

ETSI TS 125 324 V19.0.0 (2025-10)



Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS); Broadcast/Multicast Control (BMC) (3GPP TS 25.324 version 19.0.0 Release 19)



ReferenceRTS/TSGR-0025324vj00

KeywordsUMTS

ETSI

650 Route des Lucioles
F-06921 Sophia Antipolis Cedex - FRANCE

Tel.: +33 4 92 94 42 00 Fax: +33 4 93 65 47 16

Siret N° 348 623 562 00017 - APE 7112B
Association à but non lucratif enregistrée à la
Sous-Préfecture de Grasse (06) N° w061004871

Important notice

The present document can be downloaded from the
[ETSI Search & Browse Standards application](#).

The present document may be made available in electronic versions and/or in print. The content of any electronic and/or print versions of the present document shall not be modified without the prior written authorization of ETSI. In case of any existing or perceived difference in contents between such versions and/or in print, the prevailing version of an ETSI deliverable is the one made publicly available in PDF format on [ETSI deliver repository](#).

Users should be aware that the present document may be revised or have its status changed,
this information is available in the [Milestones listing](#).

If you find errors in the present document, please send your comments to
the relevant service listed under [Committee Support Staff](#).

If you find a security vulnerability in the present document, please report it through our
[Coordinated Vulnerability Disclosure \(CVD\)](#) program.

Notice of disclaimer & limitation of liability

The information provided in the present deliverable is directed solely to professionals who have the appropriate degree of experience to understand and interpret its content in accordance with generally accepted engineering or other professional standard and applicable regulations.

No recommendation as to products and services or vendors is made or should be implied.

No representation or warranty is made that this deliverable is technically accurate or sufficient or conforms to any law and/or governmental rule and/or regulation and further, no representation or warranty is made of merchantability or fitness for any particular purpose or against infringement of intellectual property rights.

In no event shall ETSI be held liable for loss of profits or any other incidental or consequential damages.

Any software contained in this deliverable is provided "AS IS" with no warranties, express or implied, including but not limited to, the warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose and non-infringement of intellectual property rights and ETSI shall not be held liable in any event for any damages whatsoever (including, without limitation, damages for loss of profits, business interruption, loss of information, or any other pecuniary loss) arising out of or related to the use of or inability to use the software.

Copyright Notification

No part may be reproduced or utilized in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying and microfilm except as authorized by written permission of ETSI.

The content of the PDF version shall not be modified without the written authorization of ETSI.

The copyright and the foregoing restriction extend to reproduction in all media.

© ETSI 2025.
All rights reserved.

Intellectual Property Rights

Essential patents

IPRs essential or potentially essential to normative deliverables may have been declared to ETSI. The declarations pertaining to these essential IPRs, if any, are publicly available for **ETSI members and non-members**, and can be found in ETSI SR 000 314: *"Intellectual Property Rights (IPRs); Essential, or potentially Essential, IPRs notified to ETSI in respect of ETSI standards"*, which is available from the ETSI Secretariat. Latest updates are available on the [ETSI IPR online database](#).

Pursuant to the ETSI Directives including the ETSI IPR Policy, no investigation regarding the essentiality of IPRs, including IPR searches, has been carried out by ETSI. No guarantee can be given as to the existence of other IPRs not referenced in ETSI SR 000 314 (or the updates on the ETSI Web server) which are, or may be, or may become, essential to the present document.

Trademarks

The present document may include trademarks and/or tradenames which are asserted and/or registered by their owners. ETSI claims no ownership of these except for any which are indicated as being the property of ETSI, and conveys no right to use or reproduce any trademark and/or tradename. Mention of those trademarks in the present document does not constitute an endorsement by ETSI of products, services or organizations associated with those trademarks.

DECT™, **PLUGTESTS™**, **UMTS™** and the ETSI logo are trademarks of ETSI registered for the benefit of its Members. **3GPP™**, **LTE™** and **5G™** logo are trademarks of ETSI registered for the benefit of its Members and of the 3GPP Organizational Partners. **oneM2M™** logo is a trademark of ETSI registered for the benefit of its Members and of the oneM2M Partners. **GSM®** and the GSM logo are trademarks registered and owned by the GSM Association.

Legal Notice

This Technical Specification (TS) has been produced by ETSI 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP).

The present document may refer to technical specifications or reports using their 3GPP identities. These shall be interpreted as being references to the corresponding ETSI deliverables.

The cross reference between 3GPP and ETSI identities can be found at [3GPP to ETSI numbering cross-referencing](#).

Modal verbs terminology

In the present document "**shall**", "**shall not**", "**should**", "**should not**", "**may**", "**need not**", "**will**", "**will not**", "**can**" and "**cannot**" are to be interpreted as described in clause 3.2 of the [ETSI Drafting Rules](#) (Verbal forms for the expression of provisions).

"**must**" and "**must not**" are **NOT** allowed in ETSI deliverables except when used in direct citation.

