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The present document has been prepared under the Commission's standardisation request C(2015) 5376 final [i.7] 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 specifies technical characteristics and methods of measurements for DSB AM ground based transmitters, receivers and transceivers operating in all or any part of the aeronautical frequency band between 225 MHz and 399,975 MHz.

NOTE: 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.

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 Single European Sky (SES) Interoperability Regulation No 552/2004 [i.3] and related implementing rules and/or essential requirements under the EASA basic Regulation No 216/2008 [i.5] as amended by Regulation No 1108/2009 [i.6] may apply to equipment within the scope of the present document.

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## 2.1 Normative references

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- [1] 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".
- [2] Recommendation ITU-T O.41 (10/1994): "Psophometer for use on telephone-type circuits".

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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 (all parts) (V1.4.1): "Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Uncertainties in the measurement of mobile radio equipment characteristics".
- [i.3] Regulation (EC) 552/2004 of the European Parliament and Council of 10 March 2004 on the interoperability of the European Air Traffic Management network (the interoperability Regulation), OJEU L96, 31.03.2004, p. 26-42 as amended by Regulation (EC) 1070/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 21 October 2009, OJEU L300/34, 14/11/2009.

- [i.4] 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.5] Regulation (EC) 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.6] 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.7] 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.

## 3 Definitions and abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

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

**aeronautical mobile service:** mobile service between aeronautical stations and aircraft stations, or between aircraft stations, in which survival craft stations may participate

**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 base station:** aeronautical station equipment, in the aeronautical mobile service, 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

### 3.2 Abbreviations

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

AC	Alternating Current
AF	Audio Frequency
AGC	Automatic Gain Control
AM	Amplitude Modulation
BW	Bandwidth
dB	decibel
DSB	Double Side Band
EASA	European Aviation Safety Agency
EC	European Community
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
EU	European Union
IF	Intermediate Frequency
ITU-T	International Telecommunication Union-Telecommunication
RE	Radio Equipment
RF	Radio Frequency
RMS	Root Mean Square
RX	Receive
SES	Single European Sky
SINAD	Signal In Noise And Distortion

TX	Transmit
WB	Wideband

## 4 General requirements

### 4.1 Frequency control

25 kHz equipment shall be able to operate on the frequencies 225,000 MHz to 399,975 MHz.

It shall not be possible to transmit while any frequency synthesizer used within the transmitter is out of lock.

It shall not be possible to transmit during channel switching operations.

### 4.2 Controls and indicators

The equipment shall have the following controls and indicators as a minimum:

- a visual indication that the device is switched on;
- a facility to disable the squelch for test purposes (by local or remote control);
- a visual indication that the carrier is being produced.

The equipment shall also meet the following requirements:

- the user shall not have access to any control which, if unintentionally set, might impair the operating parameters of the equipment.

### 4.3 Class of emission and modulation characteristics

The equipment shall use Double Side Band (DSB) Amplitude Modulation (AM) full carrier, 6K80A3EJN with 25 kHz channel spacing.

### 4.4 Warm up

After being switched on the equipment shall meet the requirements of the present document within one minute under normal test conditions (see clause 5.6).

If the equipment includes parts which require to be heated in order to operate correctly (e.g. crystal ovens) a warming-up period of 10 minutes of those parts shall be allowed.

### 4.5 Protection of the transmitter

#### 4.5.1 Definition

The protection of the transmitter represents the ability of the transmitter to be protected against malfunction due to faults in the antenna system. This shall be the first test applied to a transmitter.

#### 4.5.2 Method of measurement

While the transmitter is transmitting at the rated output power, the antenna port shall first be short-circuited and then open-circuited, in each case for a period of 1 minute. This test shall be performed on 312,5 MHz only.

### 4.5.3 Requirement

This test shall not result in any damage to the transmitter. After removal of the short-circuit and open-circuit conditions, the transmitter shall be able to operate normally when re-keyed.

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## 5 General conditions of measurement

### 5.1 Transmitter test signal arrangement

#### 5.1.1 Coaxial termination

When tests are carried out with a coaxial termination, this shall be a non-reactive, non radiating  $50\ \Omega$  load.

#### 5.1.2 Signal sources

The modulating signals shall be applied to the transmitter through the modulating audio input.

#### 5.1.3 Normal test signal

The normal test signal shall be a 1 kHz sinewave at a level which produces a 30 % amplitude modulation depth, of the transmitter RF output, unless otherwise defined.

### 5.2 Receiver test signal arrangement

#### 5.2.1 Test signal sources

Test signal sources shall be connected to the receiver input in such a way that the impedance presented to the receiver input is  $50\ \Omega$ , irrespective of whether one or more test signals are applied to the receiver simultaneously.

#### 5.2.2 Nominal frequency

The nominal frequency of the receiver is the carrier frequency of the selected channel.

#### 5.2.3 Normal test signal

The normal test signal shall be a Double Side Band (DSB) signal with carrier, amplitude modulated with 1 kHz sinewave to a depth of 30 %.

#### 5.2.4 Squelch

Unless otherwise stated the receiver squelch facility shall be made inoperative for the duration of the tests.

#### 5.2.5 Normal audio output power

The rated audio frequency output power is the value stated by the manufacturer to be the maximum power available at the output, for which all the requirements of the present document are met.

The audio frequency output power shall be maintained at 50 % of the rated output in the presence of a desired signal unless otherwise defined.

#### 5.2.6 Audio AGC

When an audio AGC function is provided, this shall be disabled (where possible) unless otherwise stated.

## 5.3 Test channels

Tests shall be carried out on three frequencies unless otherwise stated:

- 225,000 MHz;
- 312,500 MHz;
- 399,975 MHz.

## 5.4 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 a 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.

Measurements shall be made under normal test conditions (see clause 5.6) and also, where stated, under extreme test conditions (see clause 5.7).

## 5.5 Test power source

During testing, the equipment shall be supplied from a test power source capable of producing normal and extreme test voltages.

The internal impedance of the test power source shall be low enough for its effect on the test results to be negligible. For the purpose of testing the power source voltage shall be measured at the input terminals of the equipment.

During testing, the power source voltages shall be maintained within a tolerance of  $\pm 3\%$  relative to the voltage level at the beginning of each test.

## 5.6 Normal test conditions

### 5.6.1 Normal temperature and humidity

The normal temperature and humidity conditions for tests shall be a combination of temperature and humidity within the following ranges:

- temperature: +15 °C to +35 °C;
- relative humidity: 20 % to 75 %.

### 5.6.2 Normal power sources

#### 5.6.2.1 Mains voltage and frequency

The normal test voltage for equipment to be connected to the mains shall be the nominal mains voltage.

For the purpose of the present document, the nominal voltage shall be the declared voltage or any of the declared voltages for which the equipment was designed.

The frequency of the test power source corresponding to the AC mains shall be between 49 Hz and 51 Hz.

#### 5.6.2.2 Other power sources

For operation from other power sources or types of battery (primary or secondary), the normal test voltage shall be that declared by the equipment manufacturer.