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## Foreword

ETSI EN 300 422-1 V2.2.1 (2021-08)

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.18] 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.10].

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The present document is part 1 of a multi-part deliverable covering Wireless Microphones, Audio PMSE Equipment up to 3 GHz, as identified below:

**Part 1: "Audio PMSE Equipment up to 3 GHz";**

Part 2: "Class B Receivers" (see note);

Part 3: "Class C Receivers"(see note);

Part 4: "Assistive Listening Devices including personal sound amplifiers and inductive systems up to 3 GHz".

NOTE: Since the present document now covers Class A, B, and C receivers for audio PMSE, ETSI EN 300 422-2 and ETSI EN 300 422-3 will no longer be maintained.

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This update includes changes requested by the EC for terminology in Harmonised Standards in addition to changes of the technical requirements.

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## Introduction

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Audio Programme Making and Special Events (Audio PMSE) equipment up to 3 GHz are used in wireless applications for audio transmission purposes.

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Following publication by ETSI of version 2.1.2 of ETSI EN 300 422-1 and its subsequent publication in the Official Journal, the present document has been revised with information gained from those using that version. The previous four-parts deliverable has been reformatted into two parts to accommodate the different types of equipment represented. The present document (Part 1) now covers Class A, B, and C receivers for audio PMSE. To avoid confusion, the numbering for ETSI EN 300 422-4 [i.4] (ALDs) has been retained.

Spectrum, power limits, and technical requirements for audio PMSE are shown in the latest version of:

- EC Decision on Short Range Devices [i.14];
- CEPT/ERC Recommendation 70-03 [i.12], annex 10;
- National Interface regulations; and
- compatibility studies.

Further information is given in CEPT/ERC Recommendation 25-10 [i.13], annexes 2 and 4. Further information is available via the ECO website:

<https://cept.org/ecc/topics/programme-making-and-special-events-applications-pmse>

and the EFIS database:

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Unless otherwise stated in the EC SRD Decision [i.14], EC Decision 2014/641/EU [i.11] or national regulations, the use of audio PMSE equipment can be subject to an individual licensing regime.

Although the present document covers a spectrum up to 3 GHz, it should be emphasized that multi-channel audio PMSE systems used in professional productions are best suited to a spectrum under 2 GHz for reasons of propagation and body interaction. Further information on audio PMSE is available in ECC Report 204 [i.16].



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- 2) other relevant radio standards.

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# 1 Scope

The present document specifies technical characteristics and methods of measurements for audio PMSE equipment operating with up to 250 mW output power on radio frequencies up to 3 GHz (see note 1).

NOTE 1: For RF power levels above this, refer to ETSI EN 300 454-1 [i.3].

Audio Programme Making and Special Events (PMSE) equipment within the scope of the present document is used in wireless applications for audio transmission purposes including, but not limited to equipment such as wireless microphones, in-ear monitoring systems, conference systems, talkback systems, tour guide systems, Cognitive PMSE (C-PMSE), Wireless Multichannel Audio Systems (WMAS), and assistive listening devices.

**Table 1: Radiocommunications service frequency bands**

Radiocommunications service frequency bands	
Transmit	up to 3 000 MHz
Receive	up to 3 000 MHz

NOTE 2: The relationship between the present document and essential requirements of article 3.2 of Directive 2014/53/EU [i.10] is given in annex A.

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- [1] IEC 60244-13:1991: "Methods of measurement for radio transmitters - Part 13: Performance characteristics for FM sound broadcasting".
- [2] ERC Recommendation 74-01 (May 2019): "Unwanted emissions in the spurious domain".

## 2.2 Informative references

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- [i.1] ETSI EG 203 336: "Guide for the selection of technical parameters for the production of Harmonised Standards covering article 3.1(b) and article 3.2 of Directive 2014/53/EU".
- [i.2] Void.

