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# 1 Introduction

Wireless Power Transmission (WPT) technology is used to transfer power wirelessly from power sources to devices that use or consume power. Significant innovations in WPT can free users from needing electric power cords or changing batteries if electric power is supplied wirelessly. There are two major categories in WPT technologies. One of them is non-beam WPT technology, which transfers power to devices using magnetically, capacitively or inductively coupled means in the near field region and is typically used to charge devices, such as mobile phones and electric vehicles. The other category of WPT is beam WPT, which transfers power wirelessly using radio waves over longer distances (several meters or more, and the potential to cover wider areas).

Beam WPT regulations, standards, and operational guidelines are currently being developed at national, regional, and international levels for wireless charging technologies of mobile/portable and IoT sensor devices for applications of WPT via radio frequency beam. Report [ITU-R SM.2392](http://www.itu.int/pub/R-REP-SM.2392/en) “Applications of wireless power transmission via radio frequency beam” indicates diverse applications and technologies of beam WPT in the future. The Report focuses on applications of WPT technologies using radio frequency beam and highlights that such devices may be classified as Industrial, Scientific, Medical (ISM) , short-range devices (SRD) or radio equipment. While both ISM and SRD beam WPT devices are addressed in Report ITU-R SM.2392, Report [ITU-R SM.1896](https://www.itu.int/rec/R-REC-SM.1896/en) provides a list of frequency ranges for global and regional harmonization of SRDs in its annexes, and Radio Regulations footnotes **5.138** and **5.150** provide a list of frequency ranges for ISM devices. Furthermore, some administrations classify beam WPT as a radio service that needs rulemaking for practicable implementation with regulatory measures. To mitigate the impact of WPT devices on the operation of radiocommunication services as finding increasing technology and spectrum demand, some solutions that utilize frequency bands designated for ISM applications and other solutions for spectrum sharing with the incumbent radiocommunication services are discussed. In order to commercialize these WPT technologies, studies on the impact of WPT systems on radiocommunication systems are necessary.

The purpose of this Report is to indicate the possibilities of coexistence with radiocommunication systems by conducting impact studies and demonstrating compliance with international and/or national radio frequency regulations and RF exposure guidelines even in the proposed beam WPT operation conditions. It is also intended to provide guidance to the administrations wishing to allow implementation of beam WPT technologies in the proposed frequency ranges in order to minimize the potential impact of beam WPT on radiocommunication services. Furthermore, this Report is expected to contribute to discussions towards international frequency ranges and regulations for beam WPT applications.

National regulations, such as those in the United States, offer reasonable protection against harmful interference from these devices in a residential installation, but such limits do not guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular instance. However, as demonstrated in the studies contained in this Report, beam WPT technologies have the benefit of causing little to no harmful interference to other devices at distances equal to or less than 30 cm. Any harmful interference that does exist can easily be mitigated by the user moving the charging device and/or affected device. As such, users are encouraged to try to correct any such interference. Beam WPT technologies are also treated as a radio service with associated national regulatory measures in Japan as shown in § 3.3 Study C in this Report. In accordance with the frequency ranges and operation purposes, practical technical conditions are derived for coexistence with the incumbent radiocommunication services. If harmful interference occurs, interference can in some cases be corrected by moving or reorienting the charging device and/or affected device, or by changing the operating frequency of the charging device or affected device to avoid use of overlapping frequency channels.”

# 2 Radio characteristics of beam WPT

This section provides examples of the characteristics of the beam WPT system.

TABLE 1

Examples of radio characteristics of beam WPT systems

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| System | System 1 | System 2 | System 3 | System 4 | System 5 | System 6 |  | System 8 |
| Frequency | 915-921 MHz | 915-921 MHz | 915-921 MHz | 917-920 MHz | 2.410-2.486 GHz | 5.738-5.766 GHz |  | 61-61.5 GHz |
| Output Power | 4 W | 15 W | Up to 50 W | 1 W | 15 W | 32 W |  | 50 W |
| Antenna gain | 7 dBi | 8.24 dBi | Not to exceed e.i.r.p. | 6 dBi | 24 dBi | 25 dBi |  | 45 dBi1 |
| e.i.r.p. | 43 dBm | 50 dBm | 54.8 dBm | 36 dBm | 65.8 dBm | 70 dBm |  | 92 dBm1 |
| Modulation | CW | CW | CW | CW or Other modulation | CW | CW |  |  |
| Bandwidth | 500 kHz | 500 kHz | 500 kHz | 200 kHz | [TBD] | [TBD] |  | 10 MHz |
| Beacon signals | Other wireless systems | Other wireless systems | Other wireless systems | Other wireless systems | Other wireless systems | Beam-WPT dedicated wireless system |  |  |
| Antenna | Wide-angle directional antenna | Wide-angle directional antenna | Wide- angle directional antenna | Wide- angle directional antenna | Beam forming | Beam forming |  | Near field beam focusing |
| Applications | Wireless Charging of Mobile/Portable Devices  Wireless Powered & Charging of Sensor Networks | | | | | | | |
| Note: The technical specifications contained in this table describe some of the characteristics used in the respective studies, and are not meant to be interpreted as regulatory limits, as there may be other beam WPT systems with higher power than those listed. In most cases, out-of-band emission limits for beam WPT devices are set by each Administration.  1The figures given for antenna gain and e.i.r.p. here are for cases where the device receiving power is in the far field of the transmitter. These systems can also focus in the near field of the multielement antenna for closer devices. In the near field case, antenna gain and e.i.r.p. are lower. Because of RF absorption by receiving unit, e.i.r.p. does not directly relate to interference potential to other systems for these devices. | | | | | | | | |

# 3 Studies on the impact to the incumbent systems

The possible incumbent systems that may require impact studies are as follows:

– Wireless LAN (2.4 GHz, 5.6 GHz band);

– DSRC (5.8 GHz band);

– IMT (900 MHz band);

– MCA (920 MHz band);

– LPWA (920 MHz band);

– RFID (920 MHz band);

– Amateur radio (2.4 GHz band, 5.7 GHz band);

– Radar (5.6 GHz band);

– Microwave link (5.9 GHz band);

– Mobile satellite communication system (2.5 GHz band);

– Radio astronomy (1.4 GHz band, 2.7 GHz band, 4.8 GHz band;

– EESS (active) (co-frequency 5 470-5 570 MHz, adjacent 5 250-5 470 MHz);

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– Other systems operated in adjacent frequency bands and/or frequency range where harmonic emissions may occur;

– etc.

## 3.1 Study A (915-921 MHz)

An over-the-air, distance charging transmitting device (DUT) operating between 915 MHz and 921 MHz was tested for impact to demonstrate interoperability with wireless devices and technologies operating in the same band. The DUT operates on a single channel with a bandwidth less than 400 kHz and maximum declared conducted average power of 37.4 dBm. The DUT is designed to charge other devices at a distance of up to 30 cm. Additionally, the DUT is compliant with Title 47, Chapter I, Subchapter A, Part 15 of the United States Electronic Code of Federal Regulations, which, inter alia, requires that devices cause no harmful interference and accept interference caused by the operation of an authorized radio station, by another intentional or unintentional radiator, by industrial, scientific and medical (ISM) equipment, or by an incidental radiator.

The tests were performed in two separate rooms. The first was a real-world test performed in a regular room and on a wooden countertop where other signals were present, as illustrated in Figure 1. As an example of the types of signals present, a nearby train station regularly emits 900 MHz signals that are detectable in the room. The second room was an anechoic chamber, as described in ETSI EN 302 208 V3.1.1 (2016-11) Annex B.1.2 and as illustrated in Figure 2. This anechoic chamber was used to demonstrate whether the results found in the regular room were repeatable in a free-space environment and whether any degradation of signal was due to the noisy environment. The tests were performed in the exact same manner, detailed further below, in each room. The results from each of the tests did not have any discrepancies; as such, only one set of results is presented below.

