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- Part 1: "S band Meteorological Radar Sensor operating in the frequency band 2 700 MHz to 2 900 MHz";
- Part 2: "C band Meteorological Radar Sensor operating in the frequency band 5 250 MHz to 5 850 MHz";
- Part 3: "X band Meteorological Radar Sensor operating in the frequency band 9 300 MHz to 9 500 MHz".**

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# 1 Scope

The present document specifies technical characteristics and methods of measurements for X-band meteorological radar systems intended for the surveillance and classification of hydrometeors with the following characteristics:

- Operating in the following frequency range:
  - 9 300 MHz to 9 500 MHz
- Utilizing unmodulated pulses or phase/frequency modulated pulses also known as pulse compression.
- The maximum output power (PEP) is not greater than 250 kW (i.e. 84 dBm).
- The transceiver antenna connection and its feeding RF line are using a hollow metallic rectangular or elliptic waveguide.
- The antenna is rotating and can be changed in elevation.
- The antenna feed is waveguide based and the antenna is passive.
- The orientation of the transmitted field from the antenna can be vertical or horizontal orientated or it can be both simultaneously.
- At the transceiver output a RF circulator is used.

NOTE 1: Since transceiver and antenna are based on hollow metallic rectangular waveguide the frequency range for measurements that needs to be addressed covers 6 556 MHz to 26 GHz. The lower limit of this frequency range is obtained as the cut-off frequency of the generally used WR90/WG16 waveguide according to IEC 60153-2 [i.2]. The upper limit corresponds to the upper limit stated in ERC/Recommendation 74-01 [1], Table 1.

NOTE 2: Since at the transceiver output a RF circulator is used, it is assumed that the transceiver characteristics remain independent from the antenna.

NOTE 3: Meteorological radar systems covered by the present document are expected to use the band 9 300 MHz to 9 500 MHz. According to provision 5.475B of the ITU Radio Regulations [4], ground-based radars used for meteorological purposes in the band 9 300 MHz to 9 500 MHz have priority over other radiolocation uses.

NOTE 4: Further technical and operational characteristics of meteorological radar systems can be found in Recommendation ITU-R M.1849-1 [i.3].

NOTE 5: The relationship between the present document and essential requirements of article 3.2 of Directive 2014/53/EU [i.1] is given in Annex A.

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## 2 References

### 2.1 Normative references

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- [1] ERC/Recommendation 74-01 (2011): "Unwanted emissions in the spurious domain".

- [2] ECC/Recommendation (02)05 (2012): "Unwanted emissions".
- [3] Recommendation ITU-R M.1177-4 (04/2011): "Techniques for measurement of unwanted emissions of radar systems".
- [4] ITU Radio Regulations (2016).

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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] IEC 60153-2 (Edition 2.0, 1974): "Hollow metallic waveguides, Part 2: Relevant specifications for ordinary rectangular waveguides".
- [i.3] Recommendation ITU-R M.1849-1 (09/2015): "Technical and operational aspects of ground-based meteorological radars".
- [i.4] Recommendation ITU-R SM.1541-6 (08/2015): "Unwanted emissions in the out-of-band domain".
- [i.5] 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.

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## 3 Definition of terms, symbols and abbreviations

### 3.1 Terms

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

**active state:** state which produces the authorized emission

**allocated band:** frequency span that regionally or nationally is allocated to one or more radio services on a primary or secondary basis

NOTE: A table of national frequency allocations are normally available from the radio authority for each national state. A generic frequency allocation table is also available in the ITU Radio Regulations [4].

**assigned frequency:** centre of the frequency band assigned to a station

NOTE: This definition is taken from the ITU Radio Regulations [4].

**assigned frequency band:** frequency band within which the emission of a station is authorized

NOTE 1: The width of the band equals the necessary bandwidth plus twice the absolute value of the frequency tolerance. Where space stations are concerned, the assigned frequency band includes twice the maximum Doppler shift that may occur in relation to any point of the Earth's surface.

NOTE 2: This definition is taken from the ITU Radio Regulations [4].



**characteristic frequency:** frequency which can be easily identified and measured in a given emission

NOTE 1: A carrier frequency may, for example, be designed as the characteristic frequency.

NOTE 2: This definition is taken from the ITU Radio Regulations [4].

**declared band:** band or bands within which the product under test is declared to operate in the applicable operating modes

NOTE: The declared band for a given region or country is always contained within the allocated band.

**frequency tolerance:** maximum permissible departure by the centre frequency of the frequency band occupied by an emission from the assigned frequency or, by the characteristic frequency of an emission from the reference frequency

NOTE 1: The frequency tolerance is expressed in parts in  $10^6$  or in Hertz.

NOTE 2: This definition is taken from the ITU Radio Regulations [4].

**idle/standby state:** state where the transmitter is available for traffic but is not in the active state

**necessary bandwidth  $B_N$ :** width of the frequency band which is just sufficient to ensure the transmission of information at the rate and with the quality required under specified conditions for a given class of emission

NOTE: This definition is taken from the ITU Radio Regulations [4].