- [i.3] ETSI EN 300 454-1: "Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Wide band audio links; Part 1: Technical characteristics and test methods".
- [i.4] ETSI EN 300 422-4: "Wireless Microphones; Audio PMSE up to 3 GHz; Part 4: Assistive Listening Devices including personal sound amplifiers and inductive systems up to 3 GHz; Harmonised Standard covering the essential requirements of article 3.2 of Directive 2014/53/EU".
- [i.5] Void.
- [i.6] ETSI EG 203 367 (V1.1.1): "Guide to the application of harmonised standards covering articles 3.1b and 3.2 of the Directive 2014/53/EU (RED) to multi-radio and combined radio and non-radio equipment".
- [i.7] ETSI TR 102 273 (V1.2.1) (all parts): "Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Improvement on Radiated Methods of Measurement (using test site) and evaluation of the corresponding measurement uncertainties".
- [i.8] ETSI EN 301 489-9: "ElectroMagnetic Compatibility (EMC) standard for radio equipment and services; Part 9: Specific conditions for wireless microphones, similar Radio Frequency (RF) audio link equipment, cordless audio and in-ear monitoring devices; Harmonised Standard covering the essential requirements of article 3.1(b) of Directive 2014/53/EU".
- [i.9] Void.
- [i.10] 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.11] Commission Implementing Decision 2014/641/EU of 01/09/2014 on harmonised technical conditions of radio spectrum use by wireless audio programme making and special events equipment in the Union (notified under document C(2014) 6011) (Text with EEA relevance).
- [i.12] CEPT/ERC Recommendation 70-03: "Annex 10: Radio microphone applications including assistive listening devices (ALD), wireless audio and multimedia streaming systems".  
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- [i.13] CEPT/ERC Recommendation 25-10: "Frequency Ranges for the Use of Terrestrial Audio and Video Programme Making and Special Events (PMSE) applications", Amended 18 October 2016.
- [i.14] Commission Decision 2013/752/EC on harmonization of the radio spectrum for use by short-range devices as amended by subsequent Commission Decisions.
- [i.15] Recommendation ITU-R BS.559-2: "Objective measurement of radio-frequency protection ratios in LF, MF, and HF broadcasting".
- [i.16] ECC Report 204: "Spectrum Use and future requirements for PMSE".
- NOTE: Available at <https://docdb.cept.org/download/1f1d1819-5ca2/ECCREP204.PDF>.
- [i.17] Report Recommendation ITU-R SM.2152 (09/2009): "Definitions of Software Defined Radio (SDR) and Cognitive Radio System (CRS)".
- [i.18] 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.19] ANSI C63.5: "American National Standard for Calibration of Antennas Used for Radiated Emission Measurements in Electro Magnetic Interference".

## 3 Definition of terms, symbols and abbreviations

### 3.1 Terms

For the purposes of the present document, the terms given in Directive 2014/53/EU [i.10] and the following apply:

**analogue modulation:** modulation technique whereby message signal, which is the analogue of some physical quantity, is impressed on a carrier signal for transmission through a channel (e.g. FM)

**antenna port:** port, where a radio frequency antenna is connected to equipment or where a temporary antenna connector is provided

NOTE: 50  $\Omega$  connection points unless otherwise stated.

**audio channel:** monaural (mono) audio signal

**audio limiting threshold:** audio input or output level at which the transmitter audio limiter action may be said to commence

NOTE: It is specified with any accessible variable gain controls set according to the published information relevant to the equipment, with a sinusoidal input signal of 500 Hz.

**audio PMSE:** inclusive description consisting of wireless microphones, in-ear monitoring systems, conference systems, talkback systems, tour guide systems, Cognitive PMSE (C-PMSE), Wireless Multichannel Audio Systems (WMAS), and assistive listening devices

**bodypack transmitter:** wireless microphone that can be attached to the human body, sometimes referred to as body worn transmitter

**centre frequency:** centre frequency of the operating channel

**channel separation:** minimum separation in frequency between the centre frequencies of two adjacent usable channels

**conducted measurements:** measurements that are made using a direct connection to the Device Under Test (DUT)

**conducted output power:** output power which the transmitter delivers at its antenna port into a 50 Ohm load

**conference system:** multiple microphone and sound reinforcement system

NOTE: A conference system comprises one control unit and a number of delegate units for discussion groups and face-to-face meetings as well as far end-to-far end (including video) conference events.

