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| **Purpose/Objective:** Elevate to Draft Revision status in anticipation of consideration at SG1 | |
| **Abstract:** This contribution proposes to elevate the preliminary draft revision to Recommendation ITU-R SM.2129 to draft revision status and forward to SG1 for approval. Questions raised in the June/July 2023 meeting of WP1A have since been addressed by the appropriate ITU-R Working Parties. | |

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| PRELIMINARY DRAFT REVISION OF RECOMMENDATION ITU-R SM.2129-0 | |
| Proposal for Elevation | |

Background

Recommendation ITU-R SM.2129-0 details specific frequency bands for use by mobile and portable devices using Wireless Power Transfer (WPT) charging. Over the past three years, multiple administrations and sector members have proposed updates to the Recommendation to reflect the evolution of WPT technologies and implementations. These contributions have been incorporated into a preliminary draft revision of the Recommendation and the draft has now reached a mature state.

Discussion

The most recent changes to the draft were proposed and accepted at the June/July 2024 meeting of Working Party 1A. At that meeting, new questions were raised about protection of maritime and AM broadcasting services, even though Working Parties 5B and 6A had already provided guidance on needed studies in prior liaison statements. Liaison statements were sent by Working Party 1A to both Working Parties 5B ([5B/752](https://www.itu.int/md/R19-WP5B-C-0752/en)) and 6A ([6A/436](https://www.itu.int/md/R19-WP6A-C-0436/en)) and responses have been received by Working Party 1A ([1A/283](https://www.itu.int/md/R19-WP1A-C-0283/en) and [1A/284](https://www.itu.int/md/R19-WP1A-C-0284/en)). The specific requests by Working Parties 5B and 6A relating to WPT for mobile and portable devices have been addressed in contributions to the preliminary draft revision of Report ITU-R SM.2449-0 at the June 2024 meeting of Working Party 1A. Since the open issues are now resolved, the preliminary draft revision of Recommendation ITU-R SM.2129-0 is ready to be elevated and sent to SG1 for approval.

Proposal

The United States proposes to elevate the preliminary draft revision of Recommendation ITU-R SM.2129-0 to draft revision status and forward to SG1 for approval. The only proposed change to the previous version of the document is the deletion of the word “Preliminary” from the title, highlighted in turquoise in the attached draft.

Attachment: USA proposal for elevation of preliminary draft revision of Recommendation ITU-R SM.2129-0 to draft revision status.

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| DRAFT REVISION OF RECOMMENDATION ITU-R SM.2129-0 | |
| Guidance on frequency ranges for the operation of non-beam  wireless power transmission systems for mobile and portable devices | |

(Question ITU-R 210-4/1)

(2019)

Scope

This Recommendation provides guidelines for the use of frequency ranges for the operation of non-beam wireless power transmission (WPT) for charging mobile and portable devices.

Keywords

Wireless power transmission, short-range devices, ISM, non-beam, mobile, portable

Abbreviations/Glossary

CISPR: In French “Comité International Spécial des Perturbations Radioélectriques”,   
International Special Committee on Radio Interference

ICNIRP: International Commission on Non‑ionizing Radiation Protection

IEC: International Electrotechnical Commission

ISO: International Organization for Standardization

ISM: Industrial, Scientific, Medical

RR: Radio Regulations

WHO: World Health Organization

WPT: wireless power transmission

Related ITU Recommendations, Reports

Recommendation ITU-R [SM.1056](https://www.itu.int/rec/R-REC-SM.1056); Recommendation ITU-R [SM.1896](https://www.itu.int/rec/R-REC-SM.1896); Report ITU-R [SM.2153](https://www.itu.int/pub/R-REP-SM.2153); Report ITU-R [SM.2303](https://www.itu.int/pub/R-REP-SM.2303); Report ITU-R [SM.2449-0](https://www.itu.int/pub/R-REP-SM.2449)[use latest version]

The ITU Radiocommunication Assembly,

considering

*a)* that wireless power transmission (WPT) is defined as the transmission of power from a power source to an electrical load wirelessly using the electromagnetic field;

*b)* that WPT technologies utilize various mechanisms, such as transmission via radio frequency radiated transmissions in the far field (WPT beams) and near-field inductive, resonant and capacitive coupling (WPT non-beam);

*c)* that such WPT technologies are used in applications to charge mobile and portable devices;

*d)* that there is potential consumer demand for WPT technologies and associated applications used for mobile and portable devices;