Contents

Intellectual Property Rights	2
Legal Notice	2
Modal verbs terminology.....	2
Foreword.....	5
1 Scope	6
2 References	6
3 Definitions and abbreviations.....	6
3.1 Definitions	6
3.2 Abbreviations	7
4 General	7
4.1 Model of BMC	7
5 Functions	8
6 Services provided to Upper Layers	8
7 Services expected from RLC.....	9
8 Elements for layer-to-layer communication.....	9
8.1 Service Primitives between RRC and BMC.....	9
8.1.1 Primitives.....	9
8.1.1.1 CBMC-Measurement-IND.....	9
8.1.1.2 CBMC-Rx-IND.....	9
8.1.1.3 CBMC-Config-REQ	10
8.1.2 Parameters.....	10
8.1.2.1 CB-Traffic-Volume	10
8.1.2.2 Action.....	10
8.1.2.3 DRX selection	10
8.1.2.4 CTCH configuration.....	10
8.2 Service Primitives between upper layer (U-plane) and BMC	11
8.2.1 Primitives.....	11
8.2.1.1 Primitives used in relation to UMTS Core Network	11
8.2.1.1.1 BMC-Data-REQ	11
8.2.1.1.2 BMC-Data-IND	12
8.2.1.1.3 BMC-Data-CNF	12
8.2.1.1.4 BMC-Congestion-IND	12
8.2.1.1.5 BMC-Normal-IND	12
8.2.1.1.6 BMC-Activation-REQ.....	12
8.2.1.1.7 BMC-Deactivation-REQ	12
8.2.1.1.8 BMC-DRX-REQ	13
8.2.1.1.9 BMC-Error-IND	13
8.2.1.2 Primitives used for ANSI-41 Core Network	13
8.2.1.2.1 BMC-Data41-REQ	13
8.2.1.2.2 BMC-Data41-IND.....	13
8.2.1.2.3 BMC-Error41-IND	13
8.2.2 Parameters.....	14
8.2.2.1 Message-ID	14
8.2.2.2 Serial Number	14
8.2.2.3 Data-Coding-Scheme	14
8.2.2.4 CB-Data	14
8.2.2.5 Category.....	14
8.2.2.6 Repetition-Period	14
8.2.2.7 Number-of-Broadcasts-Requested	14
8.2.2.8 CB-DRX-Schedule-Period.....	14
8.2.2.9 Reserved-CB-Capacity.....	15

8.2.2.10	Cause.....	15
8.2.2.11	Transport Layer Message	15
8.2.2.12	Broadcast Address.....	15
8.2.2.13	Error Type	15
9	Procedures	15
9.1	BMC Message Broadcast	15
9.2	Generation of Schedule message	15
9.3	Traffic volume measurement.....	16
9.4	BMC message reception.....	16
10	BMC Messages	17
10.1	General	17
10.2	BMC CBS Message.....	17
10.3	BMC Schedule Message	17
10.4	BMC CBS41 Message.....	18
11	Information Elements.....	19
11.1	Message Type.....	19
11.2	Message ID.....	19
11.3	Serial Number	19
11.4	Data Coding Scheme	20
11.5	CB Data	20
11.6	Offset to Begin CTCH Block Set Index	20
11.7	Length of CBS Schedule Period.....	21
11.8	New Message Bitmap.....	21
11.9	Message Description	22
11.10	Broadcast Address.....	23
11.11	CB Data41	23
11.12	CBS Schedule Message Extension.....	24
11.13	CBS Message Serial Numbers.....	24
11.14	Serial Number List Entry	25
Annex A (informative):	Change history	26
History		27

Foreword

This Technical Specification (TS) has been produced by the 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP).

The contents of the present document are subject to continuing work within the TSG and may change following formal TSG approval. Should the TSG modify the contents of the present document, it will be re-released by the TSG with an identifying change of release date and an increase in version number as follows:

Version x.y.z

where:

- x the first digit:
 - 1 presented to TSG for information;
 - 2 presented to TSG for approval;
 - 3 or greater indicates TSG approved document under change control.
- y the second digit is incremented for all changes of substance, i.e. technical enhancements, corrections, updates, etc.
- z the third digit is incremented when editorial only changes have been incorporated in the document.

1 Scope

The present document provides the description of the Broadcast/Multicast Control Protocol (BMC). This protocol adapts broadcast and multicast services on the radio interface.

2 References

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*.

- [1] 3GPP TS 25.322: "RLC Protocol Specification".
 - [2] 3GPP TS 25.301: "Radio Interface Protocol Architecture".
 - [3] 3GPP TS 23.041: "Technical realization of Cell Broadcast Service (CBS)".
 - [4] 3GPP TS 23.038: "Alphabets and Language".
 - [5] 3GPP TS 25.419: "UTRAN Iu interface: Service Area Broadcast Protocol SABP".
 - [6] 3GPP TS 25.925: "Radio Interface for Broadcast/Multicast Services".
 - [7] TIA/EIA-41-D: "Technical realization of Cell Broadcast Service (CBS)".
 - [8] TIA/EIA-637-A: "TR45 – Short Message Service for Spread Spectrum Systems".
-

3 Definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions apply.

CB message: user data as transmitted from Cell Broadcast Centre to UE (BMC SDU)

CB repetition period: period after which a CB message should be broadcast again if more than one repetition are requested

Number of Broadcast Requested: number of broadcasts requested for a CB message. This number is infinite or finite

DRX Schedule Period: schedule period as optionally requested by the CBC (unit: seconds)

Reserved CB Capacity: percentage of the capacity reserved for CB messages with category HIGH on the allocated radio resources CTCH, FACH and S-CCPCH. This parameter can be set optionally by the CBC.

CTCH Block Set: subset of the transport block set of FACH on which the CTCH used for CBS is mapped uniquely

CBS schedule period: finite sequence of CTCH Block Sets of variable length in which scheduled CB messages are broadcast

3.2 Abbreviations

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

AS	Access Stratum
BMC	Broadcast/Multicast Control
C-SAP	Control Service Access Point
CBC	Cell Broadcast Centre
CBS	Cell Broadcast Service
CTCH	Common Traffic Channel
CTCH-BS	CTCH Block Set
FACH	Forward Access Channel
IE	Information Element
kbps	kilo-bits per second
L1	Layer 1 (physical layer)
L2	Layer 2 (data link layer)
L3	Layer 3 (network layer)
MAC	Medium Access Control
NAS	Non Access Stratum
NSAPI	Network layer Service Access Point
PDCP	Packet Data Convergence Protocol
RLC	Radio Link Control
RRC	Radio Resource Control
UE	User Equipment

4 General

4.1 Model of BMC

Broadcast/Multicast Control (BMC) is a sublayer of L2 that exists in the User-Plane only. It is located above RLC. The L2/BMC sublayer is assumed as transparent for all services except broadcast/multicast.