**confidence level:** probability of the accumulated error of a measurement being within the stated range of uncertainty of measurement

**control data:** data for controlling or managing a device or system; can be uni-directional or bi-directional communication

**corresponding device:** device required to initiate transmissions by the DUT

**C-PMSE:** Cognitive Radio System (CRS) based on Recommendation ITU-R SM.2152 [i.17] and designed for the purpose and the specific requirements of PMSE applications

**C-PMSE system:** cognitive PMSE with information acquisition

**declared channel bandwidth:** width of a band of frequencies assigned to a single channel

**dedicated antenna:** antenna physically external to the equipment, using an antenna connector with a cable or a waveguide and which has been designed or developed for one or more specific types of equipment, and is as such assessed in combination with the equipment against the requirements in the present document

**digital modulation:** any modulation scheme with discrete constellation points (e.g. FSK, PSK)

**enclosure port:** physical boundary of the apparatus through which electromagnetic fields may radiate or impinge

NOTE: In the case of integral antenna equipment, this port is inseparable from the antenna port.

**error metric:** measure for errors, which is typically formulated as relative value or rate in comparison to an error-free measure

**frequency stability:** spontaneous and/or environmentally caused frequency change within a given time interval

**handheld microphone:** wireless microphone which is designed to be held and operated in the human hand

**In-Ear Monitor (IEM) system:** transmitter and one or more bodypack miniature receivers with earpieces for personal monitoring of single- or dual-channel sound

**integral antenna:** antenna designed as a fixed part of the equipment (without the use of an external connector) which cannot be disconnected from the equipment by a user with the intent to connect another antenna

NOTE: An integral antenna may be fitted internally or externally. In the case where the antenna is external, a non-detachable cable or wave-guide can be used.

**occupied (channel) bandwidth:** bandwidth containing 99 % of the total transmit power of the signal

**operating channel:** frequency range in which transmissions from the device occur during operation

**operating frequency:** actual transmitted frequency

**operational mode:** mode in which the equipment is operated

**out-of-band emission:** emission on a frequency or frequencies immediately outside the operating channel which results from the modulation process but excluding spurious emissions

**peak:** spectrum analyser setting peak detection

**port:** any connection point on or within the Device Under Test (DUT) intended for the connection of cables to or from that equipment

**portable equipment:** radio and/or ancillary equipment intended for portable (e.g. handheld) operation, powered by its own integral battery

**radiated measurements:** measurements that involve the absolute measurement of a radiated electromagnetic field

**radiated output power:** mean output power of the transmitter measured as a radiated measurement

**radio microphone:** See wireless microphone.

**receiver adjacent channel selectivity:** measure of the capability of the receiver to operate satisfactorily in the presence of an unwanted signal, which differs in frequency from the wanted signal by an amount equal to the channel separation

**receiver blocking:** measure of the capability of the receiver to receive a wanted modulated signal without exceeding a given degradation due to the presence of an unwanted input signal at any frequencies other than those of the spurious responses or the adjacent channels or bands

**receiver category:** set of relevant receiver requirements and minimum performance criteria

**receiver sensitivity:** ability to receive a wanted signal at low input power level while providing a pre-determined level of performance

**RF channel:** specific amount of spectrum for transmission between at least two devices

**spectrum scanning procedure:** functionality that allows PMSE equipment to perform a scan in order to identify available frequencies within the tuning range of the equipment

**spurious emissions:** unwanted emissions in the spurious domain applying at frequencies beyond the limit of 250 % of the declared bandwidth above and below the centre frequency of the emission

EXAMPLE: Spurious emissions include harmonic emissions, parasitic emissions, intermodulation products and frequency conversion products but exclude out of band emissions.

**tour guide system:** equipment used for visitor guidance or interpreter or assistive listening applications

**EXAMPLE:** Tour guide systems are used for visitor guidance (such as factory or facility tours), and interpreter applications, but also can be used as assistive listening devices in theatres or opera houses. In some cases, hearing aids can be connected to the receivers. They can be permanently or temporarily installed in a wide variety of buildings or facilities. They are primarily designed for speech reproduction.