Figure 1

Test setup in room 1, open area

Timeline

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Figure 2

Test setup in room 2, anechoic chamber

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Tests were performed on the following types of wireless devices:

Table 2

Types of devices used, frequencies, and distances in Study A

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No. | Type of device | Frequency range  (MHz) | Distances tested  (cm) |
| 1 | Cellphone | Uplink: 888.0-915.0  Downlink: 925.2-960.0 | 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 70, 100 |
| 2 | Cellphone | Uplink: 888.0-915.0  Downlink: 925.2-960.0 | 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 70, 100 |
| 3 | Cellphone | Uplink: 888.0-915.0  Downlink: 925.2-960.0 | 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 70, 100 |
| 4 | Cellphone | Uplink: 888.0-915.0  Downlink: 925.2-960.0 | 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 70, 100 |
| 5 | Wireless Microphone and base station | 904.45-927.45  User Selectable | 0, 10, 30, 100, 200 |
| 6 | Assisted listening device | 863.25-864.75  User Selectable | 0, 10, 30, 100, 200 |
| 7 | Assisted listening device | 904.65-926.85  User Selectable | 0, 10, 30, 100, 200 |
| 8 | RFID reader | 903-927  Hopping | 0, 10, 30, 100, 200 |
| 9 | RFID reader | 865-868  Hopping | 0, 10, 30, 100, 200 |

**Cellphone**. The DUT was placed 100 cm from a mobile phone simulating a desktop environment. The cell antenna, cabled to base station simulator, was placed 3 m from the DUT and mobile phone devices. A call from the mobile phone was established to the callbox in the GSM 900 Band, on a specific frequency. After the call was established, the DUT was switched on at 917.5 MHz. The charging signal was verified with a spectrum analyzer positioned in the test area. The call was monitored for 60 seconds. After which the call state was logged (call maintained, or call dropped.). The distance between the DUT and mobile phone was decreased incrementally until the mobile phone was touching the DUT, measured at 0 cm. Testing was performed using 5 different channels.

Figure 3

Cellphone impact test setup



Figure 4

Other In-band device impact test set up



The results demonstrated that all phones were able to operate without harmful interference on at least one channel and on all channels when separated by 1 m or more from the DUT.

**Wireless Microphone and base station**. The base-station (receiver) was placed 30 cm from the DUT, and the Microphone (Transmitter) moved through the test distances. Subsequently, the Microphone (Transmitter) was placed 30 cm from the DUT, and the Base-station (receiver) was moved through the test distances.

Setting the audio device frequency away from that of the DUT resulted in little to no harmful interference. When operating at or close to the transmit frequency of the DUT, the devices suffered harmful interference.

**Assisted listening device**. The Transmitter was placed 30 cm from the DUT, and the Receiver was moved through the test distances. Following this, the Receiver was placed 30 cm from the DUT, and the Transmitter was moved through the test distances.

Setting the audio device frequency away from that of the DUT resulted in little to no harmful interference. When operating at or close to the transmit frequency of the DUT, the devices suffered harmful interference.

**RFID reader**. For the first device, scans were performed at 903.250; 904.250; 915.250; 915.750; 920.250; 926.750; and 927.250 MHz. The software transmitting setting was set to 30 dBm. RFID tags were then placed 30 cm from the DUT. For the second, scans were performed at 865.00; 866.00; 867.00; and 868.00 MHz with default settings. RFID tags were then placed 30 cm from the DUT.

At separation distances of 1 m or greater between the DUT and RFID reader and tags, the readers worked without error.

## 3.2 Study B (915-921 MHz)

A single client RF near-field contact charger, the device under testing (DUT), that operates when a receiving device is placed on the charger surface was tested for impact to demonstrate interoperability with other wireless devices and technologies. The DUT used Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) to pair with the receiving device and transmitted a continuous carrier wave signal adjustable between 915 MHz and 921 MHz. The maximum declared average power was 33.0 dBm per port, with a measured ERP of 1.0 W, and EIRP of 1.64 W. The DUT is designed to charge other devices that rest on its surface. Additionally, the DUT is compliant with Title 47, Chapter I, Subchapter A, Part 15 of the United States Electronic Code of Federal Regulations, which, inter alia, requires that devices cause no harmful interference and accept interference caused by the operation of an authorized radio station, by another intentional or unintentional radiator, by industrial, scientific and medical (ISM) equipment, or by an incidental radiator.

The tests were performed in two separate rooms. The first was a real-world test performed in a regular room and on a wooden countertop where other signals were present, as illustrated in Figure 5. As an example of the types of signals present, a nearby train station regularly emits 900 MHz signals that are detectable in the room. The second room was an anechoic chamber, as described in ETSI EN 302 208 V3.1.1 (2016-11) Annex B.1.2 and as illustrated in Figure 6. This anechoic chamber was used to demonstrate whether the results found in the regular room were repeatable in a free-space environment and whether any degradation of signal was due to the noisy environment. The tests were performed in the exact same manner, detailed further below, in each room. The results from each of the tests did not have any discrepancies; as such, only one set of results is presented below.

Figure 5

Test setup in room 1, open area

Timeline

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Figure 6

Test setup in room 2, anechoic chamber

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Tests were performed on the following types of wireless devices:

Table 3

Types of devices used, frequencies, and distances in Study B

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No. | Type of device | Frequency range  (MHz) | Distances tested (cm) |
| 1 | Cellphone | Uplink: 888.0-915.0  Downlink: 925.2-960.0 | 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 |
| 2 | Cellphone | Uplink: 888.0-915.0  Downlink: 925.2-960.0 | 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 |
| 3 | Cellphone | Uplink: 888.0-915.0  Downlink: 925.2-960.0 | 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 |
| 4 | Cellphone | Uplink: 888.0-915.0  Downlink: 925.2-960.0 | 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 |
| 5 | Wireless Microphone and base station | 904.45-927.45  User Selectable | 0, 30, 100, 200 |
| 6 | Assisted listening device | 863.25-864.75  User Selectable | 0, 30, 100, 200 |
| 7 | RFID reader | 903-927  Hopping | 0, 10, 30, 100 |
| 8 | RFID reader | 865-868  Hopping | 0, 10, 30, 100 |
| 9 | Smart hub | 903-914 | 10, 30, 100 |
| 10 | Push button | 916 | 10, 30, 100 |

Note: The smart hub (device no. 9) and push button (device no. 10) use LoRa technology and were tested together.

**Cellphone**. The DUT was placed 50 cm from a mobile phone. A call to the mobile phone was setup to the callbox in the GSM 900 band on a specific frequency. The call box antenna was placed 50 cm away from the mobile phone. A call was setup between the callbox and the mobile phone under test. Then the DUT was turned on and set to a specific frequency. The call was monitored for 60 seconds. After which the call state was logged (call maintained or call dropped.). The DUT was then moved 10 cm closer to the mobile phone and the process repeated. This was continued until the DUT was touching the mobile phone (distance = 0 cm).

No harmful interference was observed for any of the test configurations.

**Wireless Microphone and base station**. Four sets of tests were performed. For the first two, the base station (receiver) was placed 30 cm from the Charger, and the Microphone (Transmitter) was moved through the test distances. The DUT operated at 918 MHz for the first test, then 917.5 MHz for the second. For the third and fourth tests, the Microphone (Transmitter) was placed 30 cm from the Charger, and the base station (receiver) was moved through the test distances. Again, the tests were performed once with the DUT at 918 MHz then once at 917.5 MHz.

The microphone did not experience noticeable harmful interference except when it operated at 917.65 MHz; when the DUT operated at 918 MHz, this harmful interference was only experienced when the Microphone was within 30 cm of the DUT.

