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**Introduction:**

This document contains 3 CRs on **R99 (with mirror CR)** to Work Item "TEI", that have been agreed by **TSG CN WG1**, and are forwarded to TSG CN Plenary meeting #15 for approval.

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24.008	545		Rel-4	Missing 3rd MNC definition	A	4.5.0	4.6.0	N1-020215
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⌘ **24.008 CR 544** ⌘ rev **-** ⌘ Current version: **3.10.0** ⌘

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### 10.5.1.3 Location Area Identification

The purpose of the *Location Area Identification* information element is to provide an unambiguous identification of location areas within the area covered by the GSM system.

The *Location Area Identification* information element is coded as shown in figure 10.5.3/3GPP TS 24.008 and table 10.5.3/3GPP TS 24.008.

The *Location Area Identification* is a type 3 information element with 6 octets length.

	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
	Location Area Identification IEI								octet 1
	MCC digit 2				MCC digit 1				octet 2
	MNC digit 3				MCC digit 3				octet 3
	MNC digit 2				MNC digit 1				octet 4
	LAC								octet 5
	LAC (continued)								octet 6

**Figure 10.5.3/3GPP TS 24.008 *Location Area Identification* information element**

**Table 10.5.3/3GPP TS 24.008: Location Area Identification information element**

MCC, Mobile country code (octet 2 and 3)

The MCC field is coded as in ITU-T Rec. E212, Annex A.

If the LAI is deleted the MCC and MNC shall take the value from the deleted LAI.

In abnormal cases, the MCC stored in the mobile station can contain elements not in the set {0, 1 ... 9}. In such cases the mobile station should transmit the stored values using full hexadecimal encoding. When receiving such an MCC, the network shall treat the LAI as deleted.

MNC, Mobile network code (octet 3 bits 5 to 8, octet 4)

The coding of this field is the responsibility of each administration but BCD coding shall be used. The MNC shall consist of 2 or 3 digits. For PCS 1900 for NA, Federal regulation mandates that a 3-digit MNC shall be used. However a network operator may decide to use only two digits in the MNC in the LAI over the radio interface. In this case, bits 5 to 8 of octet 3 shall be coded as "1111". Mobile equipment shall accept LAI coded in such a way.

Note 1: In earlier versions of this protocol, the possibility to use a one digit MNC in LAI was provided on the radio interface. However as this was not used this possibility has been deleted.

Note 2: In earlier versions of this protocol, bits 5 to 8 of octet 3 were coded as "1111". Mobile equipment compliant with these earlier versions of the protocol may be unable to understand the 3-digit MNC format of the LAI, and therefore unable to register on a network broadcasting the LAI in this format.

In abnormal cases, the MNC stored in the mobile station can have:

- digit 1 or 2 not in the set {0, 1 ... 9}, or
- digit 3 not in the set {0, 1 ...9, F} hex.

In such cases the mobile station shall transmit the stored values using full hexadecimal encoding. When receiving such an MNC, the network shall treat the LAI as deleted.

The same handling shall apply for the network, if a 3-digit MNC is sent by the mobile station to a network using only a 2-digit MNC.

LAC, Location area code (octet 5 and 6)

In the LAC field bit 8 of octet 5 is the most significant bit and bit 1 of octet 6 the least significant bit.

The coding of the location area code is the responsibility of each administration except that two values are used to mark the LAC, and hence the LAI, as deleted. Coding using full hexadecimal representation may be used. The location area code consists of 2 octets.

If a LAI has to be deleted then all bits of the location area code shall be set to one with the exception of the least significant bit which shall be set to zero. If a SIM is inserted in a Mobile Equipment with the location area code containing all zeros, then the Mobile Equipment shall recognise this LAC as part of a deleted LAI

### 10.5.5.15 Routing area identification

The purpose of the *routing area identification* information element is to provide an unambiguous identification of routing areas within the GPRS coverage area.

The *routing area identification* is a type 3 information element with 7 octets length.

The *routing area identification* information element is coded as shown in figure 10.5.130/3GPP TS 24.008 and table 10.5.148/3GPP TS 24.008.

