

ARRANGEMENT

**between
the Electronic Communications Office of the Republic of Latvia
and the Communications Regulatory Authority of the Republic
of Lithuania**

**concerning the use of the frequency band 2500-2690 MHz for
terrestrial systems for Mobile/Fixed Communication Networks
(MFCN) in border areas**

Vilnius, 31st January 2013

Preamble

According to Article 6 of the ITU Radio Regulations, representatives of the Electronic Communications Office of the Republic of Latvia and the Communications Regulatory Authority of the Republic of Lithuania (hereinafter referred to as the Parties) have concluded this Arrangement concerning the use of the 2500-2690 MHz frequency band by terrestrial systems for mobile/ fixed communication networks (MFCN) capable of providing electronic communication services with the aim of optimizing the use of the frequency band and avoiding mutual interference in border areas on a mutually agreed basis (hereinafter referred to as the Arrangement).

The frequency band 2500-2690 MHz is designated for terrestrial systems capable of providing electronic communications services according to European Commission Decision 2008/477/EC of 13th June 2008 on the harmonisation of the 2500-2690 MHz frequency band for terrestrial systems capable of providing electronic communications services in the Community (hereinafter referred to as Commission Decision 2008/477/EC).

1. Principles

- 1.1. This Arrangement is based on the concept of coordination threshold levels for base stations as described in ECC Recommendation (11)05 "Frequency planning and frequency coordination for terrestrial systems for Mobile/Fixed Communication Networks (MFCN) capable of providing electronic communications services in the frequency band 2500-2690 MHz" (hereinafter referred to as the Recommendation ECC/REC(11)05), on the principle of equal access to spectrum by both Parties and preferential and non-preferential Physical Cell Identifiers¹ (PCI) for LTE systems.
- 1.2. The following frequency arrangement for MFCN systems is presumed: FDD mobile stations (user equipment or terminals) transmit and receive respectively in the bands 2500-2570 MHz / 2620-2690 MHz, FDD base stations transmit and receive respectively in the bands 2620-2690 MHz / 2500-2570 MHz and TDD mode is used in the frequency band 2570-2620 MHz. This conforms to ECC Decision of 18th March 2005 on harmonised utilisation of spectrum for IMT-2000/UMTS systems operating within the band 2500-2690 MHz (ECC/DEC/(05)05) and to Commission Decision 2008/477/EC.
- 1.3. The use of the 2500-2690 MHz frequency band shall be in accordance with Commission Decision 2008/477/EC, based on the Block Edge Mask (BEM) spectrum description.
- 1.4. This Arrangement covers coordination of base stations.
- 1.5. The field strength values in this Arrangement are based on a receiving antenna height of 3 m above ground for 10% of time and 50% of locations.
- 1.6. In the context of this Arrangement the term "border" is understood as the international borderline between the countries of the Parties.

¹ 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.

2. Use of frequencies and PCI

- 2.1. Each Party may use the 2500-2570 MHz/ 2620-2690 MHz frequency bands for stations in the FDD mode without coordination with the other Party if the predicted mean field strength produced by the cell (all transmitters within the sector) does not exceed the value of 65 dB μ V/m/5MHz at the border and does not exceed the value of 37 dB μ V/m/5MHz at a distance of 6 km from the border inside the neighbouring country.
- 2.2. In case LTE FDD systems are deployed on both sides of the border each Party may use the 2500-2570 MHz / 2620-2690 MHz frequency bands without coordination with the other Party if the predicted mean field strength produced by the cell (all transmitters within the sector) does not exceed the value of 65 dB μ V/m/5MHz at the border and does not exceed the value of 49 dB μ V/m/5MHz at a distance of 6 km from the border inside the neighbouring country.
- 2.3. Each Party may use the 2570-2620 MHz frequency band for stations in the TDD mode without coordination with the other Party if the predicted mean field strength produced by the cell (all transmitters within the sector) does not exceed the value of 21 dB μ V/m/5MHz at the border.
- 2.4. For LTE systems each Party may use all PCI available if the predicted mean field strength produced by the cell (all transmitters within the sector) does not exceed the value of 37 dB μ V/m/5MHz at the border. If the predicted mean field strength produced by the cell (all transmitters within the sector) for LTE systems exceeds the value of 37 dB μ V/m/5MHz at the border each Party shall use only their own preferential PCI according to the Annex to this Arrangement.
- 2.5. If frequency block size is wider than 5 MHz, a correction, calculated by the formula $10 \times \lg(\text{frequency block size} / 5 \text{ MHz})$, dB, shall be added to the field strength values indicated in items 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4.
- 2.6. Each Party shall notify the other Party concerning the beginning or cancellation of use of LTE FDD systems in border areas indicating the frequency bands or channels concerned.

3. Procedure

- 3.1. If the predicted mean field strength values produced by the cell (all transmitters within the sector) exceed the levels indicated in items 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 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 the Recommendation ECC/REC/(11)05.
- 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 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.

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 Arrangement may be revised at any time on the initiative of any Party with the consent of the other Party.

4.2. This Arrangement 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 Arrangement shall come into force on the 1st January 2014.

5.2. This Arrangement has been drawn up in two identical copies, one for the Republic of Latvia and one for the Republic of Lithuania.

Vilnius, 31st January 2013

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

On behalf of the Communications
Regulatory Authority of the
Republic of Lithuania

**Allocation of preferential Physical Cell Identifiers (PCI)
in the 2500-2690 MHz frequency band
between the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania²**

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

² According to Annex 5 of the Recommendation ECC/REC(11)05.