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1 Scope

The present document specifies the layer 3 procedures used on the Base Station System (BSS) to Mobile-services Switching Centre (MSC) interface for control of GSM services.

For the purposes of call control and mobility management, messages are not interpreted at the Base Station System (BSS) which acts as a relay function. These messages and procedures are documented in 3GPP TS 24.008, the only relevant issues covering these messages in the present document are those concerned with error conditions at the interface, and the headers that are required for the correct addressing of the messages. This is specified in more detail in 3GPP TS 48.002.

The functional split between MSC and BSS is defined in 3GPP TS 48.002 and states that the BSS is responsible for local radio resource allocation and in order to support this the required procedures between BSS and MSC are defined in detail in the present document.

3GPP TS 48.002 also states that the BSS is responsible for the scheduling of all CCCH/BCCH messages and therefore some procedures for providing the BSS with the necessary information to be passed on these channels for individual calls (i.e. paging) are defined in the present document, but the scheduling is not discussed.

This interface and consequently these layer 3 procedures are designed to support BSSs providing one or more cells.

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The following documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

- References are either specific (identified by date of publication, edition number, version number, etc.) or non-specific.
- For a specific reference, subsequent revisions do not apply.
- For a non-specific reference, the latest version applies. In the case of a reference to a 3GPP document (including a GSM document), a non-specific reference implicitly refers to the latest version of that document *in the same Release as the present document*.

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- [38] ITU-T Recommendation X.25: "Interface between Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) and Data Circuit-terminating Equipment (DCE) for terminals operating in the packet mode and connected to public data networks by dedicated circuit".
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1.2 Definitions and Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the definitions and abbreviations given in 3GPP TR 21.905 and the following apply. An abbreviation defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same abbreviation, if any, in TR 21.905.

- **CS/PS coordination enhancements:** refers to an improved CS/PS domain registration coordination function when rerouting is performed in a MOCN or in a GWCN configuration for network sharing. The improved CS/PS domain registration coordination is achieved by extended signalling between the BSS and the CN nodes (see 3GPP TS 23.251 [52]).
- **Network sharing:** network sharing is an optional feature that allows different core network operators to connect to the same shared radio access network in a MOCN configuration, and to the same shared radio access network and core network nodes in a GWCN configuration (see 3GPP TS 23.251 [52]). When network sharing is in use within a given cell, the network broadcasts within system information the PLMN identities of the PLMNs