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Routing Area Identification IEI								octet 1
MCC digit 2				MCC digit 1				octet 2
MNC digit 3				MNC digit 3				octet 3
MNC digit 2				MNC digit 1				octet 4
LAC								octet 5
LAC cont'd								octet 6
RAC								octet 7

**Figure 10.5.130/3GPP TS 24.008: *Routing area identification* information element**

**Table 10.5.148/3GPP TS 24.008: Routing area identification information element**

MCC, Mobile country code (octet 2 and 3)

The MCC field is coded as in ITU-T Rec. E212, Annex A.  
If the RAI is deleted, the MCC and MNC shall take the value from the deleted RAI.

In abnormal cases, the MCC stored in the mobile station can contain elements not in the set {0, 1 ... 9}. In such cases the mobile station should transmit the stored values using full hexadecimal encoding. When receiving such an MCC, the network shall treat the RAI as deleted.

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Note 1: In earlier versions of this protocol, the possibility to use a one digit MNC in RAI was provided on the radio interface. However as this was not used this possibility has been deleted.

Note 2: In earlier versions of this protocol, bits 5 to 8 of octet 3 were coded as "1111". Mobile equipment compliant with these earlier versions of the protocol may be unable to understand the 3-digit MNC format of the RAI, and therefore unable to register on a network broadcasting the RAI in this format.

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In abnormal cases, the MNC stored in the mobile station can have:

- digit 1 or 2 not in the set {0, 1 ... 9}, ~~and/or~~

- digit 23 not in the set {0, 1 ...9, F} hex.

In such cases the mobile station ~~shall~~ transmit the stored values using full hexadecimal encoding. When receiving such an MNC, the network shall treat the RAI as deleted.

The same handling shall apply for the network, if a 3-digit MNC is sent by the mobile station to a network using only a 2-digit MNC.

LAC, Location area code (octet 5 and 6)

In the LAC field bit 8 of octet 5 is the most significant bit and bit 1 of octet 6 the least significant bit.

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RAC, Routing area code (octet 7)

In the RAC field bit 8 of octet 7 is the most significant. The coding of the routing area code is the responsibility of each administration. Coding using full hexadecimal representation may be used. The routing area code consists of 1 octet.

\*\*\*\* next section from 04.08 v.7.16.0 fro information only \*\*\*\*

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The *routing area identification* is a type 3 information element with 7 octets length.

The *routing area identification* information element is coded as shown in figure 10.5.130/GSM 04.08 and table 10.5.148/GSM 04.08.

	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
	Routing Area Identification IEI								octet 1
	MCC digit 2				MCC digit 1				octet 2
	MNC digit 3				MCC digit 3				octet 3
	MNC digit 2				MNC digit 1				octet 4
	LAC								octet 5
	LAC cont'd								octet 6
	RAC								octet 7

**Figure 10.5.130/GSM 04.08: *Routing area identification* information element**

**Table 10.5.148/GSM 04.08: Routing area identification information element**

MCC, Mobile country code (octet 2 and 3)

The MCC field is coded as in ITU-T Rec. E212, Annex A.  
If the RAI is deleted, the MCC and MNC shall take the value from the deleted RAI.

In abnormal cases, the MCC stored in the mobile station can contain elements not in the set {0, 1 ... 9}. In such cases the mobile station should transmit the stored values using full hexadecimal encoding. When receiving such an MCC, the network shall treat the RAI as deleted.

MNC, Mobile network code (octet 3 bits 5 to 8, octet 4)

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In abnormal cases, the MNC stored in the mobile station can have

- digit 1 or 2 not in the set {0, 1 ... 9} or
- digit 3 not in the set {0, 1 ...9, F} hex.

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RAC, Routing area code (octet 7)

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RAC, Routing area code (octet 7)

In the RAC field bit 8 of octet 7 is the most significant. The coding of the routing area code is -the responsibility of each administration. Coding using full hexadecimal representation may be used. The routing area code consists of 1 octet.