of change:*** | | The following changes are proposed:   * The NF sending the update request for maximum number of UEs to the NSACF includes its NF ID. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Consequences if not approved:*** | | If the NSACF stores multiple entries for the same UE ID, it is unlcear how the entries are identified and how the NSACF knows which entry to delete when receiving an update to decrease the number of UEs. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Clauses affected:*** | | 4.2.11.2 | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Other specs*** | |  | **X** | Other core specifications | | | | TS/TR ... CR xxxx | | |
| ***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:*** | |  | | | | | | | | |

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4.2.11.2 Number of UEs per network slice availability check and update procedure

The number of UEs per network slice availability check and update procedure is to update (i.e. increase or decrease) the number of UEs registered with a S-NSSAI which is subject to NSAC. The AMF is configured with the information indicating which network slice is subject to NSAC.

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**Figure 4.2.11.2-1: Number of UEs per network slice availability check and update procedure**

1. If the AMF is not aware of which NSACF to communicate, the AMF performs NSACF discovery as described in clause 6.3.22 of TS 23.501 [2] and in clause 5.2.7.3.2. The AMF triggers the Number of UEs per network slice availability check and update procedure to update the number of UEs registered with a network slice when a network slice subject to NSAC is included in the Allowed NSSAI (i.e. the AMF requests to register the UE with the S-NSSAI) or removed from the Allowed NSSAI (i.e. the AMF requests to de-register the UE from the S-NSSAI) for a UE. The trigger event at the AMF also includes the change of Allowed NSSAI in case of inter-AMF mobility. The procedure is triggered in the following cases:

- At UE Registration procedure, according to clause 4.2.2.2.2 (including Registration types of Initial Registration or Mobility Registration Update in inter-AMF mobility in CM-CONNECTED or CM-IDLE state):

- before the Registration Accept in step 21 if the EAC mode is active; or

- after the Registration Accept message if the EAC mode is not active;

- At UE Deregistration procedure, as per clause 4.2.2.3, after the Deregistration procedure is completed;

- At UE Configuration Update procedure (which may result from NSSAA procedure or subscribed S-NSSAI change):

- before the UE Configuration Update message if the EAC mode is active; or

- after the UE Configuration Update message if the EAC mode is not active;

NOTE 1: Depending on the deployment, there may be different NSACF for different S-NSSAI subject to NSAC, and hence, during the registration, AMF triggers the Number of UEs per network slice availability check and update procedure to multiple NSACFs.

2. The AMF sends Nnsacf\_NumberOfUEsPerSliceAvailabilityCheckAndUpdate\_Request message to the NSACF. The AMF includes in the message the UE ID, access type, the S-NSSAI(s), the NF ID and the update flag which indicates whether the number of UEs registered with the S-NSSAI(s) is to be increased when the UE has gained registration to network slice(s) subject to NSAC or the number of UEs registered with the S-NSSAI(s) is to be decreased when the UE has deregistered from S-NSSAI(s) or could not renew its registration to an S-NSSAI subject to NSAC.

3. The NSACF updates the current number of UEs registered for the S-NSSAI, i.e. increases or decrease the number of UEs registered per network slice based on the information provided by the AMF in the update flag parameter.

If the update flag parameter from the AMF indicates increase, the following applies:

- If the UE ID is already in the list of UEs registered with the network slice, the current number of UEs is not increased as the UE has already been counted as registered with the network slice. The NSACF creates a new entry associated with this new update and shall also maintains the old entry associated with previous update. The multiple entries for the same UE ID in the NSACF are differentiated based on the NF ID of the NF sending the update request. The NSACF removes the entry associated with the NF ID upon reception of a request having update flag indicating decrease.

NOTE 2: The use case of having two or more entries in the NSACF for the same UE can happen during (a) inter-AMF mobility when there is no UE context transfer and the UE requests to register with S-NSSAI(s) subject to NSAC already used in the old AMF or (b) PDN connections with the EPC when multiple SMF +PGW-Cs send update requests for maximum number of UEs to the NSACF.

- If the UE ID is not in the list of UE IDs registered with the network slice and the maximum number of UEs registered with the network slice has not been reached yet, the NSACF adds the UE ID in the list of UEs registered with the network slice and increases the current number of the UEs registered with the network slice. If the UE ID is not in the list of UEs registered with that S-NSSAI and the maximum number of UEs for that S-NSSAI has already been reached, then the NSACF returns a result parameter indicating that the maximum number of UEs registered with the network slice has been reached.

If the update flag parameter from the AMF indicates decrease and if there is only one entry associated with the UE ID, the NSACF removes the UE ID from the list of UEs registered with the network slice for each of the S-NSSAI(s) indicated in the request from the AMF and also the NSACF decreases the number of UEs per network slice that is maintained by the NSACF for each of these network slices. If there are multiple entries associated with the UE ID, the NSACF removes the entry associated with the NF ID.

The NSACF takes access type into account for increasing and decreasing the number of UEs per network slice as described in clause 5.15.11.1 of TS 23.501 [2].

4. The NSACF returns the Nnsacf\_NumberOfUEsPerSliceAvailabilityCheckAndUpdate\_Response in which the NSACF includes the S-NSSAI(s) for which the maximum number of UEs per network slice has already been reached along with a result parameter indicating that the maximum number of UEs registered with the network slice has been reached.

