**3GPP TSG-WG2 Meeting #114-e *R2-2106550***

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| *CR-Form-v12.0* |
| **CHANGE REQUEST** |
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|  | **36.331** | **CR** | **4668** | **rev** | **1** | **Current version:** | **16.4.0** |  |
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| ***Proposed change affects:*** | UICC apps |  | ME | **X** | Radio Access Network |  | Core Network |  |

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| ***Title:***  | Clarify systemInfoUnchanged-BR also transmitted in RSS |
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| ***Source to WG:*** | Qualcomm Incorporated |
| ***Source to TSG:*** | R2  |
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| ***Work item code:*** | LTE\_eMTC4-Core, TEI16 |  | ***Date:*** | 2021-05-28 |
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| ***Category:*** | **F** |  | ***Release:*** | Rel-16 |
|  | *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-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:*** | *systemInformationUnchaged-BR* is an indicator broadcast in MIB to indicate to UE whether SIB1-BR and SI messages have not changed over validity period.The same indication is also conveyed by the RSS as described in TS 36.211:“The pseudo-random sequence generator shall be initialised each subframe with $c\_{init}= N\_{ID}^{cell}+2^{9}u$, where *u* equals the value of the higher-layer parameter *systemInfoUnchanged-BR-r15* as set in subframe $i=0$.”But it is not obivous from TS 36.331 that RSS also conveys the value of the same *systemInformationUnchaged-BR* indicator. |
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| ***Summary of change:*** | 1. Make clear that *systemInfoUnchanged-BR* is carried in MIB and, if transmitted, in RSS.
2. Add note to description of *systemInfoUnchanged-BR* that the value of this indicator is also carried in RSS.

**Impact analysis**Impacted functionality:System Information Change NotificationInter-operability:If UE implements this CR but network does not then there is no inter-operability issues.If network implements this CR but UE does not then there is no inter-operability issues. |
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| ***Consequences if not approved:*** | Specification remains unclear as to whether SI unchanged indication sent in RSS is the same as SI unchanged indication sent in MIB hence unclear if same handling applies in the UE. |
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| ***Clauses affected:*** | 5.2.1.3, 6.2.2 |
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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:*** |  |

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| Start of first change |

#### 5.2.1.3 System information validity and notification of changes

Change of system information (other than for ETWS, CMAS, EAB, and UAC parameters and other than for AB parameters for NB-IoT) only occurs at specific radio frames, i.e. the concept of a modification period is used. System information may be transmitted a number of times with the same content within a modification period, as defined by its scheduling. The modification period boundaries are defined by SFN values for which SFN mod *m*= 0, where *m* is the number of radio frames comprising the modification period. The modification periodis configured by system information. If H-SFN is provided in *SystemInformationBlockType1-BR*, modification period boundaries for BL UEs and UEs in CE are defined by SFN values for which (H-SFN \* 1024 + SFN) mod *m*=0. For NB-IoT, H-SFN is always provided and the modification period boundaries are defined by SFN values for which (H-SFN \* 1024 + SFN) mod *m*=0.

To enable system information update notification for RRC\_IDLE UEs configured to use a DRX cycle longer than the modification period, an eDRX acquisition period is defined. The boundaries of the eDRX acquisition period are determined by H-SFN values for which H-SFN mod 256 =0. For NB-IoT, the boundaries of the eDRX acquisition period are determined by H-SFN values for which H-SFN mod 1024 =0.

NOTE 1: If the UE in RRC\_IDLE is configured to use extended DRX cycle, e.g., in the order of several minutes or longer, in case the eNB is reset the UE SFN may not be synchronized to the new eNB SFN. The UE is expected to recover, e.g., acquire MIB within a reasonable time, to avoid repeated paging failures.

NOTE 1a: For the UE in RRC\_INACTIVE, the idle mode extended DRX cycle, if configured, is used to compare with the modification period.

When the network changes (some of the) system information, it first notifies the UEs about this change, i.e. this may be done throughout a modification period. In the next modification period, the network transmits the updated system information. During a modification period where ETWS or CMAS transmission is started or stopped, the SI messages carrying the SIBs scheduled in *schedulingInfoListExt* and/or SI messages carrying the posSIBs scheduled in *posSchedulingInfoList* may change, so the UE might not be able to successfully receive those SIBs and/or posSIBs in the remainder of the current modification period and next modification period according to the scheduling information received prior to the change. These general principles are illustrated in figure 5.2.1.3-1, in which different colours indicate different system information. Upon receiving a change notification, the UE not configured to use a DRX cycle that is longer than the modification period acquires the new system information immediately from the start of the next modification period. Upon receiving a change notification applicable to eDRX, a UE in RRC\_IDLE configured to use a DRX cycle that is longer than the modification period acquires the updated system information immediately from the start of the next eDRX acquisition period. The UE applies the previously acquired system information until the UE acquires the new system information. The possible boundaries of modification for *SystemInformationBlockType1-BR* are defined by SFN values for which SFN mod 512 = 0 except for notification of ETWS/CMAS for which the eNB may change *SystemInformationBlockType1-BR* content at any time. For NB-IoT, the possible boundaries of modification for *SystemInformationBlockType1-NB* are defined by SFN values for which (H-SFN \* 1024 + SFN) mod 4096 = 0.