**transmitter Inter Modulation Distortion (IMD):** emission created by non-linearities in electronic circuits when at least two signals are mixed

**transmitter intermodulation performance:** measure of the capability of the transmitter to inhibit the generation of signals in its nonlinear elements caused by the presence of the wanted signal and an interfering signal reaching the transmitter via the antenna

**transmitter intermodulation ratio:** ratio of the power of the intermodulation product to the wanted signal, when an interference signal is injected into the antenna connector at a specific power level lower than that of the mean power of the wanted signal

**tuning range:** maximum frequency range over which the receiver or the transmitter can be operated without hardware or firmware modifications

**wireless microphone:** microphone combined with a radio transmitter as a handheld or bodypack device; sometimes referred to as radio microphone

**Wireless Multichannel Audio Systems (WMAS):** wireless audio transmission systems using digital broadband transmission techniques for microphone and in-ear monitor system applications, and other multichannel audio PMSE use, e.g. with the ability to support three or more audio channels per MHz

**wireless talkback system:** communication system used in a production

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## 3.2 Symbols

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

$\lambda$	wavelength in metres
$\mu\text{F}$	microfarad
$\mu\text{W}$	microwatt
dB	decibel; logarithmic unit to express ratio between two quantities
dBA	A-weighted power quantity
dBc	power quantity relative to carrier power level
dBm	power quantity relative to 1 mW
$f_{\text{BLK}}$	frequency of blocker signal
B	declared channel bandwidth
$f_{\text{c}}$	centre frequency
$f_{\text{cm}}$	actual centre frequency
$f_{\text{INT}}$	frequency of interferer signal
$f_{\text{TOI}}$	frequency of third order intermodulation product
$f_{\text{w}}$	wanted frequency
GHz	gigahertz
kHz	kilohertz
MHz	megahertz
mW	milliwatt
nW	nanowatt
$P_{\text{min}}$	minimum RF power
R	distance
$\Omega$	ohm

### 3.3 Abbreviations

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

AF	Audio Frequency
ALD	Assistive Listening Device
BER	Bit Error Rate
CEPT	European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications administrations
DUT	Device Under Test
e.i.r.p.	equivalent isotropically radiated power
e.r.p.	effective radiated power
EC	European Commission
ECC	Electronic Communications Committee
ECO	European Communications Office
EFIS	ECO Frequency Information System
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EMC	Electro Magnetic Compatibility
emf	electromagnetic field
ERC	former European Radio Committee in CEPT, now ECC
FM	Frequency Modulation
FSK	Frequency Shift Keying
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
IEM	In Ear Monitor system
IMD	Inter Modulation Distortion
ITU-R	International Telecommunication Union Radiocommunication sector
LF	Low Frequency
lim	limiting
NF	Noise Figure
OATS	Open Area Test Site
PER	Packet Error Rate
PMSE	Programme Making and Special Events
ppm	parts per million
PSK	Phase Shift Keying
PSTN	Public Switched Telephone Network
RBW	Resolution Bandwidth
RF	Radio Frequency
RMS	Root Mean Square
Rx	Receiver
SINAD	Ratio of (Signal + Noise + Distortion) to (Noise + Distortion)
SNR	Signal to Noise Ratio
SRD	Short Range Device
TOI	Third Order Intermodulation
Tx	Transmitter
Tx-IMD	Transmitter Inter Modulation Distortion
VBW	Video Bandwidth
VSWR	Voltage Standing Wave Ratio
WMAS	Wireless Multichannel Audio Systems

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## 4 Technical requirements specifications

### 4.1 Environmental profile

The technical requirements of the present document apply under the environmental profile for the operation of the equipment, which shall be in accordance with its intended use (product information, see clause 5.3.1). The equipment shall comply with all the technical requirements of the present document at all times when operating within the boundary limits of the operational environmental profile defined by its intended use.