**Assisted listening device**. Four sets of tests were performed. For the first two tests, the Transmitter was placed 30 cm from the Charger, then the Receiver moved through the test distances. The DUT operated at 918 MHz for the first test, then 917.5 MHz for the second. For the third and fourth tests, the Receiver was placed 30 cm from the Charger, then the Transmitter was moved through the test distances. Again, the tests were performed once with the DUT at 918 MHz then once at 917.5 MHz.

The tests show that the assisted listening device was not affected by the DUT due to the frequency offset between the two devices.

**RFID reader**. The first device, scans were performed at 903.250; 904.250; 915.250; 915.750; 920.250; 926.750; and 927.250 MHz. The transmit settings was set to 30 dBm in software, and the receive was set to 0 dBm. The RFID tag was placed 30 cm from the DUT, with its operating frequencies at 918 MHz then 917.5 MHz. The second reader was set to scan at 865.00; 866.00; 867.00; and 868.00 MHz. Default settings were used for the tests. The RFID tag was placed 30 cm from the DUT, with its operating frequency set to 918 MHz.

The results show that the RFID devices operated without significant degradation at separation distances greater than 30 cm.

**Smart hub with push button**. The smart hub and push button were operated using default settings, with the smart hub placed 30 cm from the DUT. The results demonstrated that the smart hub with push button operated without degradation under all of the configurations assessed.

## 3.3 Study C (917-920 MHz, 2 410-2 486 MHz, and 5 738-5 766 MHz)

Study C shows a summary of the study taken in new rulemaking in Japan on beam WPT technology in 917-920 MHz, 2.410-2.486 GHz, and 5.738-5.766 GHz. [1] The report on the study was released in July 2020, which describes technical conditions operating in these frequency bands the use indoors (e.g., factories, offices) with human body protection requirements from RF exposure. Moreover, the report describes beam WPT as a radio service that needs rulemaking for practicable implementation with national regulatory measures. The Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) of Japan will issue licenses to some types of beam WPT equipment by regarding it as an existing kind of station, which is not defined in the RR but is a part of national regulatory measures. An operational coordination support system to prevent harmful interference will also be established mainly by the industry. This is based on the policy summarized by a study meeting of MIC. MIC conducts a license examination for an application for WPT license with reference to the result of the operational coordination.

[Editor’s note: it is invited the the following reference be provided in English if and when available.]

[1] https://www.soumu.go.jp/main\_content/000697267.pdf

### 3.3.1 Frequency bands and incumbent radiocommunication systems and services considered in the study

Incumbent radiocommunication systems and services adjacent to or included in 917-920 MHz, 2.410-2.486 GHz, and 5.738-5.766 GHz, which were considered in the study, are listed in Table 4, Table 5, and Table 6, respectively.

TABLE 4

917-920 MHz radiocommunication systems and services considered in the study

| System | Frequency | Protection criterion | References |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Digital MCA Service | 930 MHz – 940 MHz (uplink) | −108.8 dBm/MHz  (in band)  −51 dBm (out of band) | ARIB\*1 STD-T85  (Japan) |
| 940 MHz – 945 MHz  (downlink) |
| Advanced MCA Service | 895 MHz – 900 MHz  (uplink) | −110.8 dBm/MHz (in band)  −44 dBm (out of band, 12.5 MHz separation) | 3GPP TS36 104 ｖ8.3.0 (2008-9) |
| 850 MHz – 860 MHz (downlink) | −119 dBm/MHz (in band)  −43 dBm (out of band, modulation)  −15 dBm (out of band, CW) | 3GPP TS36 104 ｖ8.3.0 (2008-9) |
| LTE-A (Band 8) | 900 MHz – 915 MHz  (uplink) | −110.8 dBm/MHz (in band)  −44 dBm (out of band, 12.5 MHz separation) | 3GPP TS36 104 ｖ8.3.0 (2008-9) |
| 945-960 MHz (downlink) | −119 dBm/MHz (in band)  −43 dBm (out of band, modulation)  −15 dBm (out of band, CW) | 3GPP TS36 104 ｖ8.3.0 (2008-9) |
| RFID (Passive) | 916.7 MHz – 923.5 MHz | −81 dBm/MHz (in band)  −30 dBm (out of band, 2 MHz separation) | ARIB STD-T106  ARIB STD-T107  (Japan) |
| RFID (Active) | 915.9 MHz – 929.7 MHz | −127 dBm/MHz (in band)  −80 dBm (out of band) | ARIB STD-T108  (Japan) |
| Radio astronomy | 1 400 MHz – 1 427 MHz | −197.4 dBm/MHz | Rec. ITU-R RA.769-2 |
| \*1: Association of Radio Industries and Businesses (<https://www.arib.or.jp/english/>) | | | |

TABLE 5

2 410-2 486 MHz radiocommunication systems and services considered in the study

| System | Frequency | Protection criterion | References |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Wireless LAN | 2 400 MHz – 2 497 MHz | −92 dBm (co channel)  −66 dBm (adjacent channel),  −50 dBm (alternate adjacent channel) | IEEE Std.802.11-2016 |
| Premises radio | 2 400 MHz – 2 483.5 MHz | −98 dBm  (including 11 dBi antenna gain) | ARIB RCR STD-1  ARIB RCR STD-29  (Japan) |
| Unmanned mobile image transmission system (Wireless system for drones and other unmanned vehicles) | 2 483.5 MHz – 2 494 MHz | −98 dBm (co channel)  −72 dBm (adjacent channel),  −56 dBm (alternate adjacent channel)  (including 6 dBi antenna gain) | Report on MIC Advisory No. 2034  (Japan) |
| Geostationary Mobile Satellite Service | 2 500 MHz – 2 535 MHz | −124.9 dBm/MHz (in band)  −41 dBm  (out of band, 10-25 MHz separation) | Report on MIC Advisory No. 2032  (Japan) |
| Non-Geostationary Mobile Satellite Service | 2 483.55 MHz – 2 500 MHz | −119.4 dBm/MHz | Report on MIC Advisory No. 82  (Japan) |
| Broadcasting Service: Field Pickup (FPU) | 2 330 MHz – 2 370 MHz | −102 dBm/MHz  (mobile relay Uplink) | Report on MIC Advisory No. 2024  (Japan) |
| Radio astronomy | 2 695 MHz | −187 dBm/MHz | Rec. ITU-R RA.769-2 |
| Amateur radio | 2 400 MHz – 2 450 MHz | −110.83 dBm/MHz | JARL\*2 requirement |
| \*2: The Japan Amateur Radio League, Inc. (https://www.jarl.org/English/0-2.htm) | | | |

TABLE 6

5 738-5 766 MHz radiocommunication systems and services considered in the study

| System | Frequency | Protection criterion | References |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Wireless LAN (W56) | 5 470 MHz – 5 730 MHz | −63 dBm (adjacent channel),  −47 dBm (alternate adjacent channel) | IEEE Std.802.11-2016 |
| Dedicated Short Range Communication (DSRC) | 5 770 MHz – 5 850 MHz | −42 dBm (class-2, spurs response rejection),  −100 dBm (class-2) | ARIB STD-T75  (Japan) |
| Broadcasting Service: Studio to Transmitter Link (STL) & Transmitter to Transmitter Link (TTL) | 5 850 MHz – 5 925 MHz | −101.6 dBm (equivalent thermal noise level) | ARIB\_STD-B22  (Japan) |
| Broadcasting Service: Field Pickup (FPU) & Transmitter to Studio Link (TSL) systems | 5 850 MHz – 5 925 MHz | −89.4 dBm (FPU fixed relay station) | ARIB STD-B33  (Japan) |
| Unmanned mobile image transmission system (Wireless system for drones and other unmanned vehicles) | 5 650 MHz – 5 755 MHz | −98 dBm (in-band),  −72 dBm (adjacent channel),  −56 dBm (alternate adjacent channel) | Report on MIC Advisory No. 2034  (Japan) |
| Weather radar | 5 250 MHz – 5 372.5 MHz | −120 dBm (noise), −40 dBm (CW) | ITU-R M.1849-2 |
| Radio astronomy | 4 700 – 5 140 MHz, 3 000 MHz – 14 000 MHz | −187 dBm/MHz | Rec. ITU-R RA.769-2 |
| Amateur radio | 5 650 MHz – 5 850 MHz | −110.83 dBm/MHz | JARL requirement |

### 3.3.2 Specifications and parameters used for the study

Expected specifications and system parameters used for the study are shown in Table 7, Figure 7, Figure 8 and Figure 9.

