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## Foreword

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This ARIB Standard is developed for 920MHz-BAND TELEMETER, TELECONTROL AND DATA TRANSMISSION RADIO EQUIPMENT. In order to ensure fairness and transparency in the defining stage, the standard was set by consensus at the ARIB Standard Assembly with the participation of both domestic and foreign interested parties from radio equipment manufacturers, telecommunication operators, broadcasting equipment manufacturers, broadcasters and users.

Radio equipment defined in this standard utilize 915 to 930 MHz. With the radio system described in the ARIB STANDARD herein, the electrical power spreads over a wide bandwidth, and therefore it is necessary to avoid radio interference to various radio systems in the band. In order to avoid harmful radio interferences to other radio systems, "Operational rule" is also documented and attached hereto as a appendix material.

ARIB sincerely hopes that this ARIB Standard will be widely used by radio equipment manufacturers, telecommunication operators, broadcasting equipment manufacturers, broadcasters and users.

This standard has been newly established, following the amendment notification of Radio Law on December 14, 2011. This standard is based on ARIB STD-T96, "950 MHz-Band Telemeter, Telecontrol and Data Transmission Radio Equipment for Specified Low Power Radio Station," the version 1.0 of which was established on June 6, 2008 and revised to the version 1.1 on July

15, 2010. Thereafter, this standard has been revised to the version 1.1 in response to the amendment notification Radio Law on September 11, 2017. Furthermore, it has been revised to the version 1.2 for expansion of radio usage and to the version 1.3 following the amendment notification to revise a part of Regulations for Enforcement of the Radio Law, published on March 27, 2019. And it has been revised to the version 1.4 following the amendment notification to revise a part of Ordinance Regulating Radio Equipment, published on October 30, 2020.

The radio channel assignment of radio stations with antenna power no greater than 1 mW and with central frequencies 916.0 MHz to 926.8 MHz, and the boundary frequency (922.3 MHz in this standard) between different channel sharing techniques defined on radio stations with antenna power no greater than 1 mW, 20 mW or 250 mW, may be revised in future, reflecting changes of international regulations or prevalence of each category of radio stations.

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**Part 1 Land mobile stations**



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## Chapter 1 General items

### 1.1 Overview

Among the land mobile service defined in Article 16 of the Regulations for Enforcement of the Radio Law (No 62 of the Ordinance of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, 2017) (Notification 405 of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, 1994 : Revision by Notification 288 of Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, 2017), this standard specifies on the telemeter, telecontrol and data transmission radio equipment that uses the frequency of 920.5 MHz or more and 923.5 MHz or less specified in Article 49, Clause 34 of the Ordinance Regulating Radio Equipment Regulations.

### 1.2 Scope of application

A telemeter, telecontrol and data transmission radio equipment consists of radio equipment, data processing equipment and power supply equipment as shown in Figure 1-1. This standard specifies the technical requirements of the radio equipment.

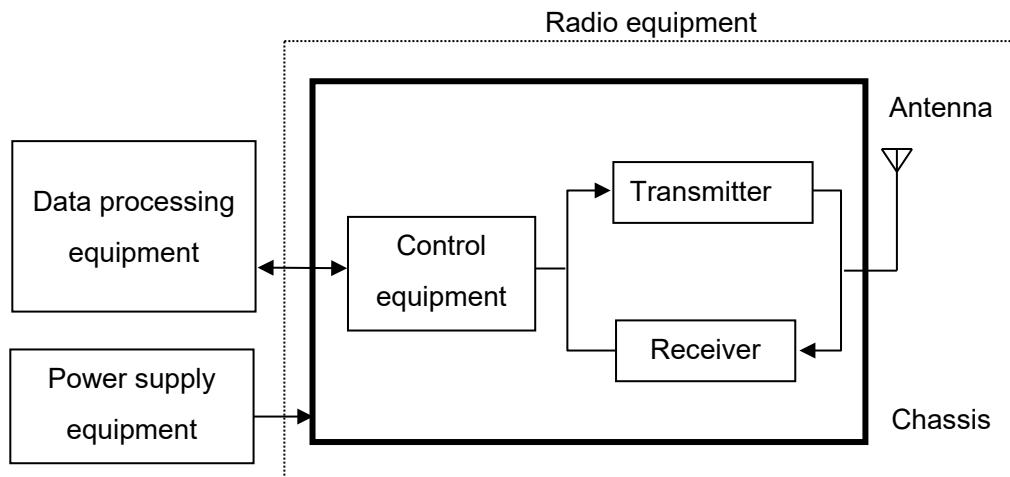


Figure 1-1 Structure of telemeter, telecontrol and data transmission radio equipment

### 1.3 Reference document

In this standard, 'RL' refers to the Radio Law, 'RERL' refers to the Regulations for Enforcement of the Radio Law, 'ORE' refers to the Ordinance Regulating Radio Equipment, 'OTRCC' refers to the Ordinance Concerning Technical Regulations Conformity Certification etc. of Specified Radio Equipment and 'NT' refers to a Notification of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications

before 2000 or a Notification of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications after 2001.

