**3GPP TSG-CT WG1 Meeting #130-eC1-213348**

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| **CHANGE REQUEST** | | | | | | | | |
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|  | **24.501** | **CR** | **3301** | **rev** | **-** | **Current version:** | **17.2.1** |  |
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| ***Proposed change affects:*** | UICC apps |  | ME | **x** | Radio Access Network |  | Core Network |  |

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| ***Title:*** | UE does not delete 5G NAS security context in connected mode | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Source to WG:*** | Huawei, HiSilicon | | | | | | | | | | |
| ***Source to TSG:*** | C1 | | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Work item code:*** | 5GProtoc17 | | | | | |  | ***Date:*** | | | 2021-05-13 |
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| ***Category:*** | **F** |  | | | | | | ***Release:*** | | | Rel-17 |
|  | *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 can be 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-15 (Release 15) Rel-16 (Release 16) Rel-17 (Release 17) Rel-18 (Release 18)* | |
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| ***Reason for change:*** | | | As the following text quoted from clause 4.4.6 of TS 24.501 specified, the UE shall delete the 5G NAS security context if the 5G NAS security algorithm is 5G-EA0 and the newly selected PLMN is other than RPLMN and EPLMN.  *If the UE registered in a PLMN:*  *a) has 5G-EA0 as a selected 5G NAS security algorithm; and*  *b) selects a PLMN other than registered PLMN and EPLMN;*  *the UE shall delete the 5G NAS security context and send an initial NAS message including cleartext IEs only as described in this subclause for the case when the UE does not have a valid 5G NAS security context.*  However if the UE is in connected mode, for example handover to a PLMN other than RPLMN and EPLMN, then the registration request will be discarded by the PLMN as specified in below text quoted from clause 4.4.5 of TS24.501.  *Once the encryption of NAS messages has been started between the AMF and the UE, the receiver shall discard the unciphered NAS messages which shall have been ciphered according to the rules described in this specification.*  *If the "null ciphering algorithm" 5G-EA0 has been selected as a ciphering algorithm, the NAS messages with the security header indicating ciphering are regarded as ciphered.*  Hence it is proposed to clarify that UE deletes the 5G NAS security context only if the UE is not in the connected mode. | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Summary of change:*** | | Add a note to clarify that UE deletes the 5G NAS security context only if the UE is not in the connected mode. | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Consequences if not approved:*** | | Handover failure | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***Clauses affected:*** | | 4.4.6 | | | | | | | | | |
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| ***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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| ***This CR's revision history:*** | |  | | | | | | | | | |

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### 4.4.6 Protection of initial NAS signalling messages

The 5GS supports protection of initial NAS messages as specified in 3GPP TS 33.501 [24]. The protection of initial NAS messages applies to the REGISTRATION REQUEST, SERVICE REQUEST and CONTROL PLANE SERVICE REQUEST message, and is achieved as follows:

a) If the UE does not have a valid 5G NAS security context, the UE sends a REGISTRATION REQUEST message including cleartext IEs only. After activating a 5G NAS security context resulting from a security mode control procedure:

1) if the UE needs to send non-cleartext IEs, the UE shall include the entire REGISTRATION REQUEST message (i.e. containing both cleartext IEs and non-cleartext IEs) in the NAS message container IE and shall include the NAS message container IE in the SECURITY MODE COMPLETE message; or

2) if the UE does not need to send non-cleartext IEs, the UE shall include the entire REGISTRATION REQUEST message (i.e. containing cleartext IEs only) in the NAS message container IE and shall include the NAS message container IE in the SECURITY MODE COMPLETE message.

b) If the UE has a valid 5G NAS security context and:

1) the UE needs to send non-cleartext IEs in a REGISTRATION REQUEST or SERVICE REQUEST message, the UE includes the entire REGISTRATION REQUEST or SERVICE REQUEST message (i.e. containing both cleartext IEs and non-cleartext IEs) in the NAS message container IE and shall cipher the value part of the NAS message container IE. The UE shall then send a REGISTRATION REQUEST or SERVICE REQUEST message containing the cleartext IEs and the NAS message container IE;

2) the UE needs to send non-cleartext IEs in a CONTROL PLANE SERVICE REQUEST message:

i) if CIoT small data container IE is the only non-cleartext IE to be sent, the UE shall cipher the value part of the CIoT small data container IE. The UE shall then send a CONTROL PLANE SERVICE REQUEST message containing the cleartext IEs and the CIoT small data container IE;

ii) otherwise, the UE includes non-cleartext IEs in the NAS message container IE and shall cipher the value part of the NAS message container IE. The UE shall then send a CONTROL PLANE SERVICE REQUEST message containing the cleartext IEs and the NAS message container IE; or

3) the UE does not need to send non-cleartext IEs in a REGISTRATION REQUEST or SERVICE REQUEST or CONTROL PLANE SERVICE REQUEST message, the UE sends the REGISTRATION REQUEST or SERVICE REQUEST or CONTROL PLANE SERVICE REQUEST message without including the NAS message container IE.

When the initial NAS message is a REGISTRATION REQUEST message, the cleartext IEs are:

- Extended protocol discriminator;

- Security header type;

- Spare half octet;

- Registration request message identity;

- 5GS registration type;

- ngKSI;

- 5GS mobile identity;

- UE security capability;

- Additional GUTI;

- UE status; and

- EPS NAS message container.

When the initial NAS message is a SERVICE REQUEST message, the cleartext IEs are:

- Extended protocol discriminator;

- Security header type;

- Spare half octet;

- ngKSI;

- Service request message identity;

- Service type; and

- 5G-S-TMSI.

When the initial NAS message is a CONTROL PLANE SERVICE REQUEST message, the cleartext IEs are:

- Extended protocol discriminator;

- Security header type;

- Spare half octet;

- ngKSI;

- Control plane service request message identity; and

- Control plane service type.

When the UE sends a REGISTRATION REQUEST or SERVICE REQUEST or CONTROL PLANE SERVICE REQUEST message that includes a NAS message container IE, the UE shall set the security header type of the initial NAS message to "integrity protected".

When the AMF receives an integrity protected initial NAS message which includes a NAS message container IE, the AMF shall decipher the value part of the NAS message container IE. If the received initial NAS message is a REGISTRATION REQUEST message or a SERVICE REQUEST message, the AMF shall consider the NAS message that is obtained from the NAS message container IE as the initial NAS message that triggered the procedure.

When the AMF receives a CONTROL PLANE SERVICE REQUEST message which includes a CIoT small data container IE, the AMF shall decipher the value part of the CIoT small data container IE and handle the message as specified in subclause 5.6.1.4.2.

When the initial NAS message is a DEREGISTRATION REQUEST message, the UE always sends the NAS message unciphered.

If the UE registered in a PLMN:

a) has 5G-EA0 as a selected 5G NAS security algorithm; and

b) selects a PLMN other than registered PLMN and EPLMN;

the UE shall delete the 5G NAS security context and send an initial NAS message including cleartext IEs only as described in this subclause for the case when the UE does not have a valid 5G NAS security context.

NOTE X: UE deletes the 5G NAS security context only if the UE is not in the connected mode.

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