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receiver immunity limits at equipment/antenna  
port of Digital Fixed Radio Systems**

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## Major changes with respect to previous version

This revision is consequent to 2019 revision of CEPT/ERC Recommendation 74-01 [1], which revised the resolution bandwidth staircase for the limits of *unwanted emissions in the spurious domain* also for system with *channel separation* higher than 28 MHz and added specific limits for "*channels-aggregation*" systems as defined in ETSI EN 302 217-2 [i.7]. In addition, standing the poor penetration of multipoint systems in the so-called HDFS (High Density Fixed Service) bands (see 5.547 in the Radio Regulations [i.12]), limits for multipoint equipment with fundamental emission above 21,2 GHz have also been aligned to those required by CEPT/ERC Recommendation 74-01 [1].

Examples in clause B.2 have been updated as appropriate.

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## Introduction

The term Spurious emissions is used for simplicity elsewhere in the present document but with the more broader meaning of "*unwanted emissions in the spurious domain*" introduced by Recommendation ITU-R SM.329-12 [i.13] for clarifying the Radio Regulation definitions and the application of recommended limits for all *unwanted emissions*; it also recommends that spurious emissions limits apply to all unwanted emissions falling in the spurious domain.

Therefore the present document deals with limits for *unwanted emissions in the spurious domain* at antenna port of Digital Fixed Radio Systems (DFRS) as defined by Recommendation ITU-R SM.329-12 [i.13], CEPT/ERC Recommendation 74-01 [1] and ECC Recommendation (02)05 [i.18].

Moreover it covers characteristics of immunity from interference at receiver's antenna port.

*Unwanted emissions in the spurious domain* and immunity performance at antenna port are also relevant to essential requirements under article 3.2 of Directive 2014/53/EU [i.11] on Radio Equipment (RED).

Additional considerations and background for producing the present document are:

- Recommendation ITU-R SM.329-12 [i.13] considers emissions from any system, including digital modulation and allows options for the definition of the frequency boundary between *out-of-band domain* and *spurious domain*. It recommends different category of level limits applicable to the Fixed Service;
- Recommendation ITU-R SM.1539-1 [i.14] describes the application of the boundary concept between out-of-band and spurious domains;
- Recommendation ITU-R F.1191-3 [i.15] defines the application of Radio Regulations [i.12] and the concepts of out-of-band, unwanted and spurious emissions to DFRS, clarify the applicability for the boundary between out-of-band and Spurious emissions domains but maintain the same possible limit options provided by Recommendation ITU-R SM.329-12 [i.13];
- CEPT/ERC Recommendation 74-01 [1] endorses only the more stringent Category B limits of Recommendation ITU-R SM.329-12 [i.13];
- for the purpose of Directive 2014/53/EU [i.11], the emissions and immunity at antenna port fall under its article 3.2 requirements for "effective use of spectrum" and "avoidance of harmful interference";
- it is convenient to maintain a single ETSI EN covering these parameters instead of replicating them on each single product standard, avoiding possible deviation from what required by other CEPT and ITU-R normative;
- limits for *unwanted emissions in the spurious domain* are supposed to be fixed in view of inter-working compatibility among various Fixed Radio Systems in same or different band exploited in the same area;
- the measurement of the required limits should also be feasible in a suitable and cost effective conformance test (annex B gives also information in this field);
- it is necessary that DFRS receivers provide a minimum level of immunity at antenna port towards possible interference at any frequency band of practical interest;
- a suitable and easy to perform criterion for DFRS receivers immunity at antenna port may be considered the application of a CW interference.

# 1 Scope

The scope of the present document is to define specific limits at antenna port for *unwanted emissions in the spurious domain* and receiver immunity for suitable inter-working of Digital Fixed Radio Systems (i.e. Point-to-point and Multipoint systems) in the same or in different frequency band whenever allocated to Fixed Service in the range 9 kHz to 300 GHz.

However systems with fundamental emission below 30 MHz are not considered relevant for Digital Fixed Radio Systems and are outside the scope of the present document.

The present document adopts CEPT/ERC Recommendation 74-01 [1] which gives limits for Unwanted emissions in the Spurious domain with particular regards to "inter Services" operations.

In addition, it is recognized the need for a general requirement for receiver immunity to relatively high interference signals generated by any source and at any frequency in the same range identified as *spurious domain* by CEPT/ERC Recommendation 74-01 [1].

