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Abstract

This Standard defines the interface and message transfer protocol between a Cell Broadcast Entity (CBE) and a Cell Broadcast Center (CBC) to support text-based Cell Broadcast Services. This Standard supports the requirements of the FCC Report & Order 16-127 and the FCC Order on Reconsideration 17-143.

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1 Scope, Purpose, & Application

1.1 Scope

The scope of this Standard is the definition of the interface and message transfer protocol between a Cell Broadcast Entity (CBE) and a Cell Broadcast Center (CBC) to support text-based Cell Broadcast services.

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this Standard is to define a message transfer protocol on the interface between the CBE and CBC independent of the technology and application; to identify the requirements on the CBE and CBC to support the interface; and to identify requirements to support assumptions made in other specifications, such as the 3GPP specifications (e.g., [Ref 1]).

One of the main goals behind the CBE-to-CBC interface is to have a common interface from the CBE to the CBC that is independent of Cell Broadcast applications and the technologies associated with the Commercial Mobile Service Provider (CMSP) infrastructure. Any application-dependent functions are to be handled by the CBE, whereas any technology-dependent functions [e.g., Global System for Mobile communications (GSM), Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS), Long Term Evolution (LTE)] are to be handled by the CBC.

1.3 Application

This specification is applicable to a CBE interfacing to a CBC. This specification is independent of the application supported by the Cell Broadcast Service (CBS) and is intended to support any text-based application over the Cell Broadcast Service.

Depending on operator policy, a CBC may have to support the CBE-to-CBC interface protocol as defined in this specification and the previous version of the CBE-to-CBC-interface protocol as specified in ATIS-0700008 [Ref 8].

2 Normative References

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this ATIS Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this ATIS Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below.

[Ref 1] 3GPP TS 23.041, *Technical realization of Cell Broadcast Service (CBS)*.¹

[Ref 2] IETF RFC 3629, *UTF-8, A transformation format of ISO 10646*.²

[Ref 3] 3GPP TS 21.905, *Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications*.¹

¹ This document is available from the Third Generation Partnership Project (3GPP). < <http://www.3gpp.org/> >

² This document is available from the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF). < <http://www.ietf.org> >

[Ref 4] INCITS 31-2009, *Codes for the Identification of Counties and Equivalent Areas of the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Insular Areas*.³

[Ref 5] WGS-84, National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense World Geodetic 103 System 1984, *NGA Technical 104 Report TR8350.2*.⁴

[Ref 6] IETF RFC 793, *Transmission Control Protocol*.²

[Ref 7] 3GPP TS 23.038, *Alphabets and language-specific information*.¹

[Ref 8] ATIS-0700008, *Cell Broadcast Entity (CBE) to Cell Broadcast Center (CBC) Interface Specification*.⁵

[Ref 9] 3GPP TS 36.413, *Evolved Universal Terrestrial Radio Access Network (E-UTRAN); S1 Application Protocol (S1AP)*.¹

3 Definitions, Acronyms, & Abbreviations

This clause identifies definitions, acronyms, and abbreviations used in this document. Additional information may be found in 3GPP TR 21.905, *Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications* [Ref 3].

3.1 Definitions

Cell Broadcast Area: The Cell Broadcast Area is the geographical area for the broadcast of the CBS message. Cell Broadcast Areas may be comprised of one or more cells up to the entire wireless operator network. Individual CBS messages will be assigned their own Cell Broadcast Areas.

Cell Broadcast Service (CBS): The CBS permits a number of unacknowledged general CBS messages to be broadcast to all receivers within a particular region. CBS messages are broadcast to defined geographical areas known as *Cell Broadcast Areas*.

3.2 Acronyms & Abbreviations

ATIS	Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions
CB	Cell Broadcast
CBC	Cell Broadcast Center
CBE	Cell Broadcast Entity
CBEM	Cell Broadcast Entity Message
CBS	Cell Broadcast Service
CMSP	Commercial Mobile Service Provider
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Series
INCITS	International Committee for Information Technology Standards
GNIS	Geographic Names Information System
GSM	Global System for Mobile communications
LTE	Long Term Evolution
SAME	Specific Area Message Encoding

³ This document is available from the International Committee for Information Technology Standards (INCITS) at < https://standards.incits.org/apps/group_public/project/details.php?project_id=204 >.

⁴ This document is available at < http://earth-info.nga.mil/GandG/publications/tr8350.2/tr8350_2.html >.

⁵ This document is available from the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS). < <https://www.atis.org/docstore/product.aspx?id=25036> >.