*e)* that WPT standards are currently being developed at national, regional and international levels;

*f)* that industrial alliances, consortia, and academia have investigated several frequency bands for WPT technologies, including magnetic resonant and induction technology for mobile devices in several frequency ranges;

*g)* that for the purposes of WPT studies the standard frequency and time signal and the radio astronomy services are to be treated as radio communication service;

*h)* that studies have been conducted on the impact of non‑beam WPT applications for mobile and portable devices to radiocommunication services in the frequency ranges 100-148.5 kHz, 315-405 kHz, 1 700-1 800 kHz and 2 000-2 150 kHz ;

*i)* that as more WPT devices proliferate globally, ITU-R is developing guidance to minimize the impact of using WPT technologies on radiocommunication services including the standard frequency and time signal service and the radio astronomy service;

*j)* that the WPT devices should not cause interference to radiocommunication services in any frequency band;

*k)* that to mitigate the impact of WPT devices on the operation of radiocommunication services some solutions utilize frequency bands designated for Industrial, Scientific, Medical (ISM) applications;

*l)* that issues of non-ionizing radiation exposure are dealt with by international organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Commission on Non‑ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP), and International Electrotechnical Commission TC106, and that ICNIRP 2010 provides guidelines for limiting exposure (up to 10 MHz), and ICNIRP 1998 provides Guidelines for limiting exposure (up to 300 GHz),

recognizing

*a)* that WPT is not a radiocommunication service and has no status in the Radio Regulations (RR), but may be regarded as subject to Nos. **15.12** or **15.13** as the case may be;

*b)* that the criteria to protect various radiocommunication services from harmful interference are specified in existing ITU-R Recommendations;

*c)* that both consumers and manufacturers may benefit from harmonized frequency ranges and technical conditions for WPT technologies;

*d)* that frequency bands designated for ISM applications have been successfully used in the past for development and proliferation of innovative technologies in accordance with the RR;

*e)* that the band 6 765-6 795 kHz, which is designated for ISM use under RR No. **5.138** has been found to have advantages for WPT using magnetic resonance technologies in applications of charging of mobile/portable devices;

*f)* that the band 13 553-13 567 kHz, which is designated for ISM use under RR No. **5.150** has also been found to have advantages for WPT using magnetic resonance technologies in applications of charging of mobile/portable devices;

*g)* that some administrations classify the non-beam WPT energy transfer as an ISM application, even for operation outside bands designated for ISM use;

*h)* that some administrations classify non-beam WPT systems as radio applications such as Short-Range Devices;

*i)* that some non-ISM bands are taken into consideration for the global or regional harmonized use of specific WPT applications;

*j)* that the WPT energy transfer can be treated separately from data communications, especially when the receiving device receives data communications at a frequency different from that for the energy transfer;

*k)* that in the absence of a load, the WPT shuts off and only periodically polls or searches for the load, with very low duty cycle;

*l)* that for non-beam WPT, the radiated power is much lower than RF power transferred (most power is transferred to the receiver through mechanisms such as capacitive, resonant and inductive coupling);

*m)* that Recommendation ITU-R SM.1056 on the limitation of radiation from ISM equipment recommends that administrations consider the use of the latest edition of CISPR publication 11, and that these limits do not necessarily protect radio communication services,

noting

that the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) has published a Technical Report IEC/TR 62869 on Wireless Power Transfer for audio, video and multimedia systems and equipment developed by TC 100,

recommends

**1** that administrations should consider as a guideline the use of the frequency ranges, or portions thereof, listed in Table 1 below for the operation of non-beam WPT systems for mobile and portable devices;

**2** that necessary steps should be taken to ensure that non-beam WPT applications and equipment do not cause harmful interference to radiocommunication services, including the standard frequency and time signal service as well as the radio astronomy service, so that these remain protected from radio frequency energy emanating from WPT equipment and falling into all bands.

TABLE 1

Frequency ranges for operation of non-beam WPT systems for mobile and portable devices

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| Frequency range | Non-beam WPT technologies |
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| 315-405 kHz | Inductive and magnetic resonance technology |
| 1 700-1 800 kHz | Inductive and magnetic resonance technology |
| 2 005-2 170 kHz | Inductive and magnetic resonance technology |
| 6 765‑6 795 kHz Note: See RR No. **5.138** | Inductive or magnetic resonance technology |
| 13 553-13 567 kHz  Note: See RR No. **5.150** | Inductive or magnetic resonance technology |