



# Interface Requirement 2019

**Third Generation Mobile**

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## Section 1

# References

- 1.1 Directive 2009/114/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 September 2009 amending Council Directive 87/372/EEC on the frequency bands to be reserved for the coordinated introduction of public pan-European cellular digital land-based mobile communications in the Community
- 1.2 Commission Decision 2009/766/EC of 16 October 2009 on the harmonisation of the 900 MHz and 1800 MHz frequency bands for terrestrial systems capable of providing pan-European electronic communications services in the Community
- 1.3 Recommendation ITU-R M.1457 – Detailed specifications of the radio interfaces of International Mobile Telecommunications-2000 (IMT-2000).
- 1.4 Resolution ITU-R 56 – Naming for International Mobile Telecommunications
- 1.5 ETSI EN 301 908-01 – Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Base Stations (BS) and User Equipment (UE) for IMT-2000 Third Generation cellular networks; Part 1: Harmonized standard for IMT-2000, introduction and common requirements, covering essential requirements of article 3.2 of the Radio Equipment Directive (Directive 2014/53/EU)
- 1.6 ETSI EN 301 908-02 – Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Base Stations (BS) and User Equipment (UE) for IMT-2000 Third-Generation cellular networks; Part 2: Harmonized standard for IMT-2000, CDMA Direct Spread (UTRA FDD and E-UTRA FDD) (UE) covering essential requirements of article 3.2 of the Radio Equipment Directive (Directive 2014/53/EU)
- 1.7 ETSI EN 301 908-03 – Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Base Stations (BS) and User Equipment (UE) for IMT-2000 Third-Generation cellular networks; Part 3: Harmonized standard for IMT-2000, CDMA Direct Spread (UTRA FDD and E-UTRA FDD) (BS) covering essential requirements of article 3.2 of the Radio Equipment Directive (Directive 2014/53/EU).
- 1.8 ETSI EN 301 908-06 – Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Base Stations (BS) and User Equipment (UE) for IMT-2000 Third-Generation cellular networks; Part 6: Harmonized standard for IMT-2000, CDMA TDD (UTRA TDD and E-UTRA TDD) (UE) covering essential requirements of article 3.2 of the Radio Equipment Directive (Directive 2014/53/EU)
- 1.9 ETSI EN 301 908-07 – Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Base Stations (BS) and User Equipment (UE) for IMT-2000 Third Generation cellular networks; Part 7: Harmonized standard for IMT-2000, CDMA TDD (UTRA TDD and E-UTRA TDD) (BS) covering essential requirements of article 3.2 of the Radio Equipment Directive (Directive 2014/53/EU)

- 1.10 ETSI EN 301 908-11 – Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Base Stations (BS), Repeaters and User Equipment (UE) for IMT-2000 Third-Generation cellular networks; Part 11: Harmonized EN for IMT-2000, CDMA Direct Spread (UTRA FDD and E-UTRA FDD) (Repeaters) covering essential requirements of article 3.2 of the Radio Equipment Directive (Directive 2014/53/EU)
- 1.11 Note 1 - These references are included for information purposes only. Compliance with referenced standards is not mandatory.
- 1.12 Note 2 - Documents listed above are not produced by Ofcom, therefore interested parties should source the documentation by their own means. For information:
- The ITU website is located at <http://www.itu.int>
  - The ETSI website for technical standard documentation is located at <http://www.etsi.org>
- 1.13 Note 3 - Ofcom is not responsible for the content of external internet sites.

## Section 2

# Foreword

- 2.1 The Radio Equipment Directive (Directive 2014/53/EU) was implemented in the United Kingdom (UK) by the Radio Equipment Regulations 2017. In accordance with Articles 8 and 7 of Directive 2014/53/EU, this UK Interface Requirement contains the requirements for the licensing and use of third generation mobile in the specified frequency bands.
- 2.2 Nothing in this UK Radio Interface Requirement shall preclude the need for equipment to comply with Directive 2014/53/EU.
- 2.3 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. 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 Directive 2014/53/EU.
- 2.4 The requirements given in the main body of this UK Radio Interface Requirement will apply to the licensing of third generation mobile.
- 2.5 This UK Radio Interface Requirement will be revised as necessary, for example to follow:
  - i) current technology developments for reasons related to the effective and appropriate use of the spectrum in particular maximising spectrum utilisation; and
  - ii) changes to the available spectrum allocated for third generation mobile.
- 2.6 All UK Radio Interface Requirements notified under Directive 2015/1535/EU will be published and will be made available free of charge from the Ofcom web-site 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.