TABLE 7

Expected specifications of beam WPT commercial systems considered

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | System 4  920 MHz band | System 5  2.4 GHz band | System 6  5.7 GHz band |
| Transmitter antenna output power | 1W (30 dBm) | 15W (41.8 dBm) | 32W (45.0 dBm) |
| Frequency channels | 918.0, 919.2 MHz (2 channels) | 2 412, 2 437, 2 462, 2 484 MHz (4 channels) | 5 740, 5 742, 5 744, 5 746, 5 748, 5 750, 5 752, 5 758, 5 764 MHz (9 channels) |
| e.i.r.p | 36 dBm Max. | 65.8 dBm Max. | 70.0 dBm Max. |
| Tolerance of occupied bandwidth | 200 kHz | Not specified | Not specified |
| Transmitter antenna directive gain | 6.0 dBi | 24.0 dBi | 25.0 dBi |
| Location and height of transmitter antenna | Located indoor area | Located indoor area and set on ceiling to look down | Located indoor area and set on ceiling to look down |
| 2.5 m above floor | 5.0 m above floor | 4.6 m above floor |
| Transmitter antenna directive pattern | Figure 7 | Figure 8 | Figure 9 |
| Usage environment | Indoor | Indoor | Indoor |
| WPT controlled environment and/or WPT general environment | WPT controlled environment | WPT controlled environment |
| Modulation | Not specified | CW | CW |
| Building entry loss | 10.0 dB | 14.0 dB | 16.0 dB |

“WPT controlled environment” and “WPT general environment” are defined. “WPT controlled environment” is defined as,

– Indoor and closed area,

– Environment where limits of Japanese radio exposure guidelines in controllable area can be cleared, and/or the manager/administrator can cut off power transfer of beam WPT systems when limits of Japanese radio exposure guidelines in controllable area are happened to be not cleared,

– Environment where the manager/administrator can manage and control both of beam WPT systems and incumbent radio communication services in order to avoid or reduce harmful interference from beam WPT systems.

“WPT general environment” are defined as the other environment where the above conditions cannot be met.

FIGURE 7

Transmitter antenna directive pattern for 920 MHz band

Chart, line chart

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FIGURE 8

Transmitter antenna directive pattern for 2.4 GHz band

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FIGURE 9

Transmitter antenna directive pattern for 5.7 GHz band

Diagram, histogram

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### 3.3.3 Building entry loss consideration

The study referred to building entry loss defined in Section 3 of Recommendation ITU-R P.2109-1 “Prediction of building entry loss”.

The building entry loss value depends on the outer wall material. Two building types are shown in Recommendation ITU-R P.2109-1. One is "Thermally efficient" that uses heat shield and heat insulating material with high electromagnetic wave reflection characteristics. The other is "Traditional" that does not use them. The median loss *Lh* can be given by the calculation formula shown below. Moreover, the loss also depends on the frequency.

where *r*, *s*, and *t* are the constants shown in Table 8, and *f* is the frequency (GHz). Table 9 shows the calculation results for the median loss for the representative frequencies of the three frequency bands used in the wireless power transmission systems via radio frequency beam.

According to FIGURE 1 of Recommendation ITU-R P.2109-1, the "Thermally efficient" building type has a large loss by about 15 dB compared to "Traditional", but it is unlikely that thermally efficient construction materials are used for all outer walls of the buildings. The examination was based on the value of the "Traditional" type.

Table 8

Model coefficients used for building entry loss calculation in Recommendation ITU-R P.2109-1

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Item | *r* | *s* | *t* |
| Traditional | 12.64 | 3.72 | 0.96 |
| Thermally efficient | 28.19 | –3.00 | 8.48 |

Table 9

Calculation results of the median loss for the three frequency bands used in beam WPT

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Item | 920 MHz | 2 450 MHz | 5 750 MHz |
| *Lh* (Traditional) | 12.5 dB | 14.2 dB | 16.0 dB |
| *Lh* (Thermally efficient) | 28.3 dB | 28.3 dB | 30.8 dB |

Table 10

Building entry loss used for the studies on the impact of beam WPT

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Item | 920 MHz | 2.4 GHz | 5.7 GHz |
| Wall loss | 10.0 dB | 14.0 dB | 16.0 dB |

### 3.3.4 Use case scenarios and conditions for Impact Studies on beam WPT

Table 11 shows the use case scenarios and conditions for Impact Studies on beam WPT systems used for impact studies.

The System 4 is mainly used in WPT for wireless-powered sensor network. The System 4 is used in indoor and controlled environment where WPT equipment is controlled by managers of factories, nursing homes and so on. The power consumption of the sensor is about several hundred μW or less.

The System 5 and the System 6 are mainly used in WPT for small displays in addition to the application of the System 1. The System 5 and the System 6 are used in indoor and controlled environment where WPT equipment is controlled by managers of factories, plants, warehouses and so on. The power transmission to the receiver devices requires up to several watts.

TABLE 11

Use case scenarios and conditions for beam WPT systems

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| beam WPT system | System 4 920 MHz band | System 5 2.4 GHz band | System 6 5.7 GHz band |
| Usage environment | Factory (Indoor), nursing home, etc. | Factory (indoor), plant (indoor), warehouse, etc. | Factory (indoor), plant (indoor), warehouse, etc. |
| Application | Charging and power supply to sensor network | Charging and power supply to sensors, display and information devices | Charging and power supply to sensors, display and information devices |
| Number of receiving devices per one WPT transmitter | 5 to 10 devices (Simultaneous reception) | 1 to several ten devices (Successive or sequential reception) | 1 to several ten devices (Successive or sequential reception) |
| Power range | Several μW to several hundred μW | 50 mW to 2 W | Several mW to several hundred mW |
| Power transfer distance | Less than 5 m | Less than 10 m | Less than 10 m |
| Coexistence with other wireless systems | Feasible. Take appropriate interference mitigation and radio protection measures | Feasible. Take appropriate interference mitigation and radio protection measures | Feasible. Take appropriate interference mitigation and radio protection measures |
| Power transfer while human bodies exist | Possible to transfer under the condition that limits of national radio exposure guidelines are cleared | Off | Off |

### 3.3.5 Study results

For the WPT systems intended the operation in the 920 MHz band, the system parameters assumed for the impact study (See Table 7) were compliant with the radio regulation including transmission intervals for the RF-ID systems currently operated in the same frequency range. Minimum separation distances were derived in accordance with the beam WPT characteristics for the case geographical separation distance is necessary to regulate. In addition, Monte-Carlo system-level simulation was performed to assess interfering likelihood from beam WPT to LTE and MCA mobile communication networks.

For the beam WPT systems intended for the operation in the 2.4 GHz band and 5.7 GHz band, the study was conducted with the system parameters (See Table 7) to determine required technical requirements and operational conditions under the current radio regulation including frequency allocation and operational conditions. Study results in 2.4 GHz band and 5.7 GHz band are summarized as follows:

1 Clear Channel Assessment (CCA) mechanism shall be adopted to coexist with WLAN systems and / or Specified Low Power Radio Stations. It turned out that WLAN system performance such as throughput can be maintained without harmful interference by adding CCA mechanism.