## Chapter 2 Overview of the standard system

### 2.1 Standard system

Standard systems are categorized into a short range communication system and an active tag system. In the following section these systems are described respectively.

#### 2.1.1 Structure of the standard system

##### (1) Short range communication system

The standard system of a short range communication consists of plural radio stations as shown in Figure 2-1.

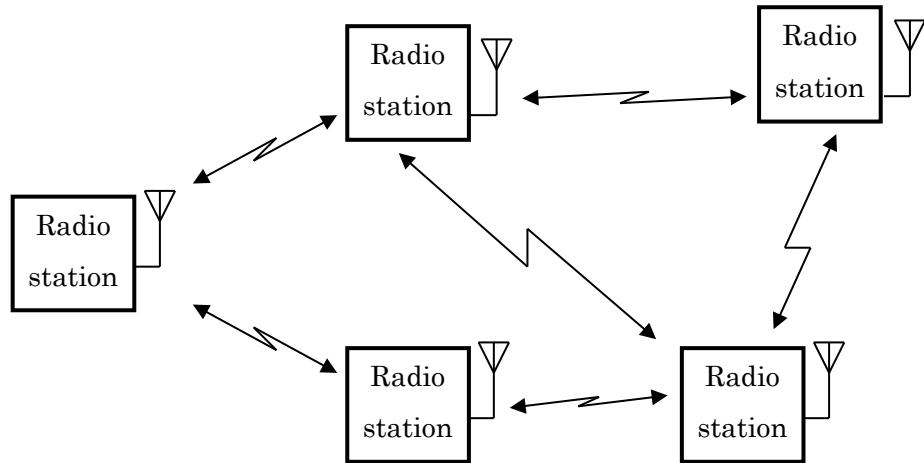


Figure 2-1 Structure of a standard short range communication system

In this system, radio stations are connected each other and construct a network. In this network, both of peer to peer communication and broadcast communication are possible. Besides, not only direct transmission but also multi hop transmission is possible.

## (2) Active tag system

The standard system of active tags consists of a reader/writer and plural active tags as shown in Figure 2-2.

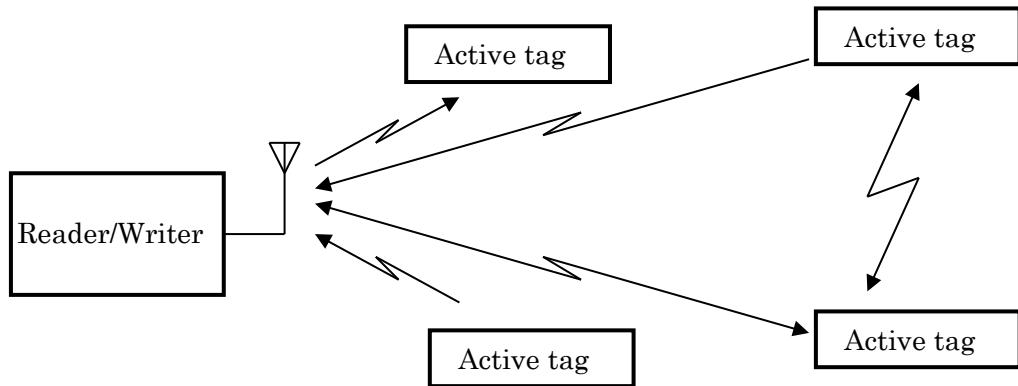


Figure 2-2 Structure of a standard active tag system

In this system, one way or two way transmission between an active tag and a reader/writer or between active tags in arbitrary timing is possible.

### 2.1.2 Operation of the standard system

#### (1) Short range communication system

Short range communication system is a short-range and low rate wireless PAN (Personal Area Network) system with the purpose of low power consumption and low cost implementation such as IEEE802.15.4 which is an existing standard in USA. As an example of low rate wireless PAN system using IEEE802.15.4, there is Wi-SUN which is used for Smart meter or various IoT (Internet of Things) .

Recently, new various standards which can cover wide area with low power as LPWA (Low Power Wide Area) are proposed and these standards are also included.

It is supposed to be used for home security, safety and security of children and elder people, personal healthcare, home and building control, factory automation and monitoring, hospital management, auto meter reading and outdoor monitoring on the network consisting of wireless sensor nodes and/or wireless actuator nodes which control various kinds of equipment

## (2) Active tag system

The active tag system is a system that is able to emit a radio signal autonomously by using energy stored within itself such as battery. In comparison with the passive tag system whose reader/writer needs large output power to activate a tag, the active tag system can reduce the output power and extend the communication area to the wide range.