At UE Registration procedure, if only some of the S-NSSAIs reached the maximum number of UEs per S-NSSAI, the AMF sends a Registration Accept message to the UE in which the AMF includes the rejected S-NSSAI(s) in the rejected NSSAI list for which the NSACF has indicated that the maximum number of UEs per network slice has been reached, and for each rejected S-NSSAI the AMF includes a reject cause set to 'maximum number of UEs per network slice reached' and optionally a back-off timer.

When for all the Requested S-NSSAI(s) provided in step 2 the NSACF returned the maximum number of UEs per network slice has been reached and if one or more subscribed S-NSSAIs are marked as default in the subscription data and not subject to Network Slice Admission Control, the AMF can decide to include these Default Subscribed S-NSSAIs in the Allowed NSSAI. Otherwise, the AMF rejects the UE request for registration. In the Registration Reject message the AMF includes the rejected S-NSSAI(s) in the rejected NSSAI parameter, and for each rejected S-NSSAI the AMF includes a reject cause to indicate that the maximum number of UEs per network slice has been reached and optionally a back-off timer.

NOTE 3: If the use case requires the UE to remain reachable at all times with at least one slice, it is recommended that at least one of the Subscribed S-NSSAIs is marked as the default S-NSSAI which is not subject to Network Slice Admission Control. This will ensure the UE is able to access to services even when maximum number of UEs per network slice has been reached.

Editor's note: It is FFS whether and how to restrict the signalling sent from the AMFs to the NSACF in case the maximum number of UEs has been reached for prolonged time.

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5.2.21 Network Slice Admission Control Function (NSACF) services

5.2.21.1 General

The following table illustrates the NSACF services.

**Table 5.2.21.1-1: List of NSACF services**

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| **Service Name** | **Service Operations** | **Operation Semantics** | **Example Consumer(s)** |
| Nnsacf\_NumberOfUEsPerSlice | AvailabilityCheckAndUpdate | Request/Response | AMF, SMF + PGW-C |
|  | EACNotify |  | AMF |
| Nnascf\_NumberOfPDUsPerSlice | AvailabilityCheckAndUpdate | Request/Response | SMF, SMF + PGW-C |
| Nnsacf\_SliceEventExposure | Subscribe | Subscribe/Notify | NEF |
|  | Unsubscribe |  | NEF |
|  | Notify |  | NEF |
| Nnsacf\_SliceStatus | Retrieval | Request/Response | NEF |

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5.2.21.2.2 Nnsacf\_NumberOfUEsPerSliceAvailabilityCheckAndUpdate service operation

**Service Operation name:** Nnsacf\_NumberOfUEsPerSliceAvailabilityCheckAndUpdate

**Description:** Updates the number of UEs registered with a network slice (e.g. increase or decrease) when the UE registration status for a network slice subject to NSAC has changed. Also, if the number of the UEs registered with the network slice is to be increased and the Early Availability Check (EAC) mode in the NSACF is activated for that network slice (see Nnsacf\_NumberOfUEsPerSliceEACNotify service operation), the NSACF first checks whether the number of UEs registered with the network slice has reached the maximum number of UEs per network slice threshold. If the maximum number of UEs registered with the network slice has already been reached, the UE registration for that network slice is rejected. If the EAC is not activated, the NSACF increases or decreases the number of UEs per network slice as per the input parameters below.

**Inputs, Required:** S-NSSAI(s), UE ID (SUPI), NF ID, access type, update flag.

The S-NSSAI(s) parameter is a list of one or more network slices for which the number of UEs registered with a network slice is to be updated and checked if the maximum number of UEs per network slice threshold has already been reached.

The UE ID is used by the NSACF to maintain a list of UE IDs registered with the network slice. The NSACF also takes access type into account for increasing and decreasing the number of UEs per network slice as described in clause 5.15.11.1 of TS 23.501 [2].

The NF ID parameter is the identifier of the NF sending the request to the NSACF, e.g. AMF or SMF + PGW-C.

The update flag input parameter indicates whether the number of UEs registered with a network slice is to be:

- increased when the UE registers to a new network slice subject to NSAC. If the UE ID is already in the list of UEs registered with the network slice, the number of UEs registered with the network slice is not increased as the UE has already been counted as registered with the network slice. If the UE ID is not in the list of UE IDs registered with the network slice and the maximum number of UEs registered with the network slice has not been reached yet, the NSACF adds the UE ID in the list of UEs registered with the network slice and increases the number of the UEs registered with the network slice. If the UE\_ID is not in the list of UEs registered with that S-NSSAI and the maximum number of UEs per network slice for that S-NSSAI has already been reached, then the NSACF returns maximum number of UEs per network slice reached result;

- decreased when the UE deregisters for a network slice that is subject to NSAC. The NSACF decreases the number of the UEs registered with the network slice and removes the UE ID from the list of UEs registered with the network slice.

The NSACF may optionally return the current status of the network slice availability (e.g. a percentage out of the max number of UEs registered with a network slice) in the availability status parameter. This information may be used for NSACF signalling and load balancing in case multiple NSACFs are serving the same network slice.

Editor's note: It is FFS how to support in case multi NSACF is supported, e.g. discover the same NSACF, coordination of the local maximum number among NSACF.

**Outputs, Required:** maximum number of UEs per network slice reached, availability status.

**\* \* \* \* end of changes \* \* \* \***