

Technical criteria and principles agreed
between the Electronic Communications Office of the Republic
of Latvia and the State Supervisory Department for
Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications and
Informatization of the Republic of Belarus

concerning the use of the frequency band 2300-2390 MHz for
terrestrial systems for Mobile/Fixed Communication Networks
(MFCN) in border areas

Riga, 12 March 2015

Preamble

According to Article 6 of the ITU Radio Regulations, representatives of the Electronic Communications Office of the Republic of Latvia and the State Supervisory Department for Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications and Informatization of the Republic of Belarus (hereinafter referred to as the Parties) have concluded the present technical criteria and principles (hereinafter referred to as the Document) concerning the use of the 2300-2390 MHz frequency band for terrestrial systems for mobile/fixed communications networks (MFCN)¹ in border² areas with the aim of optimizing the use of the frequency band and avoiding mutual interference on a mutually coordinated basis.

1. Principles

- 1.1. This Document is based on the concept of coordination field strength levels for base stations, preferential / non-preferential Physical Cell Identifiers³ (PCI) for LTE systems as described in ECC Recommendation (14)04 of 30th May 2014 "Cross-border coordination for mobile/fixed communications networks (MFCN) and between MFCN and other systems in the frequency band 2300-2400 MHz" (hereinafter referred to as ECC/REC (14)04) and on the principle of the equal access to spectrum by both Parties.
- 1.2. This Document presumes TDD⁴ frequency arrangement for terrestrial MFCN systems. The frequency arrangement conforms to ECC Decision (14)02 of 27th June 2014 "Harmonised technical and regulatory conditions for the use of the band 2300-2400 MHz for Mobile/Fixed Communications Networks (MFCN)".
- 1.3. Field strength values in this Document are based on a receiving antenna height of 3 m above ground for 10 % of time and 50 % of locations.
- 1.4. This Document covers coordination of base stations.

2. Use of frequencies and PCI

- 2.1. Each Party may use the frequency band 2300-2390 MHz for MFCN TDD systems without coordination with the other Party if the predicted mean field strength of each cell produced by the base station does not exceed a value of 30 dB μ V/m/5MHz at the border.
- 2.2. Physical Cell Identifier (PCI) coordination is necessary for LTE systems to avoid unnecessary signalling load and handover failures. For LTE TDD systems each Party may use all PCI available if the predicted mean field strength of any cell produced by the base station does not exceed a value of 21 dB μ V/m/5MHz at the border. If the predicted mean field strength of any cell produced by the base station for LTE TDD systems exceeds the value of 21 dB μ V/m/5MHz at the border each Party shall use only their own preferential PCI according to the Annex to this Document.
- 2.3. If frequency block size is wider than 5 MHz, a correction, calculated by the formula $10 \times \log_{10}(\text{frequency block size} / 5 \text{ MHz})$, dB, shall be added to the field strength value indicated in items 2.1 and 2.2.

¹ Mobile/fixed communications networks (MFCN) includes IMT and other communications networks in the mobile and fixed services.

² In the context of this Arrangement the term "border" is understood as the international borderline between the countries of the Parties.

³ Coordination of the Physical Cell Identifiers (PCI) is only needed in case of use of the LTE systems by both Parties when the channel centre frequencies are aligned independently of the channel bandwidth.

⁴ TDD - Time Division Duplex.

- 2.4. Each Party shall notify the other Party concerning the beginning or cancellation of use of the LTE TDD systems in frequency band 2300-2390 MHz located at a distance less than 15km from border indicating the frequency bands or channels concerned.

3. Procedure

- 3.1. If the predicted mean field strength value of any cell produced by the base station exceeds the level indicated in item 2.1 the frequency assignment shall be coordinated with the other Party.
- 3.2. The period of coordination shall not exceed 45 days from the date of receiving the request and 20 days after the reminder. If no reply is received within 65 days the frequency assignment shall be considered as coordinated. The exchange of coordination information shall take place by e-mail or other electronic means.
- 3.3. Coordination requests shall be drawn up according to Annex 4 of ECC/REC (14)04 in the appropriate ITU electronic formats.
- 3.4. Complaints of harmful interference shall be based on the median value of measurements of field strength, performed at a receiving antenna height of 3 m above ground at least in two different points over a distance of at least 100 m along the border.
- 3.5. Reports of harmful interference shall be presented in accordance to Appendix 10 of the ITU Radio Regulations and processed according to Article 15 of the ITU Radio Regulations. The Parties shall take all possible measures in order to eliminate harmful interference.
- 3.6. For field strength calculations the Parties shall use the latest version of Recommendation ITU-R P.1546 "Method for point-to-area predictions for terrestrial services in the frequency range 30 MHz to 3000 MHz".

4. Revision and cancellation

- 4.1. This Document may be revised at any time on the initiative of any Party with the consent of the other Party.
- 4.2. This Document may be cancelled by a mutual decision of both Parties on terms and conditions adopted by the Parties or by a decision of one Party notifying the other Party on its intention at least six months before.

5. Entry into force

- 5.1. This Document shall come into force on the date of signing it by both Parties.
- 5.2. This Document has been drawn in two identical copies, one for the Republic of Latvia and one for the Republic of Belarus.

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On behalf of the Electronic
Communications Office of the
Republic of Latvia

On behalf of the State Supervisory
Department for Telecommunications of
the Ministry of Communications and
Informatization of the Republic of Belarus

**Allocation of preferential Physical Cell Identifiers (PCI)
in the 2300-2390 MHz frequency band
between the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Belarus⁵**

Set	A	B	C	D	E	F
PCI	0...83	84...167	168...251	252...335	336...419	420...503
Set preferential to	LVA ⁶	LVA	BLR ⁷	BLR	LVA	BLR

⁵ According to Annex 5 of ECC/REC (14)04.

⁶ LVA – the Republic of Latvia.

⁷ BLR – the Republic of Belarus.