Figure 4.1-1 shows the model of the L2/BMC sublayer within the UTRAN radio interface protocol architecture.

At the UTRAN side, the BMC sublayer shall consist of one BMC protocol entity per cell. Each BMC entity requires a single CTCH, which is provided by the MAC sublayer, through the RLC sublayer. The BMC requests the Unacknowledged Mode service of the RLC.

It is assumed that there is a function in the RNC above BMC that resolves the geographical area information of the CB message (or, if applicable, performs evaluation of a cell list) received from the Cell Broadcast Centre (CBC). A BMC protocol entity serves only those messages at BMC-SAP that are to be broadcast into a specified cell.

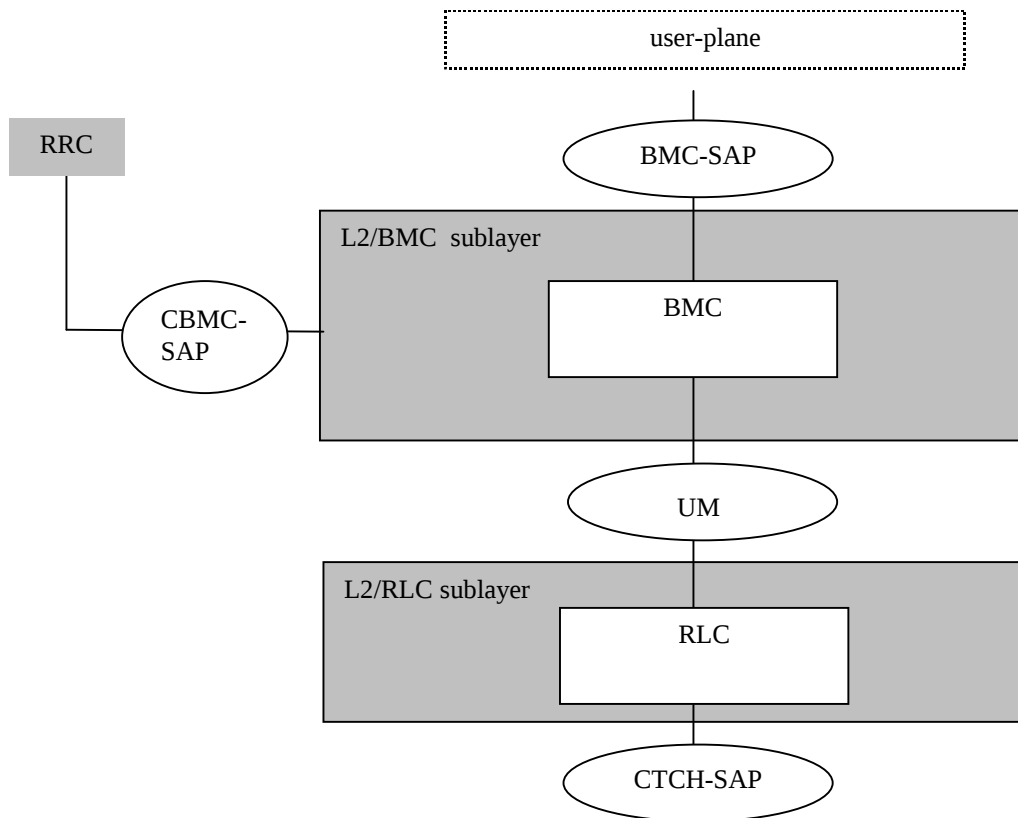


Figure 4.1-1: BMC protocol model

5 Functions

The functions are specified in [2]. They are:

- Storage of Cell Broadcast Messages.
- Traffic volume monitoring and radio resource request for CBS.
- Scheduling of BMC messages.
- Transmission of BMC messages to UE.
- Delivery of Cell Broadcast messages to upper layer (NAS).

6 Services provided to Upper Layers

The BM-SAP provides a broadcast/multicast transmission service in the user plane on the radio interface for common user data in unacknowledged mode.

The BMC sublayer interacts with other entities as illustrated in figure 1 of chapter 4. The interactions with the upper layer/U-plane and the RRC layer are specified in terms of primitives where the primitives represent the logical exchange of information and control between the BMC sublayer and higher layers. They do not specify or constrain implementations. The (adjacent) layers connect to each other through Service Access Points (SAPs).

Three types of primitives are used for this document, as follows:

- **REQUEST:**
This type is used when a higher layer is requesting a service from a lower layer.

- **INDICATION:**
This type is used by a lower layer providing a service to notify its higher layer of activities concerning that higher layer.
- **CONFIRM:**
This type is used by a lower layer providing the requested service to confirm to the higher layer that the activity has been completed.

The primitives defined below are for communications between upper layer and BMC, as well as RRC and BMC in the same protocol stack.

For the BMC sublayer two sets of primitives are defined.

- **Primitives between BMC and upper layer (U-plane):**
BMC - Generic name - Type: Parameters.
- **Primitives between BMC and the RRC entity:**
CBMC - Generic name - Type: Parameters.

7 Services expected from RLC

The BMC uses the unacknowledged mode service of the RLC sublayer.

