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for ground-based equipment;
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This Harmonised European Standard (EN) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM).

The present document has been prepared under the Commission's standardisation request C(2015) 5376 final [i.4] to provide one voluntary means of conforming to the essential requirements of Directive 2014/53/EU on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of radio equipment and repealing Directive 1999/5/EC [i.1].

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The present document is part 3 of a multi-part deliverable covering VHF air-ground Digital Link (VDL) Mode 2; Technical characteristics and methods of measurement for ground-based equipment, as identified below:

- Part 1: "Physical layer and MAC sub-layer";
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- Part 3: "Harmonised Standard covering the essential requirements of article 3.2 of the Directive 2014/53/EU".**

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Modal verbs terminology

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1 Scope

The present document applies to VDL Mode 2 ground-air digital communications using Differential Eight Phase Shift Keying (D8PSK), intended for channel increments of 25 kHz. The VDL Mode 2 system provides data communication exchanges between aircraft and ground-based systems, operating in the VHF band (117,975 MHz to 137,000 MHz). The scope of the present document is limited to ground based stations.

NOTE: The VDL Mode 2 can be used as an Air/Ground sub-network of the Aeronautical Telecommunication Network (ATN) using a band with AM(R)S spectrum allocation.

The present document contains requirements to demonstrate that "... *Radio equipment shall be so constructed that it both effectively uses and supports the efficient use of radio spectrum in order to avoid harmful interference*" [i.1].

In addition to the present document, other ENs that specify technical requirements in respect of essential requirements under other parts of article 3 of the Directive 2014/53/EU [i.1] as well as essential requirements under the SES Interoperability Regulation No 552/2004 [i.5] and related implementing rules and/or essential requirements under the EASA basic Regulation No 216/2008 [i.6] as amended by Regulation No 1108/2009 [i.7] may apply to equipment within the scope of the present document.

2 References

2.1 Normative references

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- [1] ETSI EN 301 841-1 (V1.4.1) (04-2015): "VHF air-ground Digital Link (VDL) Mode 2; Technical characteristics and methods of measurement for ground-based equipment; Part 1: Physical layer and MAC sub-layer".
- [2] ETSI EN 300 113-1 (V1.7.1) (11-2011): "Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Land mobile service; Radio equipment intended for the transmission of data (and/or speech) using constant or non-constant envelope modulation and having an antenna connector; Part 1: Technical characteristics and methods of measurement".

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- [i.1] Directive 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of radio equipment and repealing Directive 1999/5/EC.

- [i.2] ETSI TR 100 028-1: "Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Uncertainties in the measurement of mobile radio equipment characteristics; Part 1".
- [i.3] ETSI TR 100 028-2: "Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Uncertainties in the measurement of mobile radio equipment characteristics; Part 2".
- [i.4] Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 5376 final of 4.8.2015 on a standardisation request to the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardisation and to the European Telecommunications Standards Institute as regards radio equipment in support of Directive 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council.
- [i.5] Regulation (EC) No 552/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 March 2004 on the interoperability of the European Air Traffic Management network (interoperability Regulation), OJ L 96, 31.03.2004, p. 26 as amended by Regulation (EC) No 1070/2009, OJ L 300, 14.11.2009, p. 34.
- [i.6] Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 February 2008 on common rules in the field of civil aviation and establishing a European Aviation Safety Agency, and repealing Council Directive 91/670/EEC, Regulation (EC) No 1592/2002 and Directive 2004/36/EC.
- [i.7] Regulation (EC) No 1108/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009 amending Regulation (EC) No 216/2008 in the field of aerodromes, air traffic management and air navigation services and repealing Directive 2006/23/EC.

3 Definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in Directive 2014/53/EU [i.1] and the following apply:

adjacent channel power: amount of the modulated RF signal power transmitted outside of the assigned channel

NOTE: Adjacent channel power includes discrete spurious, signal sidebands, and noise density (including phase noise) at the transmitter output.

adjacent channel rejection: receiver's ability to demodulate the desired signal and meet the uncorrected BER requirement in the presence of an interfering signal in an adjacent channel

NOTE: The ratio (in dB) between the adjacent interfering signal level and the desired signal level necessary to achieve the specified minimum uncorrected BER, is the Adjacent Channel Rejection (ACR) ratio.

Aeronautical Mobile Service (AMS): mobile service between ground based stations and airborne stations, or between aircraft stations, in which survival craft stations may participate

average transmitter output power: average power supplied to the antenna transmission line by a transmitter during an interval of time sufficiently long, compared with the lowest frequency encountered in the modulation, taken under normal operating conditions

Bit Error Rate (BER): ratio between the number of erroneous bits received and the total number of bits received

NOTE: The uncorrected BER represents the BER without the benefit of Forward Error Correction (FEC).

Co-Channel Interference (CCI): capability of a receiver to demodulate the desired signal and achieve the minimum specified BER performance in the presence of an unwanted signal at the same assigned channel

NOTE: The ratio (in dB) between the wanted signal level and the unwanted signal level is the co-channel interference ratio.

conducted measurements: measurements which are made using a direct RF connection to the equipment under test

environmental profile: range of environmental conditions under which equipment within the scope of the present document is required to comply with the provisions of the present document

ground based station: aeronautical station equipment, in the Aeronautical Mobile Service (AMS), for use with an external antenna and intended for use at a fixed location

radiated measurements: measurements which involve the measurement of a radiated field

spurious emissions: conducted RF emissions on a frequency or frequencies which are outside the necessary bandwidth and the level of which may be reduced without affecting the corresponding transmission of information

NOTE: Spurious emissions include parasitic emissions, intermodulation products and frequency conversion products.

