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Introduction:

This document contains **2** CRs on **R99** Work Item "**TEI**". The CR to 23.122 was originally agreed by **TSG CN WG1**, but has been modified to clarify that the mobile shall only select a new PLMN if it is of a higher priority than any of those store in the "Equivalent PLMNs" list. The CRs are forwarded to TSG CN Plenary meeting **#11** for approval.

Tdoc	Title	Spec	CR#	Rev	CAT	Rel	C_Ver
Revision of N1-010489	Clarification to PLMN Search	23.122	019	4	F	R99	3.5.0
N1-010490	Identification for PLMN of same country as the current VPLMN	23.122	020		F	R99	3.5.0

CHANGE REQUEST

⌘ **23.122 CR 020** ⌘ rev **1** ⌘ Current version: **3.5.0** ⌘

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Proposed change affects: ⌘ (U)SIM ME/UE Radio Access Network Core Network

Title:	⌘ Identification for PLMN of same country as the current VPLMN		
Source:	⌘ TSG_CN WG1		
Work item code:	⌘ TEI	Date:	⌘ 27.02.2001
Category:	⌘ F	Release:	⌘ R99
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	Detailed explanations of the above categories can be found in 3GPP TR 21.900.		

Reason for change:	⌘ Background scan was agreed in idle mode workshop in Helsinki and SA1 has already agreed the related CR on 22.011.		
Summary of change:	⌘ HPLMN scan procedure has been elaborated to take also PLMN selector lists into account when searching for higher priority PLMN when roaming. With the introduction of periodic search for higher prioritised PLMN while a MS is in a VPLMN, also outside home country, additional functionality is required to identify the country of the VPLMN. As defined in Annex A only one MCC shall be used in one identified country or area, with the exception of North America during the transition period.		
Consequences if not approved:	⌘ Periodic search of HPLMN or higher prioritised PLMN could work not correctly		

Clauses affected:	⌘ 1.2 and addition of normative annex		
Other specs Affected:	⌘ <input type="checkbox"/> Other core specifications <input type="checkbox"/> Test specifications <input type="checkbox"/> O&M Specifications	⌘	
Other comments:	⌘ Alignment with 22.011 is still needed, CR proposed for information in N1-010318.		

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1.2 Definitions and abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document the abbreviations given in 3GPP TS 01.04 and 3GPP TS 21.905 apply.

(A/Gb mode only): Indicates this clause or subclause applies only to GSM system. For multi system case this is determined by the current serving radio access network.

(Iu mode only): Indicates this clause or subclause applies only to UMTS system. For multi system case this is determined by the current serving radio access network.

Acceptable Cell: This is a cell that the MS may camp on to make emergency calls. It must satisfy criteria which is defined for A/Gb mode in 3GPP TS 03.22 and for Iu mode in 3GPP TS 25.304.

Access Technology: The access technology associated with a PLMN. The MS uses this information to determine what type of radio carrier to search for when attempting to select a specific PLMN (e.g., GSM, UMTS or GSM COMPACT). A PLMN may support more than one access technology.

Allowable PLMN: This is a PLMN which is not in the list of forbidden PLMNs in the MS.

Available PLMN: This is a PLMN where the MS has found a cell that satisfies conditions (ii) and (iv) of subclause 3.2.1 in 3GPP TS 03.22. For Iu mode the criteria is specified in 3GPP TS 25.304.

Camped on a cell: The MS (ME if there is no SIM) has completed the cell selection/reselection process and has chosen a cell from which it plans to receive all available services. Note that the services may be limited, and that the PLMN may not be aware of the existence of the MS (ME) within the chosen cell.

Current serving cell: This is the cell on which the MS is camped.

CTS MS: An MS capable of CTS services is a CTS MS.

GPRS MS: An MS capable of GPRS services is a GPRS MS.

Home PLMN: This is a PLMN where the MCC and MNC of the PLMN identity match the MCC and MNC of the IMSI. Matching criteria are defined in Annex A.

In A/Gb mode,....: Indicates this paragraph applies only to GSM System. For multi system case this is determined by the current serving radio access network.

In Iu mode,....: Indicates this paragraph applies only to UMTS System. For multi system case this is determined by the current serving radio access network.

Localised Service Area (LSA): A localised service area consists of a cell or a number of cells. The cells constituting a LSA may not necessarily provide contiguous coverage.

Location Registration (LR): An MS which is IMSI attached to non-GPRS services only performs location registration by the Location Updating procedure. A GPRS MS which is IMSI attached to GPRS services or to GPRS and non-GPRS services performs location registration by the Routing Area Update procedure only when in a network of network operation mode I. Both procedures are performed independently by the GPRS MS when it is IMSI attached to GPRS and non-GPRS services in a network of network operation mode II or III (see 3GPP TS 23.060).