2 For radioastronomy, weather radar, and Radio Beacon services, minimum separation distances were specified.

3 For broadcasting systems, mobile satellite communication systems, and Dedicated Short Range Communication (DSRC) system, minimum separation distances were specified. In addition, operational coordination was addressed for the case beam WPT causes harmful interference.

4 For unmanned mobile image transmission system (i.e., a wireless communication system for drones and other unmanned vehicles), studies assuming practical use cases showed that spectrum sharing without causing harmful impact was possible by operational coordination as needed between WPT systems and unmanned mobile image transmission systems.

5 For amateur radio services, beam WPT installation conditions for spectrum sharing were specified. In addition, beam WPT systems shall not use the frequency band for Earth-Moon-Earth (EME) systems and repeater systems. Operational coordination is undertaken between WPT systems and amateur radio systems.

Furthermore, a comprehensive beam WPT management rule regarding WPT operation environment and WPT radio frequency EMFs was defined and can be applied specific use cases using the frequency bands to abide by the Radio Radiation Protection Guidelines. See Annex 1 for details. Thus, required technical requirements and operational conditions not to cause harmful impact to the existing systems and services were determined.

Below shows individual summaries of the study per incumbent system.

#### 3.3.5.1 917-920 MHz

(1) Digital MCA Service

The study referred to the examination methodologies and results on the past coexistence study when RFID system was introduced in 917-920 MHz. Beam WPT in the band was assumed almost the same technical conditions for assessment as RFID. Possibility of harmful impact is extremely low while keeping the given conditions and expecting additional propagation loss due to building entry loss. The condition includes the separation distance, adjustment of setting conditions, and measures to mitigate interferences.

(2) Advanced MCA Service

WPT can be shared by the control station (base station: downlink) by considering vertical directivity.

The mobile station (uplink) can be shared when both systems do not exist in the same room, which was shown by Monte-Carlo simulation using the extended Hata formula (300 m or less).

In the case of the same room, the required improvement amount is about 10 dB, but it can be shared because it is expected to be attenuated by obstacles and the human body in the room.

However, regarding the use with the WPT system in the same room, the WPT users will be alerted the possibility of interference to MCA stations.

(3) LTE-A (Band 8)

The WPT system can be shared in a WPT general environment even when there is no transmission time limit. On the other hand, the WPT system can be shared in the management environment by limiting the transmission time (stopping transmission for 50 msec within 4 seconds of the transmission).

(4) RFID (Passive)

The WPT system and RFID system can be shared on the same channel if a separation distance of about 6 m is secured. If the separation distance cannot be secured, those system can coexist by changing the WPT transmit channel and/or RFID channel, or shield with a wall.

(5) RFID (Active)

The passive RFID system is assumed coexisting with the active RFID system. The WPT system can be coexist with active RFID system because of the specification of WPT system is almost same as passive RFID interrogator.

(6) Radio Astronomy

The minimum separation distance at the same altitudes was calculated with the free space loss model to be 37.5 km using the measured spurious emission level of -60.5 dBm / MHz. A WPT system will be located outside a restricted area with the minimum separation distance from a radio astronomy station. When a WPT system or a radio astronomy station are located with different altitude, the minimum separation distance would be different from that calculated above.

#### 3.3.5.2 2.410-2.486 GHz

Radio characteristics example of beam WPT (non-ISM) is shown on Table 1.

(1) Wireless LAN

The simulation using the CCA mechanism on the beam WPT system was conducted to study the impact to the Wi-Fi devices located outside of the WPT controlled environment. The decline of the throughput of those Wi-Fi devices could be suppressed with appropriate parameters of CCA mechanism, compared with the case when another Wi-Fi AP was operated at the same location instead of the beam WPT inside the WPT controlled environment. Antenna directions should be adjusted not to directly face each other to prevent the device being damaged.

(2) Premises Radio

Within the beam WPT controlled environment the operation of the premises radio can be managed and controlled by the same operator as for the beam WPT. Moreover, within the 84.9 m from the beam WPT location it can be suppressed the transmission with the CCA mechanism when premises radio is transmitting. Antenna directions should be adjusted not to directly face each other to prevent the device being damaged.

(3) Unmanned mobile image transmission system

Separation distance was calculated with extended Hata model and it is 3.6 km on co channel from the beam WPT to the Unmanned mobile image transmission system outdoor. However, since the system is usually operated outside the cities and the usage time and places are planned, the harmful interference can be avoided by the coordination procedure.

(4) Geostationary Mobile Satellite Service

Separation distance was calculated with worst case scenario of out of band interference, where antenna directivity direction of the GEO MSS receiver was perfectly matched to the beam direction of the beam WPT. It is 30 m in the northern part of Japan. With the separation distance and coordination procedure if necessary, harmful interference can be avoided. If necessary, the operational coordination is performed between WPT systems and mobile satellite communication systems.

(5) Non-Geostationary Mobile Satellite Service

Separation distance was calculated of in band interference with extend Hata model and it was 0.96 km. Since Non-Geostationary Mobile Satellite Service is generally used in the location where cellular mobile system cannot be reached in Japan and the beam WPT does not possibly exist, the harmful interference can be avoided. If necessary, the operational coordination is performed between WPT systems and mobile satellite communication systems.

(6) Broadcasting Service: Field Pickup (mobile Electronic News Gathering)

Separation distance was calculated in various scenarios and systems and with the antenna directivity it does not cause harmful interference when satisfying 10 m separation distance outside the WPT controlled environment. BEAM WPT systems shall abide by the condition of the necessary separation distance and installation.

(7) Radio Astronomy

Separation distance was calculated for each radio astronomy station operating 2 695 MHz considering clutter loss. The minimum separation distances at the same altitudes are 5.7 km or 1.6 km depending on the environment of the site. To avoid the harmful interference to a radio astronomy station a restricted area with these separation distances around the radio astronomy station will be established. The beam WPT antenna is installed on the ceiling and radiates primarily downward. The horizontal radiation limit is defined in terms of e.i.r.p. For this reason, horizontal radiation from inside the building to the outside will be the worst-case scenario when both a WPT station and a radio astronomy station have the same altitudes.

When the altitude of the radio astronomy station is higher than the WPT station, the directivity gain becomes lower and the separation distance becomes shorter. On the other hand, when the altitude of the radio astronomy station is lower than the WPT station, the directivity gain becomes higher and the separation distance becomes longer.

(8) Impact study for Radio Amateur

Separation distance was calculated considering clutter loss. 2 out of 4 frequencies of beam WPT are co-channel with Radio Amateur, which need 4.4 km separation distance with 18 dBi Radio Amateur antenna. Considering antenna directive loss and using adjacent band if necessary, the harmful interference can be avoided. If necessary, the operational coordination is performed between WPT systems and amateur radio systems.

#### 3.3.5.3 5.738-5.766 GHz

(1) Wireless LAN

Simulation was conducted to study the impact of the beam WPT system to the Wi-Fi system that operate outside the WPT controlled environment. When CCA mechanism with appropriate parameters was applied to the beam WPT system, the impact to the Wi-Fi throughput was equivalent to the case when another Wi-Fi system existed instead of the beam WPT system. In the WPT controlled environment, assuming the condition to be under control by the identical system operator of both systems, carrier sensing works well. Antenna directions should be adjusted not to directly face each other to prevent the device being damaged.

(2) Dedicated Short Range Communication (DSRC)

Study on separation distance was made for the worst case scenario, where antenna directivity of the DSRC system perfectly matched to the beam direction of the beam WPT system. The separation distance was calculated with free space loss model to be 2.6 km from the beam WPT system to the DSRC Class 2 base station. Additional propagation loss due to building entry loss and directivity loss of DSRC antenna can be expected to further avoid harmful interference.

