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for ground-based equipment;
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This draft Harmonised European Standard (EN) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM), and is now submitted for the combined Public Enquiry and Vote phase of the ETSI standards EN Approval Procedure.

The present document has been prepared under the Commission's standardisation request C(2015) 5376 final [i.1] 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.2].

Once the present document is cited in the Official Journal of the European Union under that Directive, compliance with the normative clauses of the present document given in table A.1 confers, within the limits of the scope of the present document, a presumption of conformity with the corresponding essential requirements of that Directive, and associated EFTA regulations.

The present document provides the technical procedures and limits for compliance with article 3.2 of the Directive 2014/53/EU [i.2] for the ground equipment only. The present document is part 5 of a multi-part deliverable covering the VHF air-ground Digital Link (VDL) Mode 4 radio equipment: Technical characteristics and methods of measurement for ground-based equipment, as identified below:

- Part 1: "EN for ground equipment";
- Part 2: "General description and data link layer";
- Part 3: "Additional broadcast aspects";
- Part 4: "Point-to-point functions";
- Part 5: "Harmonised Standard covering the essential requirements of article 3.2 of the Directive 2014/53/EU".**

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1 Scope

The present document applies to Very High Frequency (VHF) Digital Link (VDL) Mode 4 ground-based radio transmitters and receivers for air-ground communications operating in the VHF band, using Gaussian-filtered Frequency Shift Keying (GFSK) Modulation with 25 kHz channel spacing and capable of tuning to any of the 25 kHz channels from 112,000 MHz to 136,975 MHz as defined in ICAO VHF Digital Link (VDL) Standards and Recommended Practices (SARPs) [i.5].

Manufacturers should note that in future the tuning range for the ground transceivers may also cover any 25 kHz channel from 108,000 MHz to 111,975 MHz.

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.2].

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.2] as well as essential requirements under the Single European Sky Interoperability Regulation 552/2004 [i.10] and related implementing rules and/or essential requirements under the EASA basic regulation No 216/2008 [i.3] as amended by Regulation No 1108/2009 [i.4] may apply to equipment within the scope of the present document.

2 References

2.1 Normative references

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- [1] ETSI EN 301 842-1 (V1.4.1) (04-2015): "VHF air-ground Digital Link (VDL) Mode 4 radio equipment; Technical characteristics and methods of measurement for ground-based equipment; Part 1: EN for ground equipment".
- [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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The following referenced documents are not necessary for the application of the present document but they assist the user with regard to a particular subject area.

- [i.1] 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.2] 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.3] 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.4] 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.
- [i.5] ICAO Annex 10 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation: "Aeronautical Telecommunications, Volume III: Communication Systems, Part I: Digital Data Communication Systems, Chapter 6", inc. Amendment 88-A (applicable from 14/11/2013).
- [i.6] ISO/IEC 7498-1 (1994): "Information technology - Open Systems Interconnection - Basic Reference Model: The Basic Model".
- [i.7] ISO/IEC 10731 (1994): "Information technology - Open Systems Interconnection - Basic Reference Model - Conventions for the definition of OSI services".
- [i.8] ETSI TR 100 028-1 (V1.4.1): "Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Uncertainties in the measurement of mobile radio equipment characteristics; Part 1".
- [i.9] ETSI TR 100 028-2 (V1.4.1): "Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Uncertainties in the measurement of mobile radio equipment characteristics Part 2".
- [i.10] EC Regulation 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.

3 Definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in the Radio Equipment Directive [i.2], ISO/IEC 7498-1 [i.6], ISO/IEC 10731 [i.7] and the following apply:

adjacent channel power: amount of the modulated RF signal power which falls within a given adjacent channel

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

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

data rate: maximum amount of data that can be transmitted in a specified amount of time, typically expressed as bits per second

NOTE: The nominal data rate for VDL Mode 4 is 19 200 bits/s.

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 base station: aeronautical station equipment, in the aeronautical mobile service, for use with an external antenna and intended for use at a fixed location

integral antenna equipment: radio communications equipment with an antenna integrated into the equipment without the use of an external connector and considered to be part of the equipment

NOTE: An integral antenna may be internal or external to the equipment. In equipment of this type, a 50 Ω RF connection point is provided for test purposes.

non-integral antenna equipment: radio communications equipment with a connector intended for connection to an antenna

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

reference signal level: signal level used in the receiver performance specifications except otherwise stated

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.

station: VDL Mode 4 Specific Services (VSS)-capable entity

NOTE: A station may be either a mobile station or a ground station. A station is a physical entity that transmits and receives bursts over the RF interface (either A/G or A/A) and comprises, at a minimum: a physical layer, media access control sublayer, and a unique VSS address. A station which is also a DLS station has the same address.

VDL Mode 4: VHF data link using a Gaussian Filtered Frequency Shift Keying modulation scheme and self-organizing time division multiple access

VDL Mode 4 station: physical entity that transmits and receives VDL Mode 4 bursts over the RF interface (either A/G or A/A) and comprises, as a minimum: a physical layer, Media Access Control sublayer and a VSS sublayer

NOTE: A VDL Mode 4 station may either be a mobile VDL Mode 4 station or a ground VDL Mode 4 station.

VDL Station: VDL-capable entity that transmits and receives VDL bursts over the RF interface (either A/G or A/A) and comprises, as a minimum: a physical layer, Media Access Control sublayer and a VSS sublayer

NOTE: A station may either be a mobile station or a ground station. A station is a physical entity that transmits and receives frames over the air/ground (A/G) interface and comprises, at a minimum: a physical layer, media access control sublayer, and a unique DLS address. The particular initiating process (i.e. DLE or LME) in the station cannot be determined by the source DLS address. The particular destination process cannot be determined by the destination DLS address. These can be determined only by the context of these frames as well as the current operational state of the DLEs.

VDL System: VDL-capable entity comprising one or more stations and the associated VDL management entity

NOTE: A system may either be a mobile system or a ground system.

3.2 Abbreviations

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

A/A	Air-to-Air
A/G	Air/Ground
BER	Bit Error Rate
DLE	Data Link Entity
DLS	Data Link Service
EASA	European Aviation Safety Agency
EN	European Norm