See [1] for details.

8 Elements for layer-to-layer communication

8.1 Service Primitives between RRC and BMC

8.1.1 Primitives

The primitives supported at CBMC-SAP between RRC and BMC are shown in Table 8.1.1-1.

Table 8.1.1-1: Primitives between BMC and RRC

Generic Name	Parameters
CBMC-Measurement-IND	CB-Traffic-Volume
CBMC-Rx-IND	Action, DRX selection
CBMC-Config-REQ	CTCH configuration

8.1.1.1 CBMC-Measurement-IND

The CBMC-Measurement-IND primitive is used by BMC to indicate the CB traffic volume.

Primitive Type: indication.

Parameters:

CB-Traffic-Volume.

8.1.1.2 CBMC-Rx-IND

The CBMC-Rx-IND primitive is used by BMC to indicate to RRC whether CB message reception shall start or stop and indicate when CB messages of interest are arriving in the next CBS schedule period.

Primitive Type: indication.

Parameters:

Action.

DRX selection.

8.1.1.3 CBMC-Config-REQ

The CBMC-Config-REQ primitive is used by RRC to inform the BMC about the setting of the CTCH configuration.

Primitive Type: indication.

Parameters:

CTCH configuration.

8.1.2 Parameters**8.1.2.1 CB-Traffic-Volume**

Expected CTCH transmission rate [kbps].

Value set: 0,1,...,32.

8.1.2.2 Action

Start CBS reception.

Stop CBS reception.

8.1.2.3 DRX selection

List of absolute CTCH BS indices which are of interest and which should be received by Layer 1.

8.1.2.4 CTCH configuration

Current CTCH-BS index, $1 \leq i \leq 256$.

FACH identification.

Transport Format Set of the allocated FACH (TB size, TBS size, TTI).

Reserved CTCH transmission rate [kbps]: 0,1,...,32.

8.2 Service Primitives between upper layer (U-plane) and BMC

8.2.1 Primitives

The primitives supported at BMC-SAP between BMC and upper layer (U-plane) are shown in Table 8.2.1-1.

Table 8.2.1-1: Primitives between BMC and upper layer

Legend: [] optional parameters

Generic Name	Parameters
BMC-Data-REQ	Message-ID, [, Old-Serial-Number], New-Serial-Number, Data-Coding-Scheme, CB-Data , [Category], Repetition-Period, Number-of-Broadcasts-Requested
BMC-Data-IND	Message-ID, Serial-Number, Data-Coding-Scheme, CB-Data
BMC-Data-CNF	Message-ID, Serial-Number
BMC-Congestion-IND	
BMC-Normal-IND	
BMC-Activation-REQ	Message-ID (n times)
BMC-Deactivation-REQ	Message-ID (n times)
BMC-DRX-REQ	CB-DRX-Schedule-Period, Reserved-CB-Capacity
BMC-Error-IND	Cause
BMC-Data41-REQ	Transport Layer Message, Broadcast Address
BMC-Data41-IND	Transport Layer Message,
BMC-Error41-IND	Error Type

8.2.1.1 Primitives used in relation to UMTS Core Network

8.2.1.1.1 BMC-Data-REQ

The BMC-Data-REQ primitive is used by upper layer to request repeated transmission of CB messages.

Primitive Type: request.

Parameters:

Message-ID;
[Old-Serial-Number];
New-Serial-Number;
Data-Coding-Scheme;
CB-Data;
[Category];
Repetition-Period;
Number-of-Broadcasts-Requested.

8.2.1.1.2 BMC-Data-IND

The BMC-Data-IND primitive is used to indicate received CB messages (i.e. CB Data) to upper layer.

Primitive Type: indication.

Parameters:

Message-ID;
Serial-Number;
Data-Coding-Scheme;
CB-Data.

8.2.1.1.3 BMC-Data-CNF

The BMC-Data-CNF primitive is used to indicate the complete broadcast of CB messages.

Primitive Type: confirmation.

Parameters:

Message-ID.
Serial-Number.

8.2.1.1.4 BMC-Congestion-IND

The BMC-Congestion-IND primitive is used to indicate to upper layer (BM-IWF) that the BMC entity is congested.

Primitive Type: indication.

Parameters: None.

8.2.1.1.5 BMC-Normal-IND

The BMC-Normal-IND primitive is used to indicate to upper layer (BM-IWF) that the BMC has recovered from a congestion situation and is operating normal.

Primitive Type: indication.

Parameters: None.

8.2.1.1.6 BMC-Activation-REQ

The BMC-Activation-REQ primitive is used to request CB message reception and to notify which CB messages are of interest and shall be delivered to the upper layer.

Primitive Type: request.

Parameters:

Message-ID (n times).

8.2.1.1.7 BMC-Deactivation-REQ

The BMC-Deactivation-REQ primitive is used to request stop of reception of listed CB messages. If no more CB messages are to be received, CB message reception shall stop.

Primitive Type: request.

Parameters:

Message-ID (n times).

8.2.1.1.8 BMC-DRX-REQ

The BMC-DRX-REQ primitive is used to command CBS discontinuous reception (CB DRX).

NOTE: In UMTS, a Set DRX procedure is not requested for the CBC in TS 23.041. It is left to an O&M system to provide such a function or not.

Primitive Type: request.

Parameters:

CB-DRX-Schedule-Period.

Reserved-CB-Capacity.

8.2.1.1.9 BMC-Error-IND

The BMC-Error-IND primitive is used to indicate unsuccessful operations of the BMC entity requested.

Primitive Type: indication.

Parameters:

Cause.