(3) Broadcasting Service: Studio to Transmitter Link (STL) & Transmitter to Transmitter Link (TTL)

Separation distance was calculated with free space loss model to be 836 m for out band noise signal from the beam WPT to the STL/TTL base station. When difference in height is more than 5 m, 20 dB of directivity loss of STL/TTL antenna can be expected to further avoid harmful interference.

(4) Broadcasting Service: Field Pickup (FPU) & Transmitter to Studio Link (TSL) systems

Separation distance was calculated to be 80 m for out band noise signal from the beam WPT to the FPU base station. When difference in height is more than 25 m, more than 14 dB of directivity loss of FPU antenna can be expected to further avoid harmful interference.

Separation distance was calculated with free space loss model to be 1 485 m for out band noise signal from the beam WPT system to the TSL base station. When difference in height is more than 7 m, 20 dB of directivity loss of STL/TTL antenna can be expected to further avoid harmful interference.

(5) Unmanned mobile image transmission system

Separation distance was calculated with free space loss model to be 23 km on co-channel and 185 m on the alternate adjacent channel from the beam WPT system to the unmanned mobile image transmission system outdoor, respectively. However, since the system is usually operated outside the cities and the usage time and places are scheduled, harmful interference can be avoided by such as coordination procedure.

(6) Weather radar

Separation distance was calculated with free space loss model to be 3 308 m for out band noise signal from the beam WPT system for each weather radar site. To avoid the harmful interference, separation distance should be kept.

(7) Radio Astronomy

The minimum separation distances at the same altitudes were calculated with the free space loss model to be 1.1 km or 1.7 km for 4 995 MHz and 10 650 MHz radio astronomy stations. To avoid the harmful interference to a radio astronomy station, the minimum separation distance should be kept. The beam WPT antenna is installed on the ceiling and radiates primarily downward. The horizontal radiation limit is defined in terms of e.i.r.p. For this reason, horizontal radiation from inside the building to the outside will be the worst-case scenario.

When the altitude of the radio astronomy station is higher than the WPT station, the directivity gain becomes lower and the separation distance becomes shorter. On the other hand when the altitude of the radio astronomy station is lower than the WPT station, the directivity gain becomes higher and the separation distance becomes longer.

(8) Impact study for Radio Amateur

Separation distance was studied considering clutter loss. The calculated separation distance with free space loss model was 1.5 km and 262 m for 30 dBi and 15 dBi Radio Amateur antennas, respectively. Antenna directivity and coordination procedure can avoid harmful interference. The operational coordination will be undertaken between WPT systems and amateur radio systems.

## 3.4 Study D (915-921 MHz)

An over-the-air, distance charging transmitting device (DUT) operating between 915 MHz and 921 MHz was tested for impact to demonstrate interoperability with wireless devices and technologies operating in the same band. The DUT operates on a single channel with a bandwidth less than 400 kHz and maximum declared conducted average power of 40.0 dBm. The DUT is designed to charge other devices at a distance of up to 300 cm.

The tests were performed in two separate rooms. The first was a real-world test performed in a regular room and on a wooden countertop where other signals were present, as illustrated in Figure 10. The second room was an anechoic chamber, as described in ETSI EN 302 208 V3.1.1 (2016-11) Annex B.1.2 and as illustrated in Figure 11. This anechoic chamber was used to demonstrate whether the results found in the regular room were repeatable in a free-space environment and whether any degradation of signal was due to the noisy environment. The tests were performed in the exact same manner, detailed further below, in each room. The results from each of the tests did not have any discrepancies; as such, only one set of results is presented below.

Figure 10

Test setup in room 1, open area

Timeline

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Figure 11

Test setup in room 2, anechoic chamber

Diagram

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Tests were performed on the following types of wireless devices:

Table 12

Types of devices used, frequencies, and distances in Study D

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| No. | Type of device | Frequency range (MHz) | Distances tested (cm) |
| 1 | Cellphone | Uplink: 888.0-915.0  Downlink: 925.2-960.0 | 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 70, 100 |
| 2 | Cellphone | Uplink: 888.0-915.0  Downlink: 925.2-960.0 | 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 70, 100 |
| 3 | Cellphone | Uplink: 888.0-915.0  Downlink: 925.2-960.0 | 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 70, 100 |
| 4 | Cellphone | Uplink: 888.0-915.0  Downlink: 925.2-960.0 | 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 70, 100 |
| 5 | Wireless Microphone and base station | 904.45-927.45  User Selectable | 0, 10, 30, 100, 200 |
| 6 | Assisted listening device | 863.25-864.75  User Selectable | 0, 10, 30, 100, 200 |
| 7 | Assisted listening device | 904.65-926.85  User Selectable | 0, 10, 30, 100, 200 |
| 8 | RFID reader | 903-927  Hopping | 0, 10, 30, 100, 200 |
| 9 | RFID reader | 865-868  Hopping | 0, 10, 30, 100, 200 |

**Cellphone**. The DUT was placed 100 cm from a mobile phone simulating a desktop environment. The cell antenna, cabled to base station simulator, was placed 3 m from the DUT and mobile phone devices. A call from the mobile phone was established to the callbox in the GSM 900 Band, on a specific frequency. After the call was established, the DUT was switched on at 917.5 MHz. The charging signal was verified with a spectrum analyzer positioned in the test area. The call was monitored for 60 seconds. After which the call state was logged (call maintained, or call dropped.). The distance between the DUT and mobile phone was decreased incrementally until the mobile phone was touching the DUT, measured at 0 cm. Testing was performed using 3 different channels.

Figure 12

Cellphone impact test setup



Figure 13

Other In-band device impact test set up



The results demonstrated that all phones were able to operate without harmful interference on at least one channel and on all channels when separated by 1 m or more from the DUT.

**Wireless Microphone and base station**. The base-station (receiver) was placed 30 cm from the DUT, and the Microphone (Transmitter) moved through the test distances. Subsequently, the Microphone (Transmitter) was placed 30 cm from the DUT, and the Base-station (receiver) was moved through the test distances.

When operating close to the transmit frequency of the DUT, the audio devices experienced .no harmful interference

**Assisted listening device**. The Transmitter was placed 30 cm from the DUT, and the Receiver was moved through the test distances. Following this, the Receiver was placed 30 cm from the DUT, and the Transmitter was moved through the test distances.

When operating at close to the transmit frequency of the DUT, the devices experienced interference however setting the audio device frequency away from that of the DUT resulted in little to no harmful interference.

**RFID reader**. For the first device, scans were performed at 903.250; 904.250; 915.250; 915.750; 920.250; 926.750; and 927.250 MHz. The software transmitting setting was set to 30 dBm. RFID tags were then placed 30 cm from the DUT. For the second, scans were performed at 865.00; 866.00; 867.00; and 868.00 MHz with default settings. RFID tags were then placed 30 cm from the DUT.

At separation distances of 1 m or greater between the DUT and RFID reader and tags, the readers worked without error.

## 3.5 Study E (61-61.5 GHz)

### 3.5.1 Radio services considered in the study

This section will contain a study that determines the out-of-band emission limits necessary to ensure protection criteria are met for the Earth Exploration Satellite Service (passive) (EESS (passive)) and Radio Astronomy Service (RAS) . This study deals with use of segments the ISM band at 61.0- 61.5 GHz for beam WPT.

### 3.5.2 Considerations for 61.0-61.5 GHz

The technology being considered at this frequency involves a narrow band transmission which has a bandwidth of 0.02% of the center frequency of 61 GHz. The maximum 10 MHz bandwidth comes from three sources: phase noise of the frequency source, incident random phase modulation on the transmitted signal from continuous minor adjustments of the phase shifters in the antenna elements to maintain focus on the intended destination, and low index modulation of the CW carrier for communications between the transmitter and power destination used to both maintain a tight focus of the band on the destination and to implement active safety features that decrease power when an object or a human or pet approach the high power flux density (p.f.d.) volume near the intended destination.