Some ETSI deliverables for DFRS provide limits for both "external" and "internal" spurious domain emissions and the latter are outside the scope of the present document. Moreover the limits for emissions given in the present document do not prevent more stringent requirement given in those deliverables for intra-system purpose (i.e. local Transmitter to Receiver interference usually referred as "internal").

In order to help the understanding of limits given in CEPT/ERC Recommendation 74-01 [1], in annex B, *unwanted emissions in the spurious domain* are analysed from the point of view of a suitable test method for conformance testing.

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- [1] CEPT/ERC Recommendation 74-01 (2019): "Unwanted emissions in the spurious domain".
- [2] Void.
- [3] ETSI EN 301 126-1: "Fixed Radio Systems; Conformance testing; Part 1: Point-to-Point equipment - Definitions, general requirements and test procedures".
- [4] ETSI EN 301 126-2-1: "Fixed Radio Systems; Conformance testing; Part 2-1: Point-to-Multipoint equipment; Definitions and general requirements".
- [5] ETSI EN 301 126-2-2: "Fixed Radio Systems; Conformance testing; Part 2-2: Point-to-Multipoint equipment; Test procedures for FDMA systems".
- [6] ETSI EN 301 126-2-3: "Fixed Radio Systems; Conformance testing; Part 2-3: Point-to-Multipoint equipment; Test procedures for TDMA systems".
- [7] ETSI EN 301 126-2-4: "Fixed Radio Systems; Conformance testing; Part 2-4: Point-to-Multipoint equipment; Test procedures for FH-CDMA systems".

- [8] ETSI EN 301 126-2-5: "Fixed Radio Systems; Conformance testing; Part 2-5: Point-to-Multipoint equipment; Test procedures for DS-CDMA systems".
- [9] ETSI EN 301 126-2-6: "Fixed Radio Systems; Conformance testing; Part 2-6: Point-to-Multipoint equipment; Test procedures for Multi Carrier Time Division Multiple Access (MC-TDMA) systems".

## 2.2 Informative references

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- [i.1] Void.
- [i.2] Void.
- [i.3] Void.
- [i.4] Void.
- [i.5] Void. iTeh STANDARD PREVIEW  
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- [i.6] Void.
- [i.7] ETSI EN 302 217-2: "Fixed Radio Systems; Characteristics and requirements for point-to-point equipment and antennas; Part 2: Digital systems operating in frequency bands from 1 GHz to 86 GHz; Harmonised Standard for access to radio spectrum".-457a-b1bb-078282f84d9e/etsi-en-301-390-v2-1-1-2021-11
- [i.8] ETSI EN 302 217-1: "Fixed Radio Systems; Characteristics and requirements for point-to-point equipment and antennas; Part 1: Overview, common characteristics and requirements not related to access to radio spectrum".
- [i.9] ETSI TR 101 036-1: "Fixed Radio Systems; Generic wordings for standards on DFRS (Digital Fixed Radio Systems) characteristics; Part 1: General aspects and point-to-point equipment parameters".
- [i.10] Recommendation ITU-R F.746-10: "Radio-frequency arrangements for fixed service systems".
- [i.11] 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.12] ITU-R Radio Regulations (2020).
- [i.13] Recommendation ITU-R SM.329-12: "Unwanted emissions in the spurious domain".
- [i.14] Recommendation ITU-R SM.1539-1: "Variation of the boundary between the out-of-band and spurious domains required for the application of Recommendations ITU-R SM.1541 and ITU-R SM.329".
- [i.15] Recommendation ITU-R F.1191-3: "Necessary and occupied bandwidths and unwanted emissions of digital fixed service systems".
- [i.16] ECC Report 100: "Compatibility Studies in the Band 3400- 3800 MHz between Broadband Wireless Access (BWA) Systems and other Services".

[i.17] EC REF:Ares(2019)5616840 - Further response to the EC on ERC/REC 74-01 for ETSI X-band radar standards.

NOTE: Available as [ECC\(20\)093 Annex 14](#) (CEPT website password required).

[i.18] ECC Recommendation (02)05 (2012): "Unwanted emissions".

## 3 Definition of terms, symbols and abbreviations

### 3.1 Terms

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

**boundary between out-of-band and spurious domains:** frequency limit that subdivides the two domains and the applicability of relevant requirements

NOTE: Recommendations ITU-R SM.329-12 [i.13] and SM.1539-1 [i.14] describe the possible application to all radio emissions. Recommendation ITU-R F.1191-3 [i.15] details it for Fixed Service systems.