**occupied bandwidth:** width of a frequency band such that, below the lower and above the upper frequency limits, the mean powers emitted are each equal to a specified percentage  $\beta/2$  of the total mean power of a given emission

NOTE 1: Unless otherwise specified in a Recommendation ITU-R for the appropriate class of emission, the value of  $\beta/2$  should be taken as 0,5 %.

NOTE 2: This definition is taken from the ITU Radio Regulations [4].

**operating mode:** predefined configuration for a given service accessible to the operator of the radar system

NOTE 1: Several operating modes may be available.

NOTE 2: Changing operating mode might affect the radio characteristics of the radar system.

**out-of-band emission:** emission on a frequency or frequencies immediately outside the necessary bandwidth which results from the modulation process, but excluding spurious

NOTE: This definition is taken from the ITU Radio Regulations [4].

**peak envelope power (of a radio transmitter):** average power supplied to the antenna transmission line by a transmitter during one radio frequency cycle at the crest of the modulation envelope taken under normal operating conditions

NOTE: This definition is taken from the ITU Radio Regulations [4].

**product configuration:** hardware variant of the same typology of system under test (e.g. different power outputs, magnetrons)

**pulse duration:** time in seconds between the 50 % amplitude (voltage) points of a transmitted pulse

**pulse rise time:** time taken for the leading edge of the pulse to increase from 10 % to 90 % of the maximum amplitude (voltage) in seconds

**receiver selectivity:** ability of a receiver to detect and decode a desired signal in the presence of an unwanted interfering signal which is usually in the adjacent band

**reference frequency:** frequency having a fixed and specified position with respect to the assigned frequency

NOTE 1: The displacement of this frequency with respect to the assigned frequency has the same absolute value and sign that the displacement of the characteristic frequency has with respect to the centre of the frequency band occupied by the emission.

NOTE 2: This definition is taken from the ITU Radio Regulations [4].

**spurious emission:** emission 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 1: Spurious emissions include harmonic emissions, parasitic emissions, intermodulation products and frequency conversion products, but exclude out-of-band emissions.

NOTE 2: This definition is taken from the ITU Radio Regulations [4].

**system coupler:** high power directional waveguide coupler with forward and reverse port or only a forward port

NOTE: The system coupler is inserted in the waveguide run between the circulator and the antenna but not directly located behind the antenna. Usually it is located very close behind the circulator.

## 3.2 Symbols

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

$B_{-40}$	-40 dB bandwidth
$B_C$	Chirp bandwidth
$B_N$	Necessary bandwidth
dB/dec	dB per decade
$dBpp$	dB with respect to peak power
$f_c$	characteristic frequency
$f_t$	transmitter frequency tolerance
$k$	Boltzmann's constant
$t$	Pulse duration
$t_r$	Pulse rise time

## 3.3 Abbreviations

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

A/D	Analog to Digital converter
AC	Alternating Current
CW	Continuous Wave
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EIA	Electronic Industries Alliance
FM	Frequency Modulation
IF	Intermediate Frequency
LNA	Low Noise Amplifier
LNFE	Low Noise Front End
MDS	Minimum Detectable Signal
OoB	Out-of-Band
PEP	Peak Envelope Power
PM	Phase Modulation
PRF	Pulse Repetition Frequency
RF	Radio Frequency
WG	WaveGuide

## 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, but as minimum, shall be that specified in the test conditions contained in the present document. The equipment shall comply with all the technical requirements of the present document which are identified as applicable in Annex A 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 Tolerance

###### 4.2.1.1.1 Definition

The transmitter of a pulsed radar system produces microwave pulses, which cause a broad frequency spectrum depending on the pulse duration. The operating frequency is the frequency of the microwave emission during the transmitting pulse and is represented by the spectral line of highest amplitude. For phase/frequency modulated radar systems the operating frequency is to be understood as the centre between the highest and lowest transmitted frequency. The frequency tolerance is the maximum permissible departure from the operating frequency.

###### 4.2.1.1.2 Limits

The frequency tolerance for meteorological radar systems shall not exceed:

$$f_t = 1\,250 \cdot 10^{-6}, f_c = 1\,250 \text{ ppm} \quad (1)$$

as specified in Appendix 2 of ITU Radio Regulations [4].

###### 4.2.1.1.3 Conformance

The conformance tests are specified in clause 5.4.1.1.

##### 4.2.1.2 Transmitter output power

###### 4.2.1.2.1 Definition

The transmitter power is considered to be the peak value of the transmitter pulse power during the transmission pulse (PEP).

The transmitter power shall be referenced with respect to the output port of the transmitter.

###### 4.2.1.2.2 Limits

The transmitter power shall not exceed 250 kW (i.e. 84 dBm).

NOTE: The maximum transmitter power may be subject to national regulations.

###### 4.2.1.2.3 Conformance

The conformance tests are specified in clause 5.4.1.2.