8.2.1.2 Primitives used for ANSI-41 Core Network

8.2.1.2.1 BMC-Data41-REQ

The BMC-Data41-REQ primitive is used by upper layer (Transport Layer) to request repeated transmission of CBS messages if the source is ANSI-41 core network.

Primitive Type: request.

Parameters:

Transport Layer Message.

Broadcast Address.

8.2.1.2.2 BMC-Data41-IND

The BMC-Data-IND primitive is used to indicate received CB messages to upper layer (Transport Layer) if the source is ANSI-41 core network.

Primitive Type: indication.

Parameters:

Transport Layer Message.

Broadcast Address.

8.2.1.2.3 BMC-Error41-IND

The BMC-Error-IND primitive is used to report BMC Layer Error to the upper layer (Transport Layer) if the source is ANSI-41 core network.

Primitive Type: indication.

Parameters:

Error Type.

8.2.2 Parameters

8.2.2.1 Message-ID

Part of the CB message identification describing the source and type of a CB message.
This parameter is described in [3].

8.2.2.2 Serial Number

Part of the CB message identification describing variants of a CB message.
This parameter is described in [3].

8.2.2.3 Data-Coding-Scheme

Data coding scheme applied to the CB information.
This parameter is described in [4] and [3].

8.2.2.4 CB-Data

CB information to be broadcast.

NOTE: The relation to GSM CBS pages can be found in [6] or [3].

8.2.2.5 Category

Indicates the category (priority) of the CB message.

Values:

HIGH (CB message is to be broadcast at the earliest opportunity in the reserved CB capacity of the current CB DRX schedule period).

NORMAL (default, CB messages to be broadcast according to the associated repetition period).

BACKGROUND (CB message to be broadcast in the CB capacity not occupied by HIGH or NORMAL CB messages within a CB DRX schedule period).

This parameter is described in [3].

8.2.2.6 Repetition-Period

Indicates the period of time after which broadcast of the CB message should be repeated.

This parameter is described in [3].

NOTE: For GSM, the repetition period is a multiple of 1.883 seconds (cf. [3]).

8.2.2.7 Number-of-Broadcasts-Requested

Number of times a CB message is to be broadcast.

Values:

0 indefinitely.

n, $1 \leq n \leq 65535$ finite number of times to be broadcast.

This parameter is described in [3].

8.2.2.8 CB-DRX-Schedule-Period

Indication of the CB DRX schedule period length.

8.2.2.9 Reserved-CB-Capacity

Indicates the capacity reserved for CB messages with Category = HIGH or new CB messages.

8.2.2.10 Cause

CB message already stored.

Old CB message not stored.

8.2.2.11 Transport Layer Message

This parameter is described in [8].

8.2.2.12 Broadcast Address

This parameter is described in [8].

8.2.2.13 Error Type

The error codes shall be SMS_CauseCode values as defined in the SMS_CauseCode Table in [7].

9 Procedures

9.1 BMC Message Broadcast

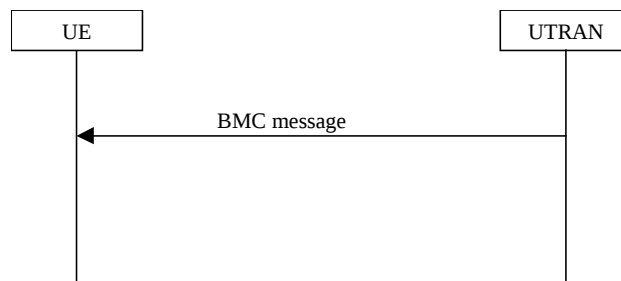


Figure 9.1-1: Procedure for broadcast of BMC messages

This procedure is used for broadcasting BMC messages from the network to UEs in a cell. A UE supporting Cell Broadcast Service (CBS) shall be capable to receive BMC messages in the Idle mode and in CELL_PCH and URA_PCH RRC-states of Connected mode.

Three types of BMC messages are identified: CBS Message, CBS41 Message and Schedule Message.

9.2 Generation of Schedule message

NOTE: Principles and examples are described in [6].

This procedure calculates the CBS schedule periods and assigns BMC messages (i.e. CBS Messages, CBS41 Messages and Schedule Messages) to the CBS schedule periods and gives an indication which of the CTCH Block Sets containing a part of or a complete BMC messages has the status "new".

NOTE: The concatenation function of RLC shall not be applied. RLC Length Indicators shall not be concatenated with RLC SDUs they do not refer to.

Algorithms used for scheduling are implementation dependent and thus do not need to be specified. Some parameters may be set by CBC or O&M system.

CTCH Block Sets are indicated in a New Message Bitmap IE of BMC Schedule Message as new (bit position of a CTCH Block Set is set to value "1") when one of the following conditions is met:

The CTCH Block Set contains part of or a complete BMC message which was either not sent during the previous CBS schedule period,
or sent unscheduled during the preceding CBS schedule period;
or, the CTCH Block Set is indicated as of free usage, reading advised,
or it contains the Schedule Message partly or complete of the following CBS schedule period,
or it contains a CBS41 Message partly or complete.

Other BMC messages sent in the same CBS schedule messages are indicated as "old" (bit position of CTCH Block Set containing this message partly or complete is set to value 0).

The indication "new" is set both for the first transmission of a BMC message in the CBS schedule period or a repetition of it within the CBS schedule period. For CBS41 Messages, repetition is not specified.

The input parameters of the scheduling procedure are set by CBC or RRC or by the O&M system for the BMC.

The CBC input parameters are:

CB messages (i.e. BMC SDUs),
Message Identifier per CB message,
Serial Number per CB message,
CB repetition period per CB message,
Number of Broadcast Requested per CB message.