## Section 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 third generation mobile. It does not prescribe technical interpretation of the 'essential requirements' of Directive 2014/53/EU.
- 3.3 This UK Radio Interface Requirement therefore stipulates the necessary equipment parameters for the licensing or licence exemption of third generation mobile in the UK. Tables 3.1 to 3.4 contain the relevant equipment parameters. These taken together with the 'essential requirements' detailed in Article 3.2 of Directive 2014/53/EU constitute the minimum requirements for third generation mobile within the UK. 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 Directive 2014/53/EU.
- 3.4 The technical parameters specified in the UK Radio Interface Requirement are applied to achieve the desired level of compatibility within the third generation mobile and with other radiocommunications services, whilst promoting enterprise, innovation and competition.
- 3.5 This UK Radio Interface requirement provides the necessary technical information which facilitates access to the third generation mobile spectrum by making clear the assumptions that are made in planning the use of the third generation mobile spectrum in the UK. It is not the intention of this UK Radio Interface Requirement to duplicate or impose any additional 'essential requirements' of the Directive 2014/53/EU on products. 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: - third generation mobile (mobile stations) operating in the 1899.9 to 1920 MHz band**

Mandatory (1-10)		
1	Frequency band(s)	1899.9 to 1920 MHz
2	Radiocommunication Service	Mobile Service
3	Application	IMT
4	Channelling	200 kHz channel raster
5	Modulation / Occupied bandwidth	QPSK 8-PSK 16QAM
6	Direction / Separation	Time-division duplex (TDD)
7	Maximum Transmit Power / Power Density	24 dBm      Power class 2 21 dBm      Power class 3
8	Channel access and occupation rules	CDMA/TDMA
9	Authorisation regime	Network 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
10	Additional essential requirements	
Informative (11-13)		
11	Frequency planning assumptions	ETSI TS 125 102
12	Planned changes	
13	Reference	
14	Notification	2010/165/UK
15	Remarks	

**Table 3.2: Minimum requirements for the use of: - third generation mobile (base stations) operating in the 1899.9 to 1920 MHz band**

Mandatory (1-10)		
1	Frequency band(s)	1899.9 to 1920 MHz
2	Radiocommunication Service	Mobile Service
3	Application	IMT
4	Channelling	200 kHz channel raster
5	Modulation / Occupied bandwidth	QPSK 8-PSK 16QAM 64QAM
6	Direction / Separation	Time-division duplex (TDD)
7	Maximum Transmit Power / Power Density	62 dBm EIRP 58 dBm/MHz EIRP
8	Channel access and occupation rules	CDMA/TDMA
9	Authorisation regime	WT Act licence
10	Additional essential requirements	
Informative (11-13)		
11	Frequency planning assumptions	ETSI TS 125 105
12	Planned changes	
13	Reference	
14	Notification	2010/165/UK
15	Remarks	Not all frequencies within this range are available for licensing. Ofcom may impose additional restrictions on the maximum power used for specific frequencies and locations



**Table 3.3: Minimum requirements for the use of: - third generation mobile (mobile stations and repeaters) operating in the 880.1 to 914.9 MHz, 1710.1 to 1785 MHz or 1920 to 1980 MHz bands**

Mandatory (1-10)		
1	Frequency band(s)	880.1 to 914.9 MHz 1710.1 to 1785 MHz 1920 to 1980 MHz
2	Radiocommunication Service	Mobile Service
3	Application	IMT
4	Channelling	200 kHz channel raste
5	Modulation / Occupied bandwidth	QPSK 16QAM
6	Direction / Separation	Mobile transmit Repeater transmit/receive
		<u>Uplink/downlink separation</u>
		<b>Frequency band</b> <b>Separation</b> 880.1 to 914.9 MHz      45 MHz
		1710.1 to 1785 MHz      95 MHz
1920 to 1980 MHz      190 MHz		
7	Maximum Transmit Power / Power Density	24 dBm      Power class 3 23 dBm      Power class 3bis 21 dBm      Power class 4
8	Channel access and occupation rules	CDMA
9	Authorisation regime	Network 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 WT Act licence required for repeaters
10	Additional essential requirements	
Informative (11-13)		
11	Frequency planning assumptions	ETSI TS 125 101 ETSI TS 125 106
12	Planned changes	
13	Reference	
14	Notification	2010/165/UK
15	Remarks	

**Table 3.4: Minimum requirements for the use of: - third generation mobile (base stations and repeaters) operating in the 925.1 to 959.9 MHz, 1805.1 to 1880 MHz or 2110 to 2170 MHz bands**

Mandatory (1-10)						
1	Frequency band(s)	925.1 to 959.9 MHz 1805.1 to 1880 MHz 2110 to 2170 MHz				
2	Radiocommunication Service	Mobile Service				
3	Application	IMT				
4	Channelling	200 kHz channel raste				
5	Modulation / Occupied bandwidth	QPSK 16QAM 64QAM				
6	Direction / Separation	Base station transmit Repeater transmit/receive				
		<u>Uplink/downlink separation</u>				
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8	Channel access and occupation rules	CDMA				
9	Authorisation regime	WT Act licence				
10	Additional essential requirements					
Informative (11-13)						
11	Frequency planning assumptions	ETSI TS 125 104 ETSI TS 125 106				
12	Planned changes					
13	Reference					
14	Notification	2010/165/UK				

15	Remarks	Not all frequencies within this range are available for licensing. Ofcom may impose additional restrictions on the maximum power used for specific frequencies and locations
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**Section 4**

# Additional performance parameters

**(informative)**

None specified

## Section 5

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## Section 6

# Document history

<b>Version</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Changes</b>
1.0	21 May 2001	Publication
1.1	20 Jun 2005	Rebranding to Ofcom format
2.0	12 Mar 2010	Addition of 900 MHz and 1800 MHz bands; reformat to TCAM template.
2.1	January 2018	Replaced R&TTE Directive 1999/5/EC and Directive 98/34/EC with Radio Equipment Directive and Directive (EU) 2015/1535 respectively. Minor editorials