MS: Mobile Station. This specification makes no distinction between MS and UE.

Network Type: The network type associated with HPLMN or a PLMN on the PLMN selector (see GSM 11.11). The MS uses this information to determine what type of radio carrier to search for when attempting to select a specific PLMN. A PLMN may support more than one network type.

Registered PLMN (RPLMN): This is the PLMN on which certain LR outcomes have occurred (see table 1).

Registration: This is the process of camping on a cell of the PLMN and doing any necessary LRs.

Registration Area: A registration area is an area in which mobile stations may roam without a need to perform location registration. The registration area corresponds to location area (LA) for performing location updating procedure and it corresponds to routing area for performing the routing area update procedure.

The PLMN to which a cell belongs (PLMN identity) is given in the system information transmitted on the BCCH (MCC + MNC part of LAI).

Selected PLMN: This is the PLMN that has been selected according to subclause 3.1, either manually or automatically.

SIM: Subscriber Identity Module (see 3GPP TS 02.17). This specification makes no distinction between SIM and USIM.

SoLSA exclusive access: Cells on which normal camping is allowed only for MS with Localised Service Area (LSA) subscription.

Suitable Cell: This is a cell on which an MS may camp. It must satisfy criteria which is defined for A/Gb mode in 3GPP TS 03.22 and for Iu mode in 3GPP TS 25.304.

Visited PLMN of home country: This is a PLMN, different from the home PLMN, where the MCC part of the PLMN identity is the same as the MCC of the IMSI.

[Visited PLMN: This is a PLMN, different from the home PLMN.](#)

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Annex A (normative): HPLMN Matching Criteria

With the introduction of PCS1900 with the regulatory mandate to allocate 3-digit MNC codes, additional functionality is required to identify the HPLMN.

Assumptions

An MNC code shall consist of 2 or 3 decimal digits. In NA PCS1900, all SIMs shall store 3 digit MNCs.

Any network using a 2 digit MNC code shall broadcast the hexadecimal code "F" in place of the 3rd digit.

For PCS1900 for North America, regulations mandate that a 3-digit MNC shall be used; however during a transition period, a 2 digit MNC may be broadcast by the Network and, in this case, the 3rd digit of the SIM is stored as 0 (this is the 0 suffix rule).

With the exception of North America during the transition period:

- a) Within a single country (or area identified by a MCC) all networks shall broadcast a 2 digit MNC code, or all networks shall broadcast a 3 digit MNC code. A mixture of broadcast 2 and 3 digit MNC codes is not permitted within a single country (or area identified by a MCC).
- b) A network which broadcasts a 2 digit MNC code, will issue SIMs with a 2 digit MNC code in the IMSI on the SIM. A network which broadcasts a 3 digit MNC code, will issue SIMs with a 3 digit MNC code in the IMSI on the SIM.

Definitions and abbreviations

BCCH-MCC	The MCC part of the LAI read from System Information type 3 messages broadcast on the BCCH by the network.
BCCH-MNC	The MNC part of the LAI read from System Information type 3 messages broadcast on the BCCH by the network.
SIM-MCC	The MCC part of the IMSI read from the SIM.
SIM-MNC	The MNC part of the IMSI read from the SIM.

HPLMN Matching Criteria in mobiles which don't support PCS1900 for NA:

Figure A.1 illustrates the logic flow described below. The text below is normative. Figure A.1 is informative.

(1) The MS shall compare using all 3 digits of the SIM-MCC with the BCCH-MCC. If the values do not match, then the HPLMN match fails.

NOTE: If the MCC codes match, then the number of digits used for the SIM-MNC must be the same as the number of digits used for the BCCH-MNC.

(2) The MS shall read the 3rd digit of the BCCH-MNC. If the 3rd digit is Hex F, then proceed to step (4).

(3) The MS shall compare using all 3 digits of the SIM-MNC with the BCCH-MNC. If the values match, then the HPLMN match succeeds, otherwise the HPLMN match fails.

(4) The MS shall compare using just the 1st 2 digits the SIM-MNC with the BCCH-MNC. If the values match, then the HPLMN match succeeds, otherwise the HPLMN match fails.