The RRC input parameters are:

Sizes of CTCH Block Sets,
Timing of CTCH Block Set sequence.

The O&M (BMC) input parameters are:

DRX Schedule Period (cell related parameter) requested optionally,
Reserved CB Capacity (cell related parameter) requested optionally.

9.3 Traffic volume measurement

The BMC entity on the network side predicts periodically the expected amount of CBS traffic volume (unit: kbps) that is needed for transmission of CB messages currently and indicates this to RRC.

The algorithms used for traffic volume prediction are implementation dependent and thus do not need to be specified. Some parameters may be set by O&M system. The algorithms depend on the chosen algorithms for CB message scheduling (cf. subclause 9.2).

9.4 BMC message reception

The BMC entity on the UE side evaluates received BMC Schedule Messages and takes decisions which BMC messages should be received. The reception of a BMC message is indicated to RRC if the CTCH Block Sets carrying this BMC message are indicated as new. If the upper layer has requested reception of individual CB messages when in status "old", the reception of these BMC messages are also indicated to RRC.

If not otherwise requested by upper layers, only those CB messages received in BMC CBS Messages should be delivered to upper layers for which the Serial Number associated with the CB message has changed. This implies that the BMC has to store the last received Serial Number of each CB message activated by upper layers.

Every CBS41 Message received by BMC shall be delivered to upper layer.

10 BMC Messages

10.1 General

A BMC message is equivalent with a BMC PDU. There are three types of BMC messages defined, CBS messages and CBS41 messages, which carry cell broadcast data from higher layer, and *Schedule messages*, which provide information for support of Discontinuous Reception (DRX) of cell broadcast data at the UE.

BMC messages and information elements are specified using the tabular format methodology as specified in TR 25.921, and additional text is describing the encoding.

NOTE: Only IEs marked as MP or CV in the "Need" column exist, with the exception of the IE "BMC Schedule Message Extension" of the BMC Schedule Message (see subclause 10.3).

BMC messages (i.e. BMC PDUs) specified by tabular format consist of an ordered sequence IE1,...,IEn of information element fields.

The octet string of a BMC message is defined as the concatenation of the octets of the IEs maintaining the sequence order. The bits within an octet are numbered 0 to 7; bit 0 is the least significant bit and is transmitted first. The octets are transmitted in order of increasing octet number, i.e. starting with octet 1. This means that bit 0 of octet 1 is transmitted as the first (leftmost) bit in the Data field of the UMD PDU [1].

The UE shall ignore any unrecognised bits at the end of a BMC message.

NOTE: Although not explicitly stated as a requirement in release '99, 4 and 5 specifications it is assumed that release '99, 4, 5 UEs will also ignore any unrecognised bits at the end of a BMC message.

10.2 BMC CBS Message

The CBS Message carries the cell broadcast data and the address information if the address information is based on GSM CBS.

RLC-SAP: UM;

Logical channel: CTCH;

Direction: UTRAN → UE.

Table 10.2-1: CBS Message

Information Element	Need	Multi	Type and reference	Semantics description
Message Type	MP		Sec. 11.1	
Message ID	MP		Sec. 11.2	
Serial Number	MP		Sec. 11.3	
Data Coding Scheme	MP		Sec. 11.4	
CB Data	MP		Sec. 11.5	

10.3 BMC Schedule Message

The BMC Schedule Message describes for the succeeding CBS schedule period the time locations for each CBS Message and the location of the Schedule Message of the following CBS schedule period. The UE is not required to start receiving a CBS Schedule Period earlier than 100ms after UE has received the complete BMC Schedule message.

RLC-SAP: UM.

Logical channel: CTCH.

Direction: UTRAN → UE.

Table 10. 3-1: Schedule Message

Information Element	Need	Multi	Type and reference	Semantics description	Version
Message Type	MP		Sec. 11.1		
Offset to Begin CTCH BS index	MP		Sec. 11.6		
Length of CBS Scheduling Period	MP		Sec. 11.7		
New Message Bitmap	MP		Sec. 11.8		
Message Description	MP	1 to <Length of CBS Scheduling Period>	Sec. 11.9	Message Description IE is included for each new message (1 in the New message bitmap) as well as for each old message (0 in the New message bitmap). The i-th Message Description IE refers to the i-th bit in the New Message Bitmap IE. The multiplicity for the IE "Message Description" does not require an additional length indication in the encoded message. The multiplicity shall be derived from the IE "Length of CBS Scheduling Period".	
BMC Schedule Message Extension	OP		Sec 11.12		REL-6

The IE "BMC Schedule Message Extension" is optional. There is no explicit mechanism to indicate the presence of this IE in the BMC Schedule Message.

10.4 BMC CBS41 Message

The CBS41 Message carries the cell broadcast data and the address information if the address information is based on ANSI-41 CBS.

RLC-SAP: UM.

Logical channel: CTCH.

Direction: UTRAN → UE.

Table 10.4-1: CBS41 Message

Information Element	Need	Multi	Type and reference	Semantics description
Message Type	MP		Sec. 11.1	
Broadcast Address	MP		Sec. 11.10	
CB Data41	MP		Sec. 11.11	

11 Information Elements

11.1 Message Type

Table 11.1-1: Message Type IE

IE/Group name	Need	Multi	Type and reference	Semantics description
Message Type	MP		Enumerated (0 .. 255) Table 11.1-2	This IE is coded as the binary representation of the Message Type. This IE is mapped onto a single octet.

