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1. INTRODUCTION

As defined in current TS33.246 MBMS security, for UE handling of the MSKs received, "if the UE receives an MSK and already contains two other MSKs under the same Network ID and Key Group ID, then the UE shall delete the older of these two MSKs." This mechanism seems to be not quite suitable, especially for MBMS download service. This contribution proposes some change to this UE handling of MSKs received.

2. DISCUSSION

"An MBMS User Service may contain one or more MSKs which may be in use at the same time and are managed at the MBMS User Service Level", and "every MSK is uniquely identifiable by its Network ID, Key Group ID and MSK ID." "If the UE receives an MSK and already contains two other MSKs under the same Network ID and Key Group ID, then the UE shall delete the older of these two MSKs." This means that the BMSC shall be able to use at most 2 different MSKs for each Network ID and Key Group ID combination. If the BMSC assigns multiple MSKs at the same time for one user service, say 3 MSKs, the BMSC has to use different Network ID and/or Key Group ID to identify these 3 MSKs. In this case, 2 bits for MSK ID is enough and the use of 2-bytes-long MSK ID seems to be a kind of waste.

Also, this MSK management mechanism is not suitable for the MBMS download service, where it is assumed that the MSKs can be delivered after the content is received. So one MSK should be kept until it is used/expired other than simply updated by the one that owns the same Network ID, Key Group ID but a new MSK ID.

Actually UE can know whether one MSK should be kept or not by the use of its Key Validity Time. The Key Validity Data subfield is present in the KEMAC payload when MSK is transported but it is not present for MTK transport. This field defines the Key Validity Time for MSK in terms of sequence number interval (i.e. lower limit of MTK ID and upper limit of MTK ID). So if the MTK ID of the MTK associated with one MSK reaches its upper limit, the UE can delete this MSK.

3. PROPOSAL

It is proposed to adopt these changes and approve the associated CR.

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Reason for change: 🕱 As defined in current TS33.246 MBMS security, for UE handling of the MSKs, "If the UE receives an MSK and already contains two other MSKs under the same Network ID and Key Group ID, then the UE shall delete the older of these two MSKs." This mechanism does not take the full use of 2-bytes-long MSK ID and is not feasible for MBMS download service. Change the UE handling of MSKs into "The UE shall delete one MSK once its Summary of change: # corresponding MTK ID reaches the upper limit as defined in the Key Validity Data subfield present in the KEMAC payload when this MSK is distributed." and remove the Editor's note. Consequences if ж Current mechanism does not take the full use of 2-bytes-long MSK ID and is not not approved: feasible for MBMS download service. ж 6.3.1.1 Clauses affected: Ν Other specs ж Х Other core specifications Ħ Χ affected: Test specifications Х **O&M** Specifications ж Other comments:

6.3.1.1 MSK identification

Every MSK is uniquely identifiable by its Network ID, Key Group ID and MSK ID

where

Network ID = MCC || MNC and is 3 bytes long. It is carried in the ID_I payload in MIKEY message

- Key Group ID is 2 bytes long and is used to group keys together in order to allow redundant MSKs to be deleted. It is carried in the CSB ID field of MIKEY common header.
- MSK ID is 2 bytes long and is used to distinguish MSKs that have the same Network ID and Key Service ID. It is carried in the MSK-ID field of MIKEY extension payload.

The UE shall delete one MSK once its corresponding MTK ID reaches the upper limit as defined in the Key Validity Data subfield present in the KEMAC payload when this MSK is distributed. If the UE receives an MSK and already contains two other MSKs under the same Network ID and Key Group ID, then the UE shall delete the older of these two MSKs.

Editor's Note: The handling of MSKs may need some enhancement to cover download services, where the MSK isfetched after the UE has received the encrypted data.