

From: TSG-T

To: TSG-SA

Title: Request for guidance on Harmonised Regulatory Standards for 3GPP Terminals

Document for: Discussion

3GPP TSG T1 is preparing conformance test specifications for 3GPP mobile terminal equipment. Inevitably this includes test specifications that fall into the regulatory domain.

It is recognised that each country or region in the 3GPP community has its own radio regulatory body and that any mobile sold in their country or region must comply with the local regulator's specifications. Since 3GPP is intended to be a global standard where users can roam to virtually any country on the globe and still gain service, every mobile must therefore comply with every local standard. Clearly approval by this method would be very difficult to achieve in practice.

The basic success of 3GPP is dependent upon the realisation of a global market for terminal equipment.

TSG T is therefore of the opinion that a single 'regulatory' document is needed that will meet or exceed the requirements of all the local standards from the 3GPP member countries. The intention being that regulators can recognise this document as a single harmonised standard and that a mobile tested to this standard in one member country will automatically be accepted by any other member country.

It is, however, beyond the scope of 3GPP TSG T to seek the establishment of such an agreement and it is therefore requesting that the issue be taken up by TSG SA.

TSG T would also like to seek advice and guidance from TSG SA on how it should proceed with the preparation of such a standard and also on the framework in which it should be prepared.