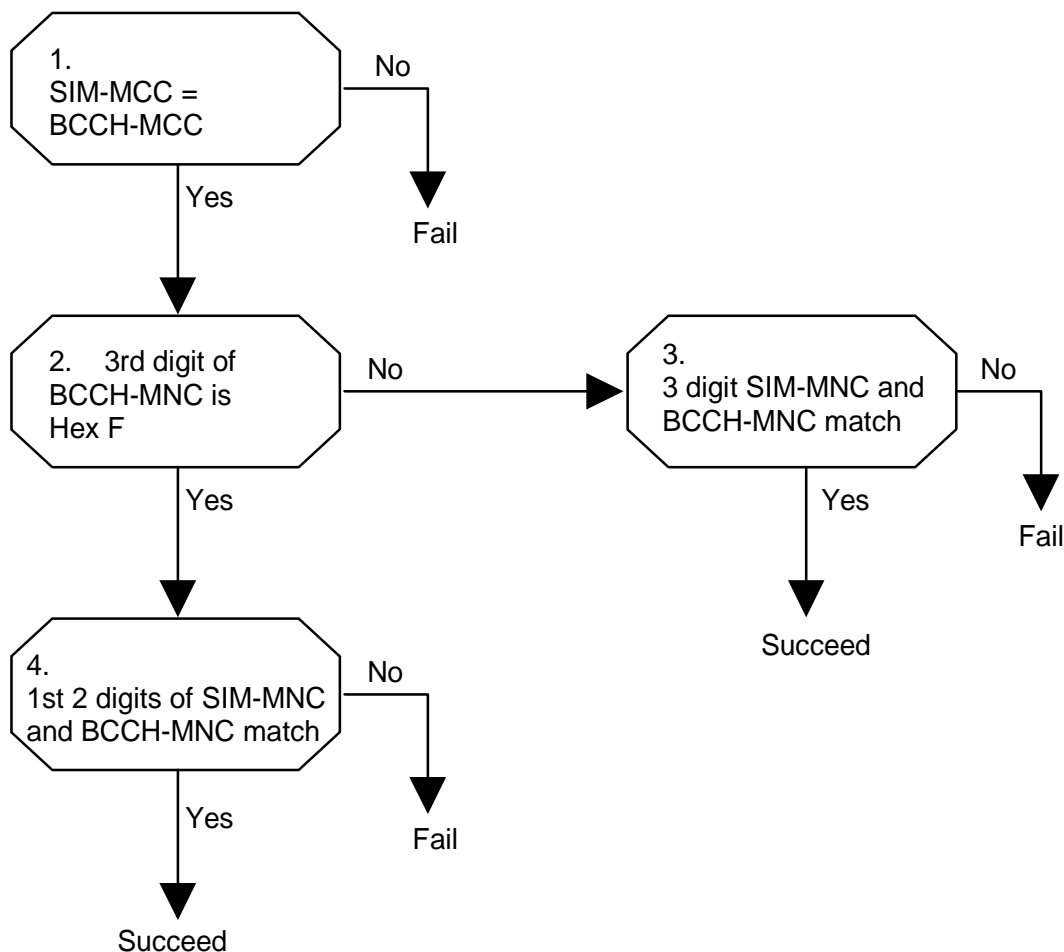


Figure A.1: HPLMN Matching Criteria Logic Flow for mobiles which support GSM and DCS1800 (informative)

HPLMN Matching Criteria for mobiles which support PCS1900 for NA:

Figure A.2 illustrates the logic flow described below. The text below is normative. Figure A.2 is informative.

- (1) The MS shall compare using all 3 digits the SIM-MCC with the BCCH-MCC. If the values do not match, then the HPLMN match fails.
- (2) The MS shall read the 3rd digit of the BCCH-MNC. If the 3rd digit is Hex F, then proceed to step (4).
- (3) The MS shall compare using all 3 digits the SIM-MNC with the BCCH-MNC. If the values match, then the HPLMN match succeeds, otherwise the HPLMN match fails.

NOTE: These rules (1) – (3) are the same as for mobiles which don't support PCS1900 for NA, except step (4) is different.

- (4) The MS shall determine if the BCCH-MCC lies in the range 310-316 (i.e., whether this network is a PCS1900 for NA network). If the BCCH-MCC lies outside the range 310-316, then proceed to step (6).

- (5) The MS shall compare the 3rd digit of the SIM-MNC with '0'. If the 3rd digit is not '0' then the HPLMN match fails.

NOTE: This is the '0' suffix rule.

- (6) The MS shall compare using just the 1st 2 digits of the SIM-MNC with the BCCH-MNC. If the values match, then the HPLMN match succeeds, otherwise the HPLMN match fails.

NOTE: When PCS1900 for NA switches over to broadcasting 3 digit MNCs in **all** networks, then the additional requirements for PCS1900 for NA can be deleted.

Guidance for Networks in PCS1900 for NA

There may be some problems in the transition period from broadcasting 2 MNC digits to broadcasting 3 MNC digits. Here are some guidelines to avoid these problems.