Coding of Message Type

Table 11.1-2: Coding of Message Type IE

1	CBS Message
2	Schedule Message
3	CBS41 Message
0, 4.. 255	Reserved for future use (PDUs with this coding will be discarded by this version of the protocol)

11.2 Message ID

Table 11.2-1: Message ID IE

IE/Group name	Need	Multi	Type and reference	Semantics description
Message ID	MP		Octet string (2)	Identification of source and type of CBS message. The first octet contains octet 1 of the equivalent IE defined in and encoded according to [3] and so on.

11.3 Serial Number

Table 11.3-1: Serial Number IE

IE/Group Name	Need	Multi	Type and reference	Semantics description
Serial Number	MP		Octet string (2)	Identification of variations of a CBS message (part of the overall CBS message identification). The first octet contains octet 1 of the equivalent IE defined in and encoded according to [3] and so on.

11.4 Data Coding Scheme

Table 11.4-1: Data Coding Scheme IE

IE/Group name	Need	Multi	Type and reference	Semantics description
Data Coding Scheme	MP		Bitstring(8)	Identification of the alphabet/coding and the language applied. This IE is encoded according to [4].

11.5 CB Data

Table 11.5-1: CB Data IE

IE/Group name	Need	Multi	Type and reference	Semantics description
CB Data	MP		Octet string (N) $N \geq 1$	Content of CBS message. The first octet contains octet 1 of the equivalent IE defined in and encoded according to [4] and so on. NOTE: This IE contains the CB Data as received in the SABP with the length indicator of the PER aligned bit string as received on SABP being removed.

NOTE: The number N is less than or equal to 1246 octets if a GSM CBS message is broadcast.

11.6 Offset to Begin CTCH Block Set Index

Table 11.6-1: Offset to Begin CTCH Block Set Index IE

IE/Group name	Need	Multi	Type and reference	Semantics description
Offset to Begin CTCH BS Index	MP		Integer (1..255)	Pointer to the first CTCH BS of the next CBS Schedule Period relative to the CTCH BS index of the first part of the current BMC Schedule Message. This IE is coded as the binary representation of the Offset to Begin CTCH BS Index. This IE is mapped onto a single octet. The value 0 is reserved.

11.7 Length of CBS Schedule Period

Table 11.7-1: Length of CBS Schedule Period IE

Information Element/Group name	Need	Multi	Type and reference	Semantics description
Length of CBS Schedule Period	MP		Integer (1..255)	Number of consecutive CTCH BS of the next CBS Schedule Period. Together with Offset to Begin CTCH BS Index it points to the end of the CBS schedule period. This IE is coded as the binary representation of the Length of CBS Schedule Period. This IE is mapped onto a single octet. The Value 0 is reserved.

11.8 New Message Bitmap

Table 11.8-1: New Message Bitmap IE

Information Element/Group name	Need	Multi	Type and reference	Semantics description
New Message Bitmap	MP		Octet string (N) if "Length of CBS Schedule Period" mod 8 = 0 then N = "Length of CBS Schedule Period" div 8, else N = "Length of CBS Schedule Period" div 8 + 1. Table 11.8-2	Bitmap indicating CTCH BS which contains new CBS Messages completely or partly

Coding of New Message Bitmap.

Table 11.8-2: Coding of New Message Bitmap IE

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Bit
CTCH BS index B	CTCH BS index B+1	CTCH BS index B+2	...					Octet 1
								Octet 2
								...
	...	CTCH BS index E-1	CTCH BS index E	0	0	0	0	Octet n
Legend: B First CTCH BS index of the CBS schedule period, $1 \leq B \leq 256$ E Last CTCH BS index of the CBS schedule period, $E = B + \text{Length of CBS Schedule Period} - 1$								

CTCH BS Index i:

Each bit of the New CBS Message Bitmap refers to the content of CTCH BS index i, $i=B, \dots, E$. Its meaning is as follows:

- 1 The CTCH BS index i contains a BMC Message partly or completely which was either not sent during the previous schedule period, or sent unscheduled during the preceding schedule period; or, the CTCH BS is indicated as of free usage, reading advised; or it contains the Schedule Message partly or complete of the following CBS schedule period, or it contains a CBS41 Message partly or complete. The value is 1 both for the first transmission of a given BMC message in the CBS schedule period or a repetition of it within the CBS schedule period.
- 0 The CTCH BS is such that value 1 is not suitable.

The length of the New Message Bitmap is given by the IE Length of CBS Schedule Period. If it is not a multiple of 8 the remaining bit positions are padded with "0".

11.9 Message Description

Table 11.9-1: Message Description IE

IE/Group Name	Need	Multi	Type and reference	Semantics description
Message Description Type	MP		Enumerated(0..255) Table 11.9-3	This IE is coded as the binary representation of the Message Description Type. This IE is mapped onto a single octet.
Message ID	CV MDT1		Octet string (2)	This IE is coded as the binary representation of the Message ID. The first octet contains octet 1 of the equivalent IE defined in and encoded according to [3] and so on.
Offset to CTCH BS index of first transmission	CV MDT2		Integer (0..255)	This IE is coded as the binary representation of the Offset to CTCH BS index of first transmission relative to the start of the BMC schedule period. This IE is mapped onto a single octet.

Table 11.9-2: Conditions

Condition	Explanation
MDT1	If Message Description Type = 1 or 5 then: the CB-Message-Id IE is included
MDT2	If Message Description Type = 0 or 4 then: the Offset to CTCH BS index of first transmission IE is included pointing to the CTCH BS index where the BMC message is transmitted the first time within the schedule period.