**Broadband Wireless Access (BWA) system:** access system used for the deployment of radio access networks in both the fixed service and the mobile service

NOTE: BWA applications were introduced by ECC Report 100 [i.16] as:  
*"BWA systems were considered in the report, covering various BWA usage modes, i.e. Fixed (FWA), Nomadic (NWA) and Mobile (MWA) Wireless Access"*  
 Therefore, the technology of BWA may indifferently refer to the fixed or the mobile service regulation.

**Channel Separation (CS):** distance between adjacent channels in a radio frequency channels arrangement (defined in ECC or ITU-R or national recommendations)

NOTE 1: It represents one of the major parameters for the identification of the radio equipment use and relevant requirements.

NOTE 2: Some channel arrangements give only a continuous raster of elementary frequency slots for composing multiple ( $N \times$  elementary slot) aggregated channels of various size. In this case the actual CS would be equal to the  $N \times$  elementary slot used by the radio system. When no channel arrangement or elementary slot raster is defined in the band of operation of the radio system, the *occupied bandwidth* should be considered in substitution of the CS.

**Continuous Wave (CW) signal:** signal with spectral emission on a single frequency only

NOTE: Unavoidable phase-noise spectral components of the CW source are not to be taken into account.

**EN:** European Standard (Telecommunications series)

**evaluation bandwidth:** bandwidth where the spurious domain emission limits are measured (e.g. the spectrum analyser resolution bandwidth) for further normalization/integration to the reference bandwidth

**Gross Symbol Frequency  $G_{SF}$ :** the maximum frequency of variance of the different states of the modulator (e.g. 256 states for 256 QAM modulation formats); it is equal to the maximum (gross) bit rate (i.e. inclusive of any payloads, control and service data, overhead and error correction codes to be transmitted) divided by the modulation index "n" (e.g.  $n = 8$  for  $2^n = 256$  in 256 QAM)

**necessary bandwidth** (1.152 of Radio Regulations [i.12]):

*"For a given class of emission, the 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"*

NOTE: Recommendation ITU-R F.1191-3 [i.15] establishes that for DFRS the *necessary bandwidth* is considered coincident with the *occupied bandwidth*.

**noise-like emissions:** emissions characterized by a distributed power density within the *reference* and *evaluation bandwidths*



**occupied bandwidth** (1.153 of Radio Regulations [i.12]):

"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 (Radio Regulations [i.12])"

NOTE: For the purpose of the present document,  $\beta/2$  is assumed to be equal to 0,5 % (Recommendation ITU-R F.1191-3 [i.15]).

**out-of-band domain (of an emission)** (1.146A of Radio Regulations [i.12]):

"frequency range, immediately outside the *necessary bandwidth* but excluding the *spurious domain*, in which *out-of-band emissions* generally predominate.

*Out-of-band emissions*, defined based on their source, occur in the out-of-band domain and, to a lesser extent, in the spurious domain. Spurious emissions likewise may occur in the out-of-band domain as well as in the spurious domain. However, the limit in the out-of-band-domain applies to any *unwanted emissions* independently from their formal identification as out-of-band or spurious emissions"

**receiver spurious emissions:** spurious sent backwards to the antenna port by a receiver

NOTE: Sometimes they are also referenced as "spurious radiations".

**reference bandwidth:** bandwidth where the spurious emission limits are defined

NOTE: See also Recommendation ITU-R SM.329-12 [i.13].

**spurious domain (of an emission)** (1.146B of Radio Regulations [i.12]):

"frequency range beyond the *out-of-band domain* in which *spurious emissions* generally predominate.

*Spurious emissions* may occur in the *out-of-band domain* as well as in the *spurious domain*. Likewise *out-of-band emissions*, defined based on their source, occur in the *out-of-band domain* and, to a lesser extent, in the *spurious domain*. However, the limit in the *spurious-domain* applies to any *unwanted emissions* independently from their formal identification as *out-of-band* or *spurious emissions*"

**unwanted emissions** (1.146 of Radio Regulations [i.12]):

"emissions composed by *out-of-band* and *spurious emissions*"

**unwanted emissions in the out-of-band domain:** any unwanted emission, outside the channel bandwidth, which falls at frequencies separated from the centre frequency of the emission by less than 250 % (see note) of the relevant *Channel Separation (CS)*, where the system is intended to be used

NOTE: When  $CS > 500$  MHz the 250 % should be substituted by  $(150 \% CS + 500 \text{ MHz})$ , see CEPT/ERC Recommendation 74-01 [1].