- (1) Existing network codes. Operators who currently use a 2 digit BCCH-MNC **xy** should use the new code **xy0**.
- (2) New operators allocated 3 digit MNC codes with the same 1st 2 digits as an existing operator shall not use a 3rd digit of 0.

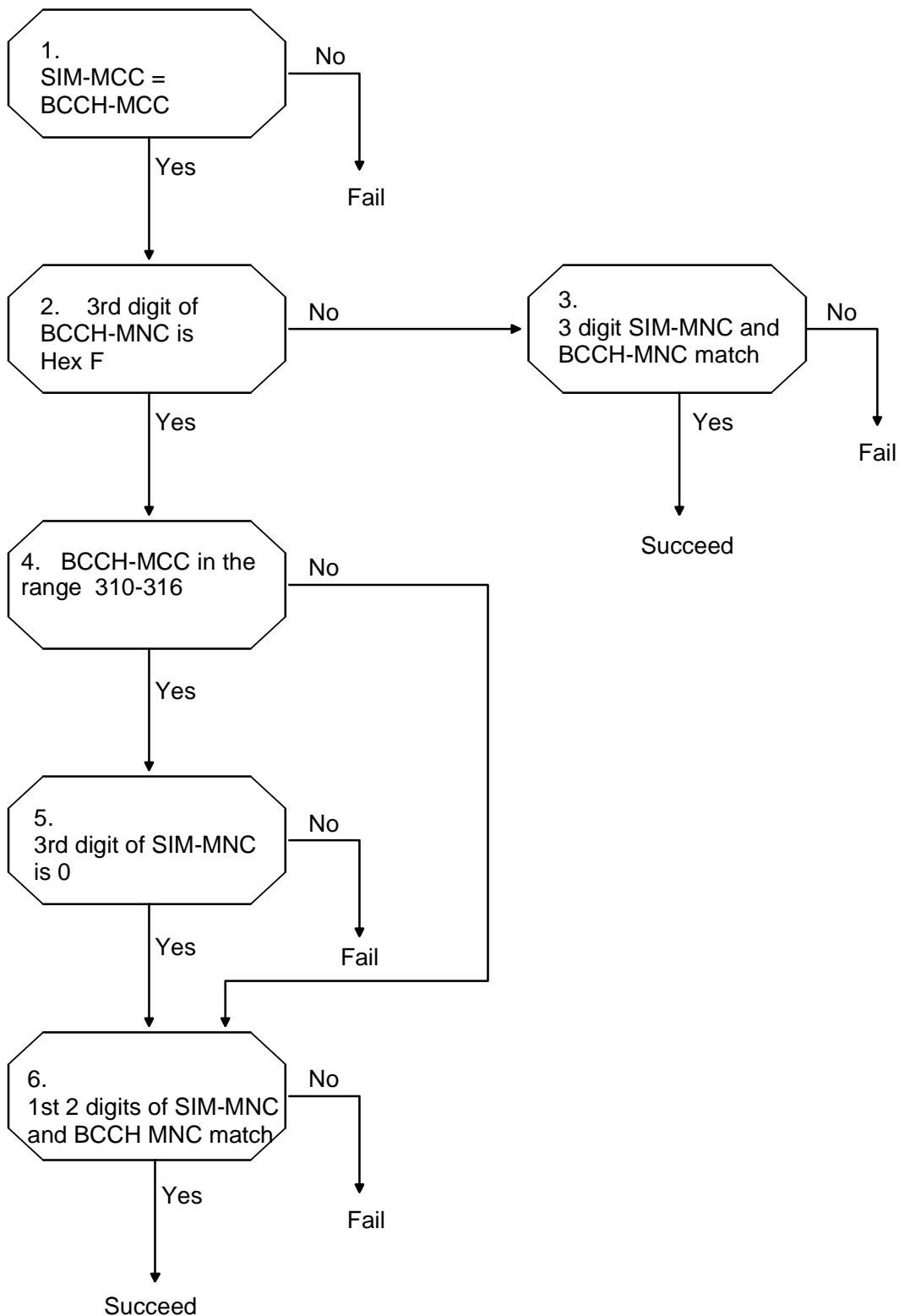


Figure A.2: HPLMN Matching Criteria Logic Flow for mobiles which support PCS1900 for NA (informative)

Annex B (normative): PLMN matching criteria to be of same country as VPLMN

While a MS is roaming on a VPLMN, PLMN of the same country as VPLMN is defined as:

- if the MCC of the current VPLMN is within the range 310 to 316, any PLMN in range 310 to 316 (networks in North America)
- otherwise, any PLMN with same MCC as the one of the current VPLMN itself.