Table 11.9-3: Encoding of Message Description Type

Value	Explanation
0	Repetition of new BMC CBS message within schedule period
1	New BMC CBS message (a BMC CBS message never previously sent)
2	Reading advised
3	Reading optional
4	Repetition of old BMC CBS message within schedule period
5	Old BMC CBS message (repetition of a BMC CBS message sent in a previous schedule period)
6	Schedule message
7	CBS41 message
8	no message
9.. 255	Reserved for future use (IEs received with this value will be replaced by value 3)

NOTE: Message Description Type values 0, 1, 4, 5 and 6 indicate transmission of a BMC message partly or completely.

11.10 Broadcast Address

Table 11.10-1: Data Coding Scheme IE

IE/Group name	Need	Multi	Type and reference	Semantics description
Broadcast Address	MP		Octet string (5)	Address information for higher layer. The first octet contains octet 1 of the equivalent IE defined in and encoded according to [8] and so on.

11.11 CB Data41

Table 11.11-1: CB Data IE

IE/Group name	Need	Multi	Type and reference	Semantics description
CB Data41	MP		Octet string (N) $N \geq 1$	Content of CBS message (ANSI-41). The first octet contains octet 1 of the equivalent IE defined in and encoded according to [8] and so on.

11.12 CBS Schedule Message Extension

Table 11.12-1: CBS Schedule Message Extension IE

Information Element	Need	Multi	Type and reference	Semantics description	Version
Future extension bitmap	MP		Octet string(1)		REL-6
Extension 0	CV ext0		CBS Message Serial Numbers Sec 11.13		REL-6
Extension 1	CV ext1		Null		REL-6
Extension 2	CV ext2		Null		REL-6
Extension 3	CV ext3		Null		REL-6
Extension 4	CV ext4		Null		REL-6
Extension 5	CV ext5		Null		REL-6
Extension 6	CV ext6		Null		REL-6
Extension 7	CV ext7		Null		REL-6

Table 11.12-2: Conditions

Condition	Explanation
ext n	If bit n of the Future extension bitmap is set to 1 then Extension n is present. If bit n of the Future extension bitmap is set to 0 then Extension n is not present.

11.13 CBS Message Serial Numbers

Table 11.13: CBS Message Serial Numbers IE

Information Element	Need	Multi	Type and reference	Semantics description	Version
Length of Serial Number List	MP		Integer (0..255)		REL-6
Serial Number List Entry	MP	0 to <Length of Serial Number List	Sec. 11.14		REL-6

11.14 Serial Number List Entry

Table 11.14: Serial Number List Entry IE

Information Element	Need	Multi	Type and reference	Semantics description	Version
Serial Number	MP		Sec. 11.3	The CBS Message Serial Number of the BMC CBS Message referred to by the CTCH BS Index.	REL-6
CTCH BS Index	MP		Integer (0..255)	The CTCH BS Index IE indicates the index of the CTCH BS within the BMC Schedule Period which contains the start of the BMC CBS Message. This IE is coded as the binary representation of the CTCH BS Index. This IE is mapped onto a single octet.	REL-6

Annex A (informative): Change history

Change history						
Date	TSG #	TSG Doc.	CR	Rev	Cat	Subject/Comment
12/1999	RP-06	RP-99647	-			Approved at TSG-RAN #6 and placed under Change Control
03/2000	RP-07	RP-000042	001			Miscellaneous corrections
	RP-07	RP-000042	002	2		Correction of messages and bit ordering
09/2000	RP-09	RP-000360	005			Corrections
12/2000	RP-10	RP-000569	006	1		Correction to ANSI-41 Cell Broadcast Service
03/2001	RP-11	RP-010028	007			Corrections
	RP-11	-	-			Upgrade to Release 4 - no technical change
03/2002	RP-15	-	-			Upgrade to Release 5 - no technical change
06/2002	RP-16	RP-020329	010			Clarification on BMC message encoding
12/2002	RP-18	RP-020720	013	1		Bit order in BMC messages
03/2003	RP-19	RP-030102	016	1		Maximum size of BMC PDU
12/2003	RP-22	-	-			Upgrade to Release 6 - no technical changes
06/2004	RP-24	RP-040202	020			Corrections to BMC Schedule message
12/2004	RP-26	RP-040476	024	1		Correction of BMC message bit order and IE coding
06/2005	RP-28	RP-050319	0025			Clarification of RLC concatenation procedure with BMC
09/2005	RP-29	RP-050464	0027	1		Cell Broadcast
03/2006	RP-31	RP-060090	0028			Introduction of Serial Number in BMC Schedule Message
	RP-31	-	-			Upgrade to Release 7 - no technical changes
06/2006	RP-32	RP-060363	0030			Interpretation of "Offset to CTCH BS index of first transmission" in BMC Schedule message
12/2007	RP-38	-	-			Upgrade to the Release 8 - no technical change
12/2009	RP-46	-	-			Upgrade to the Release 9 - no technical change
03/2011	RP-51	-	-	-		Upgrade to the Release 10 - no technical change
09/2012	RP-57	-	-	-		Upgrade to the Release 11 - no technical change
09/2014	RP-65	-	-	-		Upgrade to the Release 12 - no technical change
12/2015	RP-70	-	-	-		Upgrade to the Release 13 - no technical change
03/2017	RP-75	-	-	-		Upgrade to Release 14 - no technical change
06/2018	RP-80	-	-	-		Upgrade to Release 15 - no technical change
2020-07	RP-88e	-	-	-	-	Upgrade to Rel-16 version without technical change
2022-03	RP-95e	-	-	-	-	Upgrade to Rel-17 version without technical change
2024-03	RP-103	-	-	-	-	Upgrade to Rel-18 version without technical change
2025-09	RP-109	-	-	-	-	Upgrade to Rel-19 version without technical change

History

Document history		
V19.0.0	October 2025	Publication