Figure 5.2.1.3-1: Change of system Information

The *Paging* message is used to inform UEs in RRC\_IDLE and UEs in RRC\_CONNECTED about a system information change. If the UE is in RRC\_CONNECTED or is not configured to use a DRX cycle longer than the modification period in RRC\_IDLE, and receives a *Paging* message including the *systemInfoModification*, it knows that the system information will change at the next modification period boundary. A UE in RRC\_IDLE that is configured to use a DRX cycle longer than the modification period, and receives in an eDRX acquisition period at least one *Paging* message including the *systemInfoModification-eDRX*, shall acquire the updated system information at the next eDRX acquisition period boundary. Although the UE may be informed about changes in system information, no further details are provided e.g. regarding which system information will change, except if *systemInfoValueTagSI* is received by BL UEs or UEs in CE.

In RRC\_CONNECTED, BL UEs or UEs inCEor NB-IoT UEs are not required to acquire system information except when T311 is running, or upon handover where the UE is only required to acquire the *MasterInformationBlock* in the target PCell, or for UEs in CE to receive ETWS/CMAS information. In RRC\_IDLE, E-UTRAN may notify BL UEs or UEs inCEorNB-IoT UEs about SI update, and except for NB-IoT, ETWS and CMAS notification, EAB modification and UAC modification, using Direct Indication information, as specified in 6.6 (or 6.7.5 in NB-IoT) and TS 36.212 [22].

NOTE 2: Upon system information change essential for BL UEs, UEs in CE, or NB-IoT UEs in RRC\_CONNECTED, E-UTRAN may initiate connection release.

*SystemInformationBlockType1* (or *MasterInformationBlock-NB/ MasterInformationBlock-TDD-NB* in NB-IoT) includes a value tag *systemInfoValueTag*, that indicates if a change has occurred in the SI messages. UEs may use *systemInfoValueTag*, e.g. upon return from out of coverage, to verify if the previously stored SI messages are still valid. *MasterInformationBlock* and RSS (if transmitted, see TS 36.211 [21]) may indicate, using *systemInfoUnchanged-BR,* that a change has not occurred in the SIB1-BR and SI messages of the current cell at least over the SI validity time; BL UEs or UEs in CE may use the *systemInfoUnchanged-BR*, e.g. upon return from out of coverage, to verify if the previously stored SIB1-BR and SI messages are still valid. Additionally, for other than BL UEs or UEs in CE or NB-IoT UEs, the UE considers stored system information to be invalid after 3 hours from the moment it was successfully confirmed as valid, unless specified otherwise. BL UE or UE in CE considers stored system information to be invalid after 24 hours from the moment it was successfully confirmed as valid, unless the UE is configured by parameter *si-ValidityTime* to consider stored system information to be invalid 3 hours after validity confirmation. NB-IoT UE considers stored system information to be invalid after 24 hours from the moment it was successfully confirmed as valid. If a BL UE, UE in CE or NB-IoT UE in RRC\_CONNECTED state considers the stored system information invalid, the UE shall continue using the stored system information while in RRC\_CONNECTED state in the serving cell.

For BL UEs or UEs in CE or NB-IoT UEs, the change of specific SI message can additionally be indicated by a SI message specific value tag *systemInfoValueTagSI.* If *systemInfoValueTag* included in the *SystemInformationBlockType1-BR* (or *MasterInformationBlock-NB/ MasterInformationBlock-TDD-NB* in NB-IoT) is different from the one of the stored system information and if *systemInfoValueTagSI* is included in the *SystemInformationBlockType1-BR* (or *SystemInformationBlockType1-NB* in NB-IoT)for a specific SI messageand is different from the stored one, the UE shall consider this specific SI message to be invalid. If only *systemInfoValueTag* is included and is different from the stored one, the BL UE or UE in CE should consider any stored system information except *SystemInformationBlockType10*, *SystemInformationBlockType11*, *SystemInformationBlockType12,* *SystemInformationBlockType14* and *SystemInformationBlockType25* to be invalid; the NB-IoT UE should consider any stored system information except *SystemInformationBlockType14-NB* to be invalid.