Annex CB (informative): Change history

TSG #	Tdoc	SPEC	VERS	CR	REV	PHASE	CAT	NEW_VERSIONS	SUBJECT	comment
		03.22	8.2.0			R99			Split of 03.22/R99 to 03.22 and 23.122	
CN# 6		23.122	0.0.0			R99		3.0.0		Was approved in the TSGN#6 plenary
CN# 4	N1-99573	23.102	3.0.0	001		R99	F	3.1.0	PLMN selection for GPRS mobiles	Mirrored from CRA032r2 REMOVED in V3.1.1, where it is not approved by SMG2
CN# 6	N1-99D13	23.122	3.0.0	002		R99	A	3.1.0	Correction of Figure A.2 in Annex A	Mirrored from CR006r1for 23.022
CN# 7	N1-000546	23.122	3.1.1	004	1	R99	D	3.2.0	UMTS references in 23.122	Correction of references
CN# 8	N1-000796	23.122	3.2.0	003	5	R99	F	3.3.0	Modification of PLMN Selection Procedures to support UMTS+COMPACT Network Selection	WI: GSM / UMTS interworking Note As a result of two conflicting CRs N1-000796 is merged with the existing text in V.3.2.0 by the rapporteur
CN# 9	NP-000443/ N1-001020	23.122	3.3.0	009	2	R99	F	3.4.0	Clarifications of the PLMN Selection procedures for UMTS and COMPACT.	
		23.122	3.4.0					3.4.1	Correction of text in version3.4.0 (There was text to be deleted in section 4.4.3.2.1 bullet point 2)	23.Oct.2000 Implementation correction
		23.122	3.4.1					3.4.2	Correction of a systematic search for "TS" and replace it with "3GPP TS" has gone wrong as much more than the TSs for Technical Specifications have been changed also.	1 Nov..2000 Implementation correction
NP-10	NP-000674/ N1-001415	23.122	3.4.2	010	1	R99	F	3.5.0	Correction of terminology "In UMTS", "In GSM"	Cat F/ WI=TEI
NP-10	NP-000671/ N1-001236	23.122	3.4.2	012		R99	F	3.5.0	Restoration of figure A.1	Cat F/ WI=GSM - UMTS Interworking

TSG #	Tdoc	SPEC	VERS	CR	RE V	PHASE	CAT	NEW_VERSIONS	SUBJECT	comment
NP-10	NP-000671/ N1-001237	23.122	3.4.2	013		R99	F	3.5.0	Alignment of figure 2a with PLMN selection for UMTS	Cat F/WI=GSM - UMTS Interworking

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	Detailed explanations of the above categories can be found in 3GPP TR 21.900.		

Reason for change:	⌘ Background scan was agreed in idle mode workshop in Helsinki, and RAN2 has already agreed this in R99 CR to 25.331 (R2-010699) – which refers to 23.122. This change is proposed to align 23.122 with these RAN2 changes and reference.
Summary of change:	⌘ HPLMN scan procedure has been elaborated to take also PLMN selector lists into account when searching for higher priority PLMN when roaming. <u>The mobile should only select a PLMN if it is of a higher priority than any of those store in the "Equivalent PLMNs" list.</u>
Consequences if not approved:	⌘ 23.122 will not be in line with 25.331

Clauses affected:	⌘ 4.4.3.3		
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4.4 PLMN selection process

4.4.1 Introduction

There are two modes for PLMN selection, automatic and manual. These are described in subclauses 4.4.3 below and illustrated in figures 2a to 2b in clause 5.

4.4.2 Registration on a PLMN

The MS shall perform registration on the PLMN if the MS is capable of services which require registration. In both automatic and manual modes, the concept of registration on a PLMN is used. An MS successfully registers on a PLMN if:

- a) The MS has found a suitable cell of the PLMN to camp on; and
- b) An LR request from the MS has been accepted in the registration area of the cell on which the MS is camped (see table 1).

4.4.3 PLMN selection

The registration on the selected PLMN and the location registration are only necessary if the MS is capable of services which require registration. Otherwise, the PLMN selection procedures are performed without registration.

The “HPLMN Selector with Access Technology”, “User Controlled PLMN Selector with Access Technology” and “Operator Controlled PLMN Selector with Access Technology” data fields in the SIM include associated access technologies for each PLMN entry, see GSM 11.11 [32]. The PLMN/access technology combinations are listed in priority order. If an entry includes more than one access technology, then no priority is defined for the preferred access technology and the priority is an implementation issue.