**unwanted emissions in the spurious domain :** any unwanted emission which falls at frequencies separated from the centre frequency of the emission by 250 % (see note) or more of the relevant *channel separation*, where the system is intended to be used

NOTE: When  $CS > 500$  MHz the 250 % should be substituted by  $(150 \% CS + 500 \text{ MHz})$ , see CEPT/ERC Recommendation 74-01 [1].

## 3.2 Symbols

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

dBc	decibels relative to carrier mean power
dB <sub>i</sub>	decibel relative to an isotropic radiator
dB <sub>m</sub>	decibels relative to milliwatt
GHz	GigaHertz
kHz	kiloHertz
MHz	MegaHertz

### 3.3 Abbreviations

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

ATe	external ATtenuator
ATi	internal spectrum analyser input ATtenuator
ATPC	Automatic Transmission Power Control
BER	Bit Error Rate
BS	Base (Master) Station of a P-MP system
BW	BandWidth
BWA	Broadband Wireless Access
BWe	evaluation BandWidth for spectral measurement

NOTE: I.e. spectrum analyser resolution bandwidth.

BWr	reference BandWidth
CEPT	Conférence Européenne des administrations des Postes et des Télécommunications (European Conference of Postal and Telecommunications administrations)
CS	Channel Separation
CW	Continuous Wave
DFRS	Digital Fixed Radio Systems
DUT	Device Under Test
EC	European Commission
ECC	Electronic Communication Committee of the CEPT
EN	European Norm
ERC	European Radiocommunications Committee of the CEPT, presently become ECC
Fc	cut-off Frequency
FS	Fixed Service
G <sub>SF</sub>	Gross Symbol Frequency
HDFS	High Density Fixed Service
i.m.p.	intermodulation products
IM	InterModulation
ITU-R	International Telecommunication Union Radiocommunications standardization sector
MP	MultiPoint

NOTE: Generic term including both P-MP and MP to MP mesh architectures.

NB	Necessary Bandwidth
OJEU	Official Journal of European Union
P-MP	Point-to-MultiPoint system
P-P	Point-to-Point system
QAM	Quadrature Amplitude Modulation
RF	Radio Frequency
RS	Repeater Station (of a P-MP system)
RSL	Receiver Signal Level
Rx	Receiver
SM	Spectrum Management
STM-0	Synchronous Transport Module Level 0
STM-1	Synchronous Transport Module Level 1
TS	Terminal Station

NOTE: Remote out-station with subscriber interface of a P-MP system.

Tx	Transmitter
VSWR	Voltage Standing Wave Ratio
WRC	World Radio Conference

## 4 Transmitter unwanted emissions in the spurious domain at antenna port

### 4.1 Background

For the purpose of the present document the terms defined in clause 3.1 are printed in "*italic*".

The *spurious domain* (of an emission) is defined in the Radio Regulations [i.12] 1.146B (see clause 3.1).

For Fixed Service (FS), CEPT/ERC Recommendation 74-01 [1] is based on Recommendation ITU-R SM.329-12 [i.13] and its applicability to FS provided by Recommendation ITU-R F.1191-3 [i.15].

CEPT/ERC Recommendation 74-01 [1] prescribes that the *spurious domain* emissions limits are applied to any *unwanted emissions* at frequencies which are:

- For *channel separations* (CS)  $\leq 500$  MHz:  
at frequencies which are outside the [nominal] carrier frequency by more than  $\pm 250$  % of the relevant CS.
- For *channel separation* (CS)  $> 500$  MHz:  
as given in Recommendation ITU-R SM.1539-1 [i.14] at frequencies which are outside the [nominal] carrier frequency by more than  $\pm (500 \text{ MHz} + 150 \% \text{ CS [MHz]})$ .

According Recommendation ITU-R F.1191-3 [i.15], the *Channel separation* (CS) is taken as  $XS/2$  for alternated frequency channel arrangements and  $XS$  for co-channel and interleaved frequency channel arrangements as defined by Recommendation ITU-R F.746-10 [i.10].