Rec. ITU-R RA.769-2 gives protection criteria used for radio astronomical measurements. This states “that administrations, in seeking to afford protection to particular radio astronomical observations, should take all practical steps to reduce all unwanted emissions falling within the band of the frequencies to be protected for radio astronomy to the absolute minimum.”

**3.5.4 Impact 61.0-61.5 GHz beam WPT**

This band is a designated ISM band per **5.138** which provides that “The use of these frequency bands for ISM applications shall be subject to special authorization by the administration concerned, in agreement with other administrations whose radiocommunication services might be affected. In applying this provision, administrations shall have due regard to the latest relevant ITU-R Recommendations.” The primary allocations for this band are FIXED, INTER-SATELLITE,

MOBILE and RADIOLOCATION. In addition, many administrations have designated this band and nearby bands for Short Range Devices. Such short range devices generally have narrow beam width antennas, facilitated by the short wavelength at this band, and thus are resistant to point sources of RF power.

The nearest band allocated for EESS (passive) is at 59 – 59.3 GHz (1.7 GHz below) and the nearest band allocated for RAS is at 76-77.5 GHz, 14.5 GHz above. The EESS (passive band) at 59 – 59.3 GHz is within the “60 GHz” oxygen absorption band and has 13 dB/km attenuation by atmospheric gases at sea level for horizontal paths although this attenuation decreases at higher altitudes and for higher elevation angle paths. The conditions of **5.138** appear appropriate to protect other services regarding the use of this technology in this band.

### 3.5.5 Human hazard issues for 61.0-61.5 GHz WPT

Technology being considered for these bands used phased array multiple **elements** beams to focus power on a small area for efficient power transfer. This creates a **high-power** flux density (pfd) at and near the power receiving area that could violate applicable safety standards. This situation is avoided by active measures that detect the presence of objects near the high p.f.d. volume and reduces or ceases power transmissions when such objects are detected.

The strategy being followed is to make sure applicable safety standards are met: Systems will employ multiple, independently operating and independently testable safeguards that will ensure that exposure requirements are met. These sensors can be arranged so that significant power is only transmitted if there is an authorized power destination in a position ready to receive power and without any humans or pets in a nearby position where that would be exposed to unacceptable RF power levels. Examples of these sensors are the ability to evaluate the orientation of the device being charged, including whether it is moving, fixed, or set on a stable surface; the ability to passively sense nearby movement and beam interruption; and the ability to detect Doppler signals from the device being charged or people that are moving. In this way, the distances between the beam, the charging device, and any people located in the vicinity can be calculated in milliseconds, ensuring that the power transfer will cease before a person enters the path of a beam. These independent safety features are all native to the WPT system, meaning that they are inherent in the function of the beam formation apparatus of the WPT system.

RF safety standard levels for 61 GHz bands in the United States

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Band**  **(GHz)** | **MPE for Occupational/Controlled Exposure (mW/cm2** | **MPR for General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure (mW/cm2)** |
|  |  |  |
| 61.0-61.5 | 5.0 | 1.0 |

## [3.6 Study F (915-921 MHz, 2 410-2 486 MHz, 5 738-5 766 MHz, and 24.1-24.15 GHz)

[Editor’s note: Concerns were raised that this current Study F submitted to the November WP 1A meeting is not an appropriate impact scenario for the RAS, taking into account the provisions of RR No 5.150. The study was not agreed to by WP 1A and should be resubmitted to the next WP 1A meeting, properly reflecting the potential adjacent band impacts of beam WPT to RAS.]

[Editor’s note: It was also indicated that the available information for out-of-band radiation of Beam WPT, including the fractional power absorbed during charging and the duty cycle, have not been provided.]

### 3.6.1 Radio services and bands considered in the study

The radio astronomy service is considered in four frequency bands that were selected from among the entries in Table 1, as shown in Table 13.

### 3.6.2 Details of the calculation

Four frequencies are considered as shown in Table 13 that summarizes the parameters used in this Study. The frequencies and WPT power levels P\_wpt are those of Systems 2, 5, 6 and 7 in Table 1. The specific attenuations Atten\_wet and Atten\_dry are taken from Rec. ITU-R P.676 for dry and standard (std) atmospheres. The quantity T\_769 is the radio astronomy service protection threshold power flux interpolated between the values in column 8 of Table 1 in Rec. ITU-R RA.769-2. The gain of the WPT system in Table 1 is initially taken as 0 dBi and treated as an adjustment to the results as discussed in Section 3.6.3. No gain is specified for System 7 in Table 1.

Table 13

Parameters used in the study

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Frequency  GHz | P\_wpt  dB W | RAS Gain  dBi | T\_769  dB W/m2 | Atten\_dry  dB/km | Atten\_std  dB/km |  at d=100 km  dB dry (wet) |
| 0.920 | 11.761 | 0 | -183 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 82 |
| 2.4 | 11.761 | 0 | -177 | 0.006 | 0.006 | 77 |
| 5.8 | 15.051 | 0 | -169 | 0.0075 | 0.009 | 72 |
| 24 | 16.990 | 0 | -147 | 0.014 | 0.200 | 51 (33) |

The study calculates the power flux from WPT at distance d (m) in free space with specific attenuation A (dB/km) = Atten\_dry and Atten\_std, and takes the logarithmic difference of this to the threshold values in RA. 769. Specifically, the study computes numerical values of

 (dB) = P\_wpt – T\_769 – 10 log (4) – 20 log (d) – A\*d/1000

### 3.6.3 Results

Results for the calculation of  are shown in Figure 14 at the four WPT frequencies, and the rightmost column in Table 13 shows the values of  calculated at d = 100 km in the dry and standard cases at 24 GHz. The dry and wet calculations differ only at 24 GHz at which frequency wet conditions are not appropriate to radio astronomy observing. Relevant values of  at line of sight separations of 100 km thus range from 50-80 dB.

Substantial additional attenuations of the WPT radiation above those expected from free space loss and atmospheric attenuation are required to reach radio astronomy service protection thresholds. Additional attenuations will generally take the form of terrain, clutter loss and building entry losses. The latter are typically quoted as 10 - 20 dB. During periods of active charging, the WPT power flux will presumably be diminished by the power that is absorbed.

The indicated attenuations  can be adjusted up or down for gain of the transmitting WPT device in the direction of the radio astronomy operation and for differences in the WPT power level. Care should be taken to avoid pointing the WPT system toward radio astronomy operations.

Figure 14

Isolation needed to protect radio astronomy at RA.769 levels



### 3.6.4 Summary

Substantial additional attenuation of WPT radiation is required to meet the interference thresholds in RA.769 in four frequency bands at line of sight distances exceeding 1000 km, beyond the losses associated with spatial spreading, atmospheric attenuation and possible building entry losses of 10-20 dB. It is possible to further take into account additional attenuation from the output power level of WPT to the radiated power level at the radio astronomy frequency service.]

# 4 Human hazard issues

Administrations are encouraged to follow the guidelines set by the ICNIRP and IEEE expert groups, or limits set by their own experts. Human exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMF) is addressed by a number of regulatory agencies as well as international expert organizations such as the World Health Organization (WHO), the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), and the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). Below are the ICNIRP Guidelines on EMF:

1 [ICNIRP (1998](http://www.icnirp.org/cms/upload/publications/ICNIRPemfgdl.pdf)): Guidelines for limiting exposure to time‐varying electric, magnetic and electromagnetic fields (up to 300 GHz);

2 [ICNIRP (2010](https://www.icnirp.org/cms/upload/publications/ICNIRPLFgdl.pdf)): Guidelines for limiting exposure to time‐varying electric and magnetic fields (1 Hz-100 kHz);

3 [ICNIRP (2020](https://www.icnirp.org/cms/upload/publications/ICNIRPrfgdl2020.pdf)): Guidelines for limiting exposure to electromagnetic fields (100 kHz to 300 GHz).