The MS shall not use the PLMN codes contained in the “HPLMN Selector with Access Technology” data field.

NOTE: To allow provision for multiple HPLMN codes, the HPLMN access technologies are stored on the SIM together with PLMN codes. This version of the specification does not support multiple HPLMN codes and the “HPLMN Selector with Access Technology” data field is only used by the MS to get the HPLMN access technologies. The HPLMN code is the PLMN code included in the IMSI.

NOTE: Different GSM frequency bands (eg. 900, 1800, 1900, 400) are all considered GSM access technology. An MS supporting more than one band should scan all the bands it supports when scanning for GSM frequencies. However GSM COMPACT systems which use GSM frequency bands but with the CBPCCH broadcast channel are considered as a separate access technology from GSM.

4.4.3.1 At switch-on or recovery from lack of coverage

At switch on, the MS selects the registered PLMN (if it is available) using all access technologies that the MS is capable of and attempts to perform a Location Registration. The MS shall start its search using the access technology type stored in the “RPLMN Last Used Access Technology” data field on the SIM. If the “RPLMN Last Used Access Technology” is not available then an MS capable of GSM access technology shall start its search using GSM access technology.

On recovery from lack of coverage, the MS selects the registered PLMN (if it is available) using all access technologies that the MS is capable of and, if necessary (see subclause 4.5.2) attempts to perform a Location Registration.

EXCEPTION: In A/Gb mode or GSM COMPACT, an MS with voice capability, shall not search for CPBCCH carriers, unless the “RPLMN Last Used Access Technology” field is available in the SIM and indicates GSM COMPACT. In A/Gb mode or GSM COMPACT, an MS not supporting packet services shall not search for CPBCCH carriers.

If successful registration is achieved, the MS indicates the selected PLMN.

If there is no registered PLMN, or if registration is not possible due to the PLMN being unavailable or registration failure, the MS follows one of the following two procedures depending on its operating mode.

EXCEPTION: If registration is not possible on recovery from lack of coverage due to the registered PLMN being unavailable, a MS attached to GPRS services may, optionally, continue looking for the registered PLMN for an implementation dependent time.

NOTE 1: A MS attached to GPRS services should use the above exception only if one or more PDP contexts are currently active.

4.4.3.1.1 Automatic Network Selection Mode Procedure

The MS selects and attempts registration on other PLMNs, if available and allowable, in the following order:

- i) HPLMN (if not previously selected);
- ii) each PLMN in the "User Controlled PLMN Selector with Access Technology" data field in the SIM (in priority order);
- iii) each PLMN in the "Operator Controlled PLMN Selector with Access Technology" data field in the SIM (in priority order);
- iv) other PLMN/access technology combinations with received high quality signal in random order;
- v) other PLMN/access technology combinations in order of decreasing signal quality.

When following the above procedure the following requirements apply:

- a) In A/Gb mode or GSM COMPACT, an MS with voice capability shall ignore PLMNs for which the MS has identified at least one cell that do not offer voice service. (In A/Gb mode, this is indicated by the CELL_BAR_QUALIFY_2 parameter).
- b) In A/Gb mode or GSM COMPACT, an MS with voice capability, or an MS not supporting packet services shall not search for CPBCCCH carriers.
- c) In ii and iii, the MS should limit its search for the PLMN to the access technology or access technologies associated with the PLMN in the appropriate PLMN Selector with Access Technology list (User Controlled or Operator Controlled selector list). An MS using a SIM without access technology information storage (i.e. the "User Controlled PLMN Selector with Access Technology" and the "Operator Controlled PLMN Selector with Access Technology" data fields are not present) shall instead use the "PLMN Selector" data field, for each PLMN in the "PLMN Selector" data field, the MS shall search for all access technologies it is capable of and shall assume GSM access technology as the highest priority radio access technology.
- d) In iv and v, the MS shall search for all access technologies it is capable of, before deciding which PLMN to select.
- e) In ii, and iii, a packet only MS which supports GSM COMPACT, but using a SIM without access technology information storage (i.e. the "User Controlled PLMN Selector with Access Technology" and the "Operator Controlled PLMN Selector with Access Technology" data fields are not present) shall instead use the "PLMN Selector" data field, for each PLMN in the "PLMN Selector" data field, the MS shall search for all access technologies it is capable of and shall assume GSM COMPACT access technology as the lowest priority radio access technology.
- f) In i, the MS shall search for all access technologies it is capable of. The MS shall start its search using the access technologies stored in the "HPLMN Selector with Access Technology" data field on the SIM in priority order as defined in section 4.4.3 (i.e. the PLMN/access technology combinations are listed in priority order, if an entry includes more than one access technology then no priority is defined for the preferred access technology and the priority is an implementation issue).
- g) In i, an MS using a SIM without access technology information storage (i.e. the "HPLMN Selector with Access Technology" data field is not present) shall search for all access technologies it is capable of and shall assume GSM access technology as the highest priority radio access technology. A packet only MS which supports GSM COMPACT using a SIM without access technology information storage shall also assume GSM COMPACT access technology as the lowest priority radio access technology.