On MBMS-dedicated cell and on FeMBMS/Unicast-mixed cell, the change of system information and ETWS/CMAS notification is indicated by using Direct Indication FeMBMS defined in 6.6a. The modification periodicity follows MCCH modification periodicity as defined in 5.8.1.3.

E-UTRAN may not update *systemInfoValueTag* upon change of some system information e.g. ETWS information, CMAS information, RLOS indication (i.e., *rlos-Enabled*), regularly changing parameters like time information (*SystemInformationBlockType8*, *SystemInformationBlockType16,* *hyperSFN-MSB* in *SystemInformationBlockType1-NB*), EAB and AB parameters, UAC parameters, or positioning system information blocks. Similarly, E-UTRAN may not include the *systemInfoModification* within the *Paging* message upon change of some system information.

The UE that is not configured to use a DRX cycle longer than the modification period verifies that stored system information remains valid by either checking *systemInfoValueTag* in *SystemInformationBlockType1* (or *MasterInformationBlock-NB/ MasterInformationBlock-TDD-NB* in NB-IoT) after the modification period boundary,or attempting to find the *systemInfoModification* indication at least *modificationPeriodCoeff* times during the modification period in case no paging is received, in every modification period*.* If no paging message is received by the UE during a modification period, the UE may assume that no change of system information will occur at the next modification period boundary. If UE in RRC\_CONNECTED, during a modification period, receives one paging message, it may deduce from the presence/ absence of *systemInfoModification* whether a change of system information other than ETWS information, CMAS information, EAB and UAC parameters will occur in the next modification period or not.

When the RRC\_IDLE UE is configured with a DRX cycle that is longer than the modification period, and at least one modification period boundary has passed since the UE last verified validity of stored system information, the UE verifies that stored system information remains valid by checking the *systemInfoValueTag* before establishing or resuming an RRC connection.

ETWS and/or CMAS capable UEs in RRC\_CONNECTED, other than BL UEs and UEs in CE, shall attempt to read paging at least once every *defaultPagingCycle* to check whether ETWS and/or CMAS notification is present or not.

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| Next change |

#### – *MasterInformationBlock*

The *MasterInformationBlock* includes the system information transmitted on BCH.

Signalling radio bearer: N/A

RLC-SAP: TM

Logical channel: BCCH

Direction: E‑UTRAN to UE

*MasterInformationBlock*

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MasterInformationBlock ::= SEQUENCE {

 dl-Bandwidth ENUMERATED {

 n6, n15, n25, n50, n75, n100},

 phich-Config PHICH-Config,

 systemFrameNumber BIT STRING (SIZE (8)),

 schedulingInfoSIB1-BR-r13 INTEGER (0..31),

 systemInfoUnchanged-BR-r15 BOOLEAN,

 spare BIT STRING (SIZE (4))

}

-- ASN1STOP

| *MasterInformationBlock* field descriptions |
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| ***dl-Bandwidth***Parameter: transmission bandwidth configuration, NRB in downlink, see TS 36.101 [42], table 5.6-1. n6 corresponds to 6 resource blocks, n15 to 15 resource blocks and so on. |
| ***phich-Config***Specifies the PHICH configuration. If the UE is a BL UE or UE in CE, it shall ignore this field. |
| ***schedulingInfoSIB1-BR***Indicates the index to the tables that define *SystemInformationBlockType1-BR* scheduling information. The tables are specified in TS 36.213 [23], Table 7.1.6-1 and Table 7.1.7.2.7-1. Value 0 means that *SystemInformationBlockType1-BR* is not scheduled. |
| ***systemFrameNumber***Defines the 8 most significant bits of the SFN. As indicated in TS 36.211 [21], 6.6.1, the 2 least significant bits of the SFN are acquired implicitly in the P-BCH decoding, i.e. timing of 40ms P-BCH TTI indicates 2 least significant bits (within 40ms P-BCH TTI, the first radio frame: 00, the second radio frame: 01, the third radio frame: 10, the last radio frame: 11). One value applies for all serving cells of a Cell Group (i.e. MCG or SCG). The associated functionality is common (i.e. not performed independently for each cell). |
| ***systemInfoUnchanged-BR***Value TRUE indicates that no change has occurred in the SIB1-BR and SI messages at least over the SI validity time.NOTE: Value of *systemInfoUnchanged-BR* is also carried in RSS (if transmitted), see TS 36.211 [21]. |

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| End of change |