The emission within  $\pm 250$  %, or in case  $\pm (500 \text{ MHz} + 150 \%)$ , of the relevant *channel separation* includes only fundamental and *unwanted emissions in the out-of-band domain* (which are outside the scope of the present document). The out of band domain is defined in Radio Regulations [i.12] 1.146A (see clause 3.1).

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### 4.2 Limits

#### 4.2.0 Generality

The *unwanted emissions in the spurious domain* of the transmitter and the *receiver spurious emissions*, delivered to the antenna port of Fixed Radio Systems, shall be limited within the average power limits reported below.

For "*noise-like unwanted emissions*", the limits are intended not to be exceeded in any elementary *evaluation bandwidth*.

The limit values are defined at reference point C' shown in the general RF block diagram of figure 1.

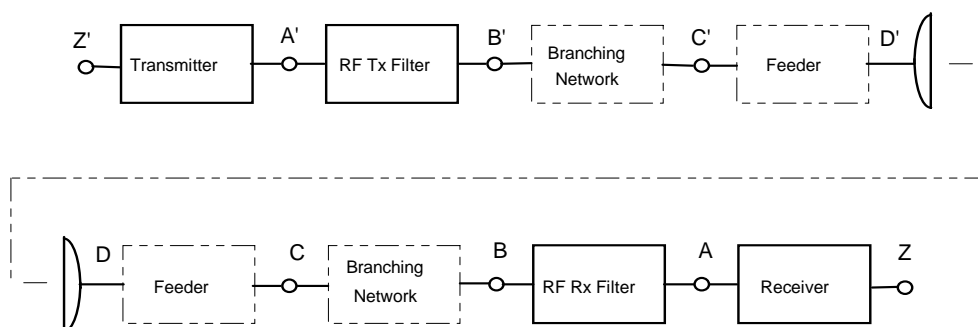


Figure 1: RF block diagram

### 4.2.1 Point-to-point equipment

The CEPT/ERC Recommendation 74-01 [1] and its FS specific annex 1 shall apply.

For reader convenience, annex A gives the details for its application to practical systems.

### 4.2.2 Multipoint equipment

The CEPT/ERC Recommendation 74-01 [1] and its FS specific annex 1 shall apply.

For reader convenience, annex A gives the details for its application to practical systems.

### 4.2.3 Broadband Wireless Access equipment operating between 1 GHz and 6 GHz

*Broadband Wireless Access* (BWA) systems are used for the deployment of radio access networks in both the fixed service and the mobile service. They operate at frequencies up to 6 GHz and are considered to use terminal stations with antenna gain less than about 20 dBi.

The CEPT/ERC Recommendation 74-01 [1] and its FS specific annex 1 shall apply.

For reader convenience, annex A gives the details for its application to practical systems.

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## 5 Receiver spurious emissions at the antenna port

*Receiver spurious emissions* are defined in the same frequency range of transmitters spurious domain emissions, without any exclusion band (such as the 250 % of the relevant *channel separation*) and are applicable at the reference point C of figure 1.

The CEPT/ERC Recommendation 74-01 [1] and its FS specific annex 1 shall apply.

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## 6 Spurious domain emissions test method

The measurement shall be referenced at the Tx/Rx common antenna port (reference points C-C' of figure 1).

According to the equipment physical construction, the test shall be carried on with the methodologies given, for P-P equipment, in ETSI EN 301 126-1 [3] and, for P-MP equipment, according their access methods, in ETSI EN 301 126-2-1 [4], ETSI EN 301 126-2-2 [5], ETSI EN 301 126-2-3 [6], ETSI EN 301 126-2-4 [7], ETSI EN 301 126-2-5 [8] and ETSI EN 301 126-2-6 [9]. The measurement shall be carried out with transmitters set to the higher level of continuous emission (see note) with the payloads inputs connected to a suitable test pattern, defined, for the equipment under consideration, in the applicable ETSI deliverable, if available, or by manufacturer declaration.

In order to provide easy and cost effective Conformance Test, the measurement may be carried out with wider BWe, provided that the results will be normalized to the required bandwidth with the methods reported in CEPT/ERC Recommendation 74-01 [1].

NOTE: With ATPC disabled and set to the higher emission power.

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## 7 Receiver immunity at antenna port

### 7.0 Definitions

The receiver immunity at antenna port is ability of a receiver to perform within a predefined degradation in the presence, at its antenna port, of an interfering signal within a range of frequency outside its operating, first and second adjacent channels.