The limits below 100 kHz are the ones published in [ICNIRP (2010](https://www.icnirp.org/cms/upload/publications/ICNIRPLFgdl.pdf)). With the publication of the 2020 RF guidelines, the 1998 guidelines have become obsolete.

[IEEE C95.1-2019](https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8859679) is the “IEEE Standard for Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Electric, Magnetic, and Electromagnetic Fields, 0 Hz to 300 GHz”.

[IEEE C95.1 (2019)](https://ieeexplore.ieee.org/document/8859679) and [ICNIRP (2020)](https://www.icnirp.org/cms/upload/publications/ICNIRPrfgdl2020.pdf) Guidelines (and [ICNIRP (1998](http://www.icnirp.org/cms/upload/publications/ICNIRPemfgdl.pdf))) are largely harmonized: the power-density limits whole-body levels above 30 MHz are identical.

Unlike non-beam WPT, beam WPT in the practical implementation would employ microwave transmission systems using 920 MHz band, 2.4 GHz band, and 5.7 GHz band to transmit the power. Microwaves may be beamed from an antenna, by way of point-to-point or point-to-multipoint, over a distance of several meters or more. Unlike wireless communication uses, the level of transmitted electromagnetic power required for commercial implementation of beam WPT could be greater to some extent or substantial. It is deemed appropriate that a human (including medical devices) exposure to beam WPT EMF should be assessed and managed with additional measures to be compliant with the current guidelines in the beam WPT planning and operation.

To cope with above-mentioned unique and standing technical requirements, some current beam WPT implementations are considering adoption of human body detection mechanisms in the area with expecting greater RF exposure than the guidelines to cease power transmission and / or steer the power beam direction when detected. To facilitate implementation such technical measures and ensure compliance with the guidelines, study on regulatory environmental conditions for beam WPT is also undertaken in some administrations. See Annex 1 for details.

# 5 Summary

The studies presented in Study C demonstrate that the impact of beam WPT systems on other wireless devices and technologies depends on factors such as the output power of the beam WPT, the distance between devices, and whether the same operating frequencies are being used. For beam WPT systems operating in the 915-921 MHz band, results from the studies demonstrate that in most cases their operation is feasible and causes little to no interference to the following types of devices: IMT user terminals, wireless microphones and base stations, assisted listening devices, RFID readers, door/window sensors, smart hubs, and smart power outlets.

Another study on beam WPT systems reports frequency sharing conditions with additional measures for incumbent service protection and human body protection from WPT RF exposure. A result on beam WPT in 917-920 MHz under the WPT technical condition equivalent to the existing RFID system demonstrates coexistence capability with systems in the same and neighbouring bands. Another result in 2.410-2.486 GHz and 5.738-5.766 GHz addresses adoption of WLAN CCA mechanism to WPT systems and provisions on necessary separation distances. A comprehensive beam WPT operating management rule regarding WPT operation environment and EMFs is provided as a regulatory guideline.

Study F (Section 3.6, Table 13) showed that additional attenuation of WPT radiation on the order of 50-80 dB was required to reach radio astronomy service protection thresholds at four frequencies from 920 MHz to 24 GHz at line of sight separation distances of 100 km, after consideration of losses due to spatial spreading and atmospheric attenuation and ignoring the power absorbed during periods of active charging. It is possible to further take into account additional attenuation from the output power level of WPT to the radiated power level at the radio astronomy frequency service.

Annex 1

RF exposure environmental control to comply with   
the Radio Radiation Protection Guidelines, the case of Japan

# A1.1 Beam WPT installation environments

Information and Communication Council of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) of Japan defined the WPT indoor installation environments by the names of the WPT controlled environment and the WPT general environment to manage and control radiofrequency EMF exposure generated from the beam WPT system to human bodies in the operation of Japanese 920 MHz band (915-930 MHz), 2.4 GHz band (2.400-2.499 GHz), and 5.7 GHz band (5.470-5.770 GHz) to comply with the Japanese Radio Radiation Protection Guidelines (RRPG) as follows.

## A1.1.1 WPT controlled environment

The WPT controlled environment is summarized as shown below:

– It is categorized as indoor and closed space for beam WPT operation

– In the environment, WPT radio frequency EMF levels meet the allowable range specified for the controlled environment in the RRPG. (Power transmission shall be ceased when detecting an individual entering the area where EMFs surpass the limits of the controlled environment specified in the RRPG.)

– When a beam WPT system is operated in the WPT controlled environment, for the purpose of avoiding and mitigating harmful effect to other radiocommunication systems, the WPT system installation personnel, the WPT system operator, the WPT licensee, and other authorized personnel shall be able to manage and control the use of other radiocommunication systems and device installation conditions in an integrated manner.

– When the concerned WPT controlled environment is bordering other indoor space (e.g., side-by-side rooms or upper-and-lower floors), WPT radio frequency EMF levels shall meet the allowable range of specified spectrum sharing conditions with the other radiocommunication systems even in those indoor spaces, or the identical WPT manager to the concerned indoor WPT controlled environment shall be able to manage the coordinated spectrum sharing in the integrated manner. (This clause is applied to the 2.4 GHz and 5.7 GHz bands operation only)

## A1.1.2 WPT general environment

The WPT general environment is one of the categories of WPT indoor installation environment and means a WPT use environment that does not fulfil the definition of the WPT controlled environment. (e.g., wireless power transmission to quality management sensors in a logistics warehouse (920 MHz band application only), wireless power transmission to observation sensor devices in an elder nursing care facility (920 MHz band application only).

# A1.2 Compliance with the RRPG

### A1.2.1 Separation distance

To comply with the radio frequency EMF exposure requirements in the RRPG, the following separation distances were derived and specified.

Table A1.1

Separation distances to meet the RF exposure limits of the RRPG

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Environmental condition defined in the RRPG | Reflection coefficient K = 1(\*1) | Reflection coefficient K = 2.56(\*2) | Reflection coefficient K = 4(\*3) | Adding 6 dB to EMF  strength(\*4) | |
| Reflection coefficient K = 2.56 | Reflection coefficient K = 4 |
| 920 MHz band | Controlled environment | 0.102 m | 0.163 m | 0.203 m | 0.325 m | 0.4065 m |
| General environment | 0.227 m | 0.364 m | 0.456 m | 0.727 m | 0.912 m |
| 2.4 GHz band | Controlled environment | 2.45 m | 3.92 m | 4.90 m | 7.82 m | 9.80 m |
| General environment | 5.48 m | 8.76 m | 10.95 m | 17.49 m | 21.90 m |
| 5.7 GHz band | Controlled environment | 4.00 m | 6.40 m | 8.00 m | 12.80 m | 16.00 m |
| General environment | 9.00 m | 14.30 m | 17.80 m | 28.50 m | 35.70 m |
| (\*1) No reflections counted.  (\*2) Reflections from the ground counted.  (\*3) Reflections from the water surface and from those other than the ground counted.  (\*4) 6 dB is added in the case greater reflection is expected to observe due to buildings such as an office building nearby the evaluation point. | | | | | | |

### A1.2.2 Directions

The beam WPT systems being considered for the operation in the 920 MHz band, the separation distance to meet the limits in the RRPG is comparatively short; and therefore, it is possible for them to operate in the WPT general environment.

Those for the 2.4 GHz band and the 5.7 GHz band assume adoption of human body detection mechanisms in the area expecting greater RF exposure than the limits specified in the RRPG to cease power transmission when detected. In addition, the systems are to take safety measures to ensure correct functioning of the detect and protect mechanism. Moreover, some alert such by indicating attentional area and setting a fence is conducted, too.

Beam WPT transmitters are not used at a very close proximity (within 20 cm) from the human body according to use case scenarios and also taking appropriate safety measures mentioned above. Therefore, study on specific energy absorption rate (SAR) for the human body nearby is not necessary.

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