X 25: ITU-T standard for the protocols and message formats that define the interface between a terminal and a packet switching network

3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

ACR	Adjacent Channel Rejection
AM	Amplitude Modulation
AM(R)S	Aeronautical Mobile (Route) Service
AMS	Aeronautical Mobile Service
ATN	Aeronautical Telecommunication Network
BER	Bit Error Rate
CCI	Co-Channel Interference
D8PSK	Differential Eight Phase Shift Keying
DSB	Double Side Band
EASA	European Aviation Safety Agency
FEC	Forward Error Correction
MAC	Medium Access Control
R&TTE	Radio and Telecommunications Terminal Equipment
RF	Radio Frequency
TX	Transmission
VDL	VHF Data Link
VHF	Very High Frequency
VSWR	Voltage Standing Wave Ratio

4 Technical requirements specifications

4.1 Environmental profile

The technical requirements of the present document apply under the environmental profile for operation of the equipment, which shall be declared by the manufacturer. The equipment shall comply with all the technical requirements of the present document at all times when operating within the boundary limits of the declared operational environmental profile.

4.2 Conformance requirements

4.2.1 Transmitter requirements

4.2.1.1 Frequency error

4.2.1.1.1 Requirement

Frequency tolerance shall be as specified in ETSI EN 301 841-1 [1], clause 6.1.1.

4.2.1.1.2 Conformance

Conformance tests as defined in clause 5.3.1.1 shall be carried out with the limits defined by clause 4.2.1.1.1.

4.2.1.2 Manufacturer's declared output power

4.2.1.2.1 Requirement

Manufacturer's declared output power shall be as specified in ETSI EN 301 841-1 [1], clause 6.1.2.

4.2.1.2.2 Conformance

Conformance tests as defined in clause 5.3.1.2 shall be carried out with the limits defined by clause 4.2.1.2.1.

4.2.1.3 Adjacent channel power

4.2.1.3.1 Requirement

Adjacent channel power shall be as specified in ETSI EN 301 841-1 [1], clause 6.1.3.

4.2.1.3.2 Conformance

Conformance tests as defined in clause 5.3.1.3 shall be carried out with the limits defined by clause 4.2.1.3.1.

4.2.1.4 Transmitter Conducted spurious emissions

4.2.1.4.1 Requirement

Conducted spurious emissions shall be as specified in ETSI EN 301 841-1 [1], clause 6.1.4.

4.2.1.4.2 Conformance

Conformance tests as defined in clause 5.3.1.4 shall be carried out with the limits defined by clause 4.2.1.4.1.

4.2.1.5 Transmitter Cabinet radiation

4.2.1.5.1 Requirement

Cabinet radiation shall be as specified in ETSI EN 301 841-1 [1], clause 6.1.5.

4.2.1.5.2 Conformance

Conformance tests as defined in clause 5.3.1.5 shall be carried out with the limits defined by clause 4.2.1.5.1.

4.2.1.6 Void

4.2.1.7 Intermodulation attenuation

4.2.1.7.1 Requirements

Inter-modulation attenuation shall be as specified in ETSI EN 300 113-1 [2], clause 7.6.3.

If the intended use of the base station equipment is not in the special service conditions class as described in that clause, this has to be stated clearly in the user manual and/or in the installation manual.

NOTE: The required class (general - or special service conditions) depends on the local situation and regulatory frequency assignment.

4.2.1.7.2 Conformance

Conformance tests as defined in clause 5.3.1.7 shall be carried out with the limits defined by clause 4.2.1.7.1.

4.2.1.8 Void

4.2.1.9 RF power release time

4.2.1.9.1 Requirement

RF power release time shall be as specified in ETSI EN 301 841-1 [1], clause 6.1.9.

4.2.1.9.2 Conformance

Conformance tests as defined in clause 5.3.1.9 shall be carried out with the limits defined by clause 4.2.1.9.1.

4.2.1.10 Transient behaviour of the transmitter

4.2.1.10.1 Receiver to transmitter turn-around time

4.2.1.10.1.1 Requirement

Receiver to transmitter turn-around shall be as specified in ETSI EN 301 841-1 [1], clause 6.1.10.1.

4.2.1.10.1.2 Conformance

Conformance tests as defined in clause 5.3.1.10.1 shall be carried out with the limits defined by clause 4.2.1.10.1.1.

4.2.1.10.2 Transmitter to receiver turn-around time

4.2.1.10.2.1 Requirement

Transmitter to receiver turn-around shall be as specified in ETSI EN 301 841-1 [1], clause 6.1.10.2.

4.2.1.10.2.2 Conformance

Conformance tests as defined in clause 5.3.1.10.2 shall be carried out with the limits defined by clause 4.2.1.10.2.1.

4.2.1.11 Modulation Accuracy - Symbol constellation error

4.2.1.11.1 Requirement

Symbol constellation error shall be as specified in ETSI EN 301 841-1 [1], clause 6.1.11.