

D.4.8 Negotiation of GPRS-A5 algorithm

Not more than seven versions of the A5 algorithm will be defined.

When an MS wishes to establish a connection with the network, the MS shall indicate to the network which version(s) of the GPRS-A5 algorithm it supports. The negotiation of GPRS-A5 algorithm happens during the authentication procedure.

The network may renegotiate the version of the GPRS-A5 algorithm in use at inter SGSN routing area update by performing an authentication procedure.

The network shall compare its ciphering capabilities and preferences, and any special requirements of the subscription of the MS, with those indicated by the MS and may take one of the following decisions:

- ~~1) The network decides to release the connection because no common version of the GPRS A5 algorithm is available or because the MS indicated an illegal combination of supported algorithms.~~
- ~~2) The network selects one of the mutually acceptable versions of GPRS A5 to be used.~~
- 1) If the MS and the network have no versions of the GPRS A5 algorithm in common and the network is not prepared to use an unciphered connections, then the connection is released.
- 2) If the MS and the network have at least one version of the GPRS A5 algorithm in common, then the network shall select one of the mutually acceptable versions of the GPRS A5 algorithms for use on that connection.
- 3) If the MS and the network have no versions of the GPRS A5 algorithm in common and the network is willing to use an unciphered version, then an unciphered connection shall be used.