NOTE: Requirements a) and b) apply also to requirement d), so a GSM voice capable MS should not search for GSM COMPACT PLMNs, even if capable of GSM COMPACT.

NOTE: Requirements a) and b) apply also to requirement f), so a GSM voice capable MS should not search for GSM COMPACT PLMNs, even if this is the only access technology on the "HPLMN Selector with Access Technology" data field on the SIM. Also PLMNs not offering voice services should be ignored by voice capable GSM mobiles.

NOTE: High quality signal is defined in the appropriate AS specification.

If successful registration is achieved, the MS indicates the selected PLMN.

If registration cannot be achieved because no PLMNs are available and allowable, the MS indicates "no service" to the user, waits until a new PLMN is available and allowable and then repeats the procedure.

If there were one or more PLMNs which were available and allowable, but an LR failure made registration on those PLMNs unsuccessful or an entry in a forbidden LAI list prevented a registration attempt, the MS selects the first such PLMN again and enters a limited service state.

4.4.3.1.2 Manual Network Selection Mode Procedure

The MS indicates whether there are any PLMNs, which are available using all supported access technologies. This includes "Forbidden PLMNs" and PLMNs which only offer services not supported by the MS. An MS which supports GSM COMPACT shall also indicate GSM COMPACT PLMNs (which use PBCCH).

If displayed, PLMNs meeting the criteria above are presented in the following order:

- i)- HPLMN;
- ii)- PLMNs contained in the " User Controlled PLMN Selector with Access Technology " data field in the SIM (in priority order);
- iii)- PLMNs contained in the "Operator Controlled PLMN Selector with Access Technology" data field in the SIM (in priority order);
- iv)- other PLMN/access technology combinations with received high quality signal in random order;
- v)- other PLMN/access technology combinations in order of decreasing signal quality.

In ii and iii, an MS using a SIM without access technology information storage (i.e. the "User Controlled PLMN Selector with Access Technology" and the "Operator Controlled PLMN Selector with Access Technology" data fields are not present) shall instead present the PLMNs contained in the "PLMN Selector" data field in the SIM (in priority order).

In A/Gb mode or GSM COMPACT, if a PLMN does not support voice services then this shall be indicated to the user.

The user may select his desired PLMN and the MS then initiates registration on this PLMN using the access technology chosen by the user for that PLMN or using the highest priority available access technology for that PLMN, if the associated access technologies have a priority order. (This may take place at any time during the presentation of PLMNs). For such a registration, the MS shall ignore the contents of the forbidden LAI and PLMN lists.

NOTE: It is an MS implementation option whether to indicate access technologies to the user. If the MS does display access technologies, then the access technology used should be the access technology chosen by the user for that PLMN. If the MS does not display access technologies, then the access technology chosen for a particular PLMN should be the highest priority available access technology for that PLMN, if the associated access technologies have a priority order.

If the user does not select a PLMN, the selected PLMN shall be the one that was selected before the PLMN selection procedure started. If no such PLMN was selected or that PLMN is no longer available, then the MS shall attempt to camp on any acceptable cell and enter the limited service state.

NOTE: High quality signal is defined in the appropriate AS specification.

4.4.3.2 User reselection

At any time the user may request the MS to initiate reselection and registration onto an available PLMN, according to the following procedures, dependent upon the operating mode.

4.4.3.2.1 Automatic Network Selection Mode

The MS selects and attempts registration on PLMNs, if available and allowable, in all of its bands of operation in accordance with the following order:

- i) HPLMN;
- ii) PLMNs contained in the "User Controlled PLMN Selector with Access Technology" data field in the SIM (in priority order) excluding the previously selected PLMN;
- iii) PLMNs contained in the "Operator Controlled PLMN Selector with Access Technology" data field in the SIM (in priority order) excluding the previously selected PLMN;
- iv) other PLMN/access technology combinations with the received high quality signal in random order excluding the previously selected PLMN;
- v) other PLMN/access technology combinations, excluding the previously selected PLMN in order of decreasing signal quality or, alternatively, the previously selected PLMN may be chosen ignoring its signal quality;
- vi) The previously selected PLMN.

The previously selected PLMN is the PLMN which the MS has selected prior to the start of the user reselection procedure.

