

UK Interface Requirement (IR) 2110

Terrestrial systems capable of providing electronic communications services in the 26 GHz band in high density areas

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1. References

ECC Decision (18)06 on the harmonised technical conditions for Mobile/Fixed Communications Networks (MFCN) in the band 24.25-27.5 GHz, as amended on 20 November 2020.

ETSI EN 301 908: IMT cellular networks; Harmonised Standard for access to radio spectrum (25 March 2022)

ECC Report 307 Toolbox for the most appropriate synchronisation regulatory framework including coexistence of MFCN in 24.25-27.5 GHz in unsynchronised and semi-synchronised mode. (6 March 2020).

ECC/REC/(20)01 ECC Recommendation of 6 March 2020 on guidelines to support the introduction of 5G while ensuring, in a proportionate way, the use of existing and planned FSS transmitting earth stations in the frequency band 24.65-25.25 GHz and the possibility for future deployment of these earth stations.

ECC/REC/(19)01 ECC Recommendation of 8 March 2019 on technical toolkit to support the introduction of 5G while ensuring, in a proportionate way, the use of existing and planned EESS/SRS receiving earth stations in the 26 GHz band and the possibility for future deployment of these earth stations.

CEPT Report 068 Report B from CEPT to the European Commission in response to the Mandate “to develop harmonised technical conditions for spectrum use in support of the introduction of next-generation (5G) terrestrial wireless systems in the Union” Harmonised technical conditions for the 24.25-27.5 GHz ('26 GHz') frequency band (6 July 2018).

2. Foreword

- 2.1 This UK Interface Requirement contains the requirements for the licensing and use of terrestrial systems capable of providing electronic communications services in the specified frequency bands.
- 2.2 It is required by the Wireless Telegraphy Act 2006 that no radio equipment is installed or used in the UK except under the authority of a licence granted by or otherwise exempted by regulations made by Ofcom. It is a condition of such a licence or exemption regulations as appropriate that, in order to be installed or used in the UK, the equipment must meet the minimum requirements specified in this UK Interface Requirement for the stated equipment types and for the stated frequency bands.
- 2.3 Nothing in this UK Interface Requirement shall preclude equipment from being placed on the market in the UK that complies with the 'essential requirements' specified in Radio Equipment Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/1206).
- 2.4 The requirements given in the main body of this UK Radio Interface Requirement will apply to the licensing of terrestrial systems capable of providing electronic communications services in the 26 GHz (25.1-27.5 GHz) band in high density areas.
- 2.5 This UK Radio Interface Requirement will be revised as necessary, for example to follow:
 - a) current technology developments for reasons related to the effective and appropriate use of the spectrum in particular maximising spectrum utilisation; and
 - b) changes to the available spectrum allocated for terrestrial systems capable of providing electronic communications services in the 26 GHz band.
- 2.6 All UK Radio Interface Requirements will be published and will be made available free of charge from the Ofcom website at <http://www.ofcom.org.uk>.
- 2.7 Further information on this UK Radio Interface Requirement can be obtained from the technical enquiry contact given at the back of this document.

3. Minimum requirements for operation within the UK

- 3.1 The minimum requirements in this document are made for reasons related to the effective and appropriate use of the radio spectrum, in particular maximising spectrum utilisation.
- 3.2 This UK Radio Interface Requirement gives a high-level description of how the spectrum in the UK is used for electronic communications services in the 26 GHz band. It does not prescribe technical interpretation of the ‘essential requirements’ of Radio Equipment Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/1206).
- 3.3 This UK Radio Interface Requirement therefore stipulates the necessary equipment parameters for the authorisation of terrestrial systems capable of providing electronic communications services in the 26 GHz band in the UK. Table 3.1 contains the relevant equipment parameters. These, taken together with the ‘essential requirements’ detailed in the Radio Equipment Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/1206), constitute the minimum requirements for terrestrial systems capable of providing electronic communications services in the 26 GHz band within high density areas of the UK.
- 3.4 Nothing in this UK Interface Requirement shall preclude equipment from being placed on the market in the UK that complies with the ‘essential requirements’ specified in Radio Equipment Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/1206).
- 3.5 The technical parameters specified in the UK Radio Interface Requirement are applied to achieve the desired level of compatibility within the spectrum for terrestrial systems capable of providing electronic communications services in the 26 GHz band and with other radiocommunications services, whilst promoting enterprise, innovation and competition.
- 3.6 This UK Radio Interface requirement provides the necessary technical information which facilitates access to spectrum by making clear the assumptions that are made in planning the use of the spectrum for terrestrial systems capable of providing electronic communications services in the 26 GHz band in the UK. It is not the intention of this UK Radio Interface Requirement to duplicate or impose any additional ‘essential requirements’ of the Radio Equipment Regulations 2017 (SI 2017/1206). Any specified parameters within this document are for the purpose of identifying product options and not as a national de facto product requirement.

Table 3.1: Minimum requirements for the use of: terrestrial systems capable of providing electronic communications services operating in the 25.1-27.5 GHz band

Mandatory (1 – 10)	
1. Radiocommunication Service	Mobile or Fixed service
2. Application	TRA-ECS (Terrestrial radio applications capable of providing electronic communication services)
3. Frequency band(s)	25.1-27.5 GHz
4. Channelling	50, 100, 200, 400 & 800 MHz

Mandatory (1 – 10)	
5. Modulation / Occupied bandwidth	N/A
6. Direction / Separation	Time-division duplex (TDD)
7. Maximum Mean Transmit Power	<p style="text-align: center;">Base & repeater stations 36 dBm/ 200 MHz TRP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Mobile/ Nomadic terminal stations: 23 dBm TRP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fixed or installed terminal stations: 23 dBm TRP</p>
8. Channel access and occupation rules	Licensee shall ensure that the Radio Equipment is operated in compliance with any Synchronisation Procedures as notified under the Licence
9. Authorisation regime	<p style="text-align: center;">WT Act licence required for base stations, repeaters and fixed installations.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Network terminal user equipment meeting the minimum requirements outlined in this Interface Requirement is exempt from licensing provided that it meets the requirements of the relevant exemption regulations.</p>
10. Additional essential requirements	N/A
Informative (11 – 15)	
11. Frequency planning assumptions	When deploying Active Antenna System (AAS) outdoor base stations, Licensees shall ensure that each antenna is normally transmitting only with main beam pointing below the horizon and in addition the antenna shall have mechanical pointing below the horizon except when the base station is only receiving.
12. Planned changes	-
13. Reference	-
14. Remarks	The TRP is defined as the integral of the power transmitted in different directions over the entire radiation sphere.
15. Notification Number (in respect of Northern Ireland)	-

4. Additional performance parameters

Informative

4.1 None specified

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6. Document history

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