**3GPP TSG-RAN WG3 #113-e R3-214160**

Electronic meeting, 16th - 26th August, 2021

**Agenda item: 9.3.4.1**

**Source: NTT DOCOMO, INC. (moderator)**

**Title: Summary of discussions on slice correction**

**Document for: Approval**

# 1 Introduction

This paper provides summary of discussions at RAN3#113-e on:

**CB: # 26\_SliceCorrections**

**- When deploying a S-NSSAI with associated SD, should the SD value be explicitly included in S-NSSAI IE? ZTE**

**- Text description for Slice Available Capacity IE aligned to the content of the IE? E///**

**- Correct the maxnoofExtSliceItems from 65535 to 65536 over NG interface? NTTDocomo**

(NTT Docomo - moderator)

Summary of offline disc in [R3-214160](Inbox\R3-214160.zip)

# 2 For the Chairman’s Notes

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# 3 Discussion

## 3.1 Issue#1

In [1], an issue is found that for S-NSSAI which is comprised of SST and SD, the current spec does not require SD value shall be carried in S-NSSAI even when SD value is actually associated with the SST. This could affect the handover continuity of UEs with the following example:

“For example, in the XN interface, RAN node A supports S-NSSAI 1 (SST = 1, SD=FFFFFA) and S-NSSAI 2 (SST=1, SD = FFFFFB), and RAN node B supports S-NSSAI 3 (SST =1, SD =FFFFFA) and S-NSSAI 4 (SST = 1, SD= FFFFFC). When the Xn interface is established, RAN node B transmits only the SST of S-NSSAI 3&4 to RAN node A according to the current protocol. When a UE's PDU session serves S-NSSAI 1 of RAN node A and needs to be hand over to RAN node B, RAN node A cannot determine whether RAN Node B provides the same slices as RAN Node A ‘s S-NSSAI 1 only according to the SST information provided by RAN Node B. In this case, UE continuity may not be guaranteed.”

Based on the analysis above, paper [1] propose the following:

**Observation: The node does not provide associated SD value, although allowed by current specification, is sub optimal for many functions in RAN and Core network.**

**Proposal 1: In order to limit the impact of such sub-optimal behavior, it is propose to require a node, when deploy a S-NSSAI with associated SD, should explicitly include the SD value in S-NSSAI IE.**

**Q1: Do companies acknowledge the issue described above?**

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**Q2: Do companies agree with Proposal1 above?**

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**Q3: Do companies think the CR [2][3][4][5] are agreeable?**

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## 3.2 Issue#2

In [6][7], it found that the text description for Slice Available Capacity is not aligned with IE content, thus the following change is proposed for description alignment.

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#### 9.2.2.55 Slice Available Capacity

The *Slice Available Capacity* IE indicates the amount of resources per network slice that are available per cell relative to the total NG-RAN resources per cell. The *Slice Available Capacity Value* *Downlink* IE and the *Slice Available Capacity Value Uplink* IE can be weighted according to the ratio of the corresponding cell capacity class values contained in the *Composite Available Capacity Group* IE, if available.

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| IE/Group Name | Presence | Range | IE type and reference | Semantics description |
| **Slice Available Capacity** |  | *1..<* maxnoofBPLMNs *>* |  |  |
| >PLMN Identity | M |  | 9.2.2.4 | Broadcast PLMN |
| **>S-NSSAI Available Capacity List** |  | *1* |  |  |
| **>>S-NSSAI Available Capacity Item** | M | *1 .. < maxnoofSliceItems>* |  |  |
| >>>S-NSSAI |  |  | 9.2.3.21 |  |
| >>>Slice Available Capacity Value Downlink | O |  | INTEGER (0..100) | Value 0 indicates no available capacity, and 100 indicates maximum available capacity . Slice Available Capacity Value Downlink should be measured on a linear scale. |
| >>>Slice Available Capacity Value Uplink | O |  | INTEGER (0..100) | Value 0 indicates no available capacity, and 100 indicates maximum available capacity. Slice Available Capacity Value Uplink should be measured on a linear scale. |

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| Range bound | Explanation |
| maxnoofSliceItems | Maximum no. of signalled slice support items. Value is 1024. |
| maxnoofBPLMNs | Maximum no. of PLMN Ids.broadcast in a cell. Value is 12. |

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**Q4: Do companies think the CR [6[[7] are agreeable?**

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## 3.3 Issue#3

In [8], an issue is found that for the maxnoofExtSliceItems value, it should be 16 bits (65536), while the current maxnoofExtSliceItems is 65535. As the number of slices concerns the number of customers for operators to provide E2E network slicing service, it is proposed that the maximum number of slice support items should be corrected to 65536 as shown below.

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#### 9.3.1.191 Extended Slice Support List

This IE indicates a list of supported slices.

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| Slice Support Item |  | *1..<maxnoofExtSliceItems>* |  |  |
| >S-NSSAI | M |  | 9.3.1.24 |  |

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| Range bound | Explanation |
| maxnoofExtSliceItems | Maximum no. of signalled slice support items. Value is 65536. |

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**Q5: Do companies think the CR [8] is agreeable?**

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# 4 Conclusion

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