NOTE: If the previously selected PLMN is chosen, and registration has not been attempted on any other PLMNs, then the MS is already registered on the PLMN, and so registration is not necessary.

When following the above procedure the requirements a), b), c), e), f), g) in section 4.4.3.1.1 apply: Requirement d) shall apply as shown below:

- d) In iv, v, and vi, the MS shall search for all access technologies it is capable of before deciding which PLMN to select.

NOTE: High quality signal is defined in the appropriate AS specification.

4.4.3.2.2 Manual Network Selection Mode

The Manual Network Selection Mode Procedure of subclause 4.4.3.1.2 is followed.

4.4.3.3 In VPLMN ~~of home country~~

The MS shall periodically attempt to obtain service on its HPLMN or higher priority PLMN listed in a "user controlled PLMN selector" or "operator controlled PLMN selector" by scanning in accordance with the requirements that are applicable to i), ii) and iii) as defined in the Automatic Network Selection Mode in clause 4.4.3.1.1. In the case that the mobile has a stored "Equivalent PLMNs" list the mobile shall only select a PLMN if it is of a higher priority than any of those stored in the "Equivalent PLMNs" list. For this purpose, a value T minutes may be stored in the SIM, T is either in the range 6 minutes to 8 hours in 6 minute steps or it indicates that no periodic attempts shall be made. If no value is stored in the SIM, a default value of ~~30~~60 minutes is used.

The attempts to access the HPLMN or higher priority PLMN shall be as specified below:

- a) The periodic attempts shall only be performed in automatic mode when the MS is roaming ~~in its home country~~;
- b) After switch on, a period of at least 2 minutes and at most T minutes shall elapse before the first attempt is made;
- c) The MS shall make an attempt if the MS is on the VPLMN at time T after the last attempt;
- d) Periodic attempts shall only be performed by the MS while in idle mode;
- e) If the HPLMN or higher priority PLMN is not found, the MS shall remain on the VPLMN.
- f) In steps i), ii) and iii) the MS shall limit its attempts to access higher priority PLMNs to PLMNs of the same country as the current serving VPLMN.

4.4.3.4 Investigation Scan for higher prioritized PLMN

The support of this procedure is mandatory if the ME supports GSM COMPACT and otherwise optional.

A MS capable of both GSM voice and packet service shall, when indicated in the SIM, investigate if there is service from a higher prioritized PLMN not offering GSM voice service, either HPLMN or a PLMN in a "PLMN Selector with Access Technology " data field on the SIM.

The MS shall scan for PLMNs in accordance with the requirements described for automatic network selection mode in subclause 4.4.3.1.1 that are applicable to i), ii) and iii) with the exception of requirement a) and b) in subclause 4.4.3.1. Requirement a) and b) that are specified for automatic network selection mode in subclause 4.4.3.1 shall be ignored during the investigation scan.

If indicated on the SIM, the investigation scan shall be performed:

- i) After each successful PLMN selection and registration is completed, when the MS is in idle mode. This investigation scan may rely on the information from the already performed PLMN selection and may not necessarily require a rescan
- ii) When the MS is unable to obtain normal service from a PLMN, (limited service state) see subclause 3.5.

The investigation scan is restricted to automatic selection mode and shall only be performed by an MS that is capable of both voice and packet data. It shall only be performed if the selected PLMN is not already the highest prioritized PLMN in the current country. (HPLMN in home country, otherwise according to PLMN selector lists)

The MS shall return to RPLMN after the investigation scan is performed.

If a higher prioritized PLMN not offering GSM voice service is found, this shall be indicated to the user. The MS shall not select the PLMN unless requested by the user.

4.4.4 Abnormal cases

If there is no SIM in the MS, if there is an authentication failure, or if the MS receives an "IMSI unknown in HLR", "illegal ME" or "illegal MS" response to an LR request, then effectively there is no selected PLMN ("No SIM" state). In these cases, the states of the cell selection process are such that no PLMN selection information is used. No further attempts at registration on any PLMN are made until the MS is switched off and on again, or a SIM is inserted.

When in Automatic Network Selection mode and the MS is in the "not updated" state with one or more suitable cells to camp on; then after the maximum allowed unsuccessful LR requests (controlled by the specific attempt counters) the MS may continue (or start if it is not running) the user reselection procedure of 4.4.3.2 1.

4.4.5 Roaming not allowed in this LA

If in either PLMN selection mode the LR response "Roaming not allowed in this LA" is received:

The PLMN Automatic or Manual Mode Selection Procedure of subclause 4.4.3.1 are followed, depending on whether the MS is in automatic or manual mode. (This requirement applies to all MSs.)