

Title: LS on Addition of test cases to pre-Rel-6 test specifications for existing pre-Rel-6 features
Response to: -
Release: Release 99, 4 and 5

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To: 3GPP CT
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1. Overall Description:

At CT6 meeting #35 several CRs to pre-Rel-6 versions of test specifications (e.g. TS 31.121) were presented. The CRs were proposed due to a specific demand for clarification on the behavior for existing pre-Rel-6 features arose in the field. Some of these CRs propose to add as yet unspecified test cases for related features that exist in the corresponding pre-Rel-6 core specification.

During the discussion of the CRs, CT6 could not agree on the general procedure, i.e. if it is allowed or not, to add test cases to a pre-Rel-6 test specification in cases where the related features exist in the corresponding version of the respective core specification. CT6 found that there is a general conflict of interests, which need to be resolved. The conflicts are highlighted in the following bullet points:

- Applying the proposed test cases to the pre-Rel-6 version of the test specification may introduce a potential risk that existing or upcoming pre-Rel-6 terminals may not pass the newly added test case
- Not applying the proposed pre-Rel-6 test cases, will not help in reducing the potential interoperability issues in the field
- Changing the respective core specification may involve a functional modification of a feature that is already frozen
- Modifying the technical contents of the proposed test cases in a way that all existing pre-Rel-6 terminals pass the test may not be possible in all cases

CT6 seeks guidance from CT on how to deal with this general conflict and ask CT to come up with a rule(s) on how to deal with the addition of test cases for existing features of a R99, Rel-4 and Rel-5 core specification.

2. Action:

To CT:

ACTION: 3GPP-CT6 asks CT to decide on the general principles of adding test cases to pre-Rel-6 specifications for core features which are present in the corresponding core specifications and to come up with a clear rule(s) on how to deal with this.

3. Date of Next TSG-CT6 Meetings:

TSG-CT6 Meeting #36 9 – 12 August 2005 Dublin, Ireland.

TSG-CT6 Meeting #37 7 – 10 November 2005 Sophia Antipolis, France.