Most of the existing active tag systems in Japan use 300 MHz band (Specified low power radio station or extremely low power radio station), 400 MHz band (Specified low power radio station) and 2.4 GHz band. 433 MHz band is opened only for international transportation use.

Currently most of the domestically existing active tag system is used to transmit a tag ID from an active tag. However, advanced functionalities such as tags with sensor, localization, bi-directional communication, as well as rewriting the information to tag are developing. It is supposed to be used for security support to children on their way, security support in shopping mall, admission control to dangerous area, asset management, management of vehicles and parking lots and process control.

There are passive tag systems in 920 MHz band. In these systems responder (tag) can not emit radio signal autonomously and transmit a response signal by using only power of carrier signal received from the interrogator. These systems are out of scope of this standard. These kind of passive tag systems are specified in ARIB STD-T106 and ARIB STD-T107.

## 2.2 Key parameters and functionality of the standard system

Key parameters and functionality of the standard system are shown in Table 2-1.

**Table 2-1 Key parameters and functionality of the standard system**

Item		Parameters and functionality
Frequency band		920.5 MHz or more and 923.5 MHz or less
Transmission power		250 mW or less
Transmission method	Contents	Data signal
	Modulation system	Not specified
Antenna gain		3 dBi or less (absolute gain) However, in case EIRP (Note) is less than 27 dBm (the value of 3 dBi plus 250 mW of antenna power), it is allowed to fill in the gap by the antenna gain.

(Note) EIRP defined as the product of transmitter power and the antenna gain, and should be take into account the deviation in transmitter power characteristic.

## Chapter 3 Technical requirements for radio equipment

The standard includes both “national technical criteria (mandatory)” and “private optional criteria”. A regulation and an article providing a legal basis are quoted for the former.

### 3.1 General conditions

#### 3.1.1 Communication method

One-way method, simplex method, duplex method, semi-duplex method or broadcast

#### 3.1.2 Contents of communications

Primarily the signals for telemeter, telecontrol and data transmission system.

#### 3.1.3 Emission class

Not specified.

#### 3.1.4 Operating frequency band

(ORE: article 49-34)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.62, 2017)

It shall be 920.5 MHz or more and 923.5 MHz or less

#### 3.1.5 Usage environment condition

Not specified.

### 3.2 Transmitter

#### 3.2.1 Antenna power

(ORE: article 49-34)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.62, 2017)

It shall be 250 mW or less.

#### 3.2.2 Tolerance for antenna power

(ORE: article 14)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.62, 2017)

+20%, -80%

## 3.2.3 Radio channel

(ORE: article 49-34)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.62, 2017)

A radio channel shall consist of up to 5 consecutive unit radio channels which are defined that their center frequencies are located from 920.6 MHz to 923.4 MHz with 200 kHz separation and their bandwidth are 200 kHz.

However, it is prohibited to simultaneously use both the unit radio channels giving priority to passive tag system whose center frequencies are located from 920.6 MHz to 922.2 MHz (Channel numbers are from 24 to 32) and the unit radio channels whose center frequencies are located 922.4 MHz or more (Channel numbers are 33 or more)

The center frequencies of radio channels are shown through Table 3-1 to Table 3-5.

## (1) The case of using one unit radio channel

**Table 3-1 Center frequency of radio channel using one unit radio channel**

(Bandwidth: 200 kHz)

Unit radio channel number	Center frequency (MHz)	Unit radio channel number	Center frequency (MHz)
24	920.6	32	922.2
25	920.8	33	922.4
26	921.0	34	922.6
27	921.2	35	922.8
28	921.4	36	923.0
29	921.6	37	923.2
30	921.8	38	923.4
31	922.0		

(2) The case of using two unit radio channels

**Table 3-2 Center frequency of radio channel using two unit radio channels**  
**(Bandwidth:400 kHz)**

Unit radio channel number	Center frequency (MHz)	Unit radio channel number	Center frequency (MHz)
24,25	920.7	31,32	922.1
25,26	920.9	33,34	922.5
26,27	921.1	34,35	922.7
27,28	921.3	35,36	922.9
28,29	921.5	36,37	923.1
29,30	921.7	37,38	923.3
30,31	921.9		

(3) The case of using three unit radio channels

**Table 3-3 Center frequency of radio channel using three unit radio channels**  
**(Bandwidth: 600 kHz)**

Unit radio channel number	Center frequency (MHz)	Unit radio channel number	Center frequency (MHz)
24,25,26	920.8	30,31,32	922.0
25,26,27	921.0	33,34,35	922.6
26,27,28	921.2	34,35,36	922.8
27,28,29	921.4	35,36,37	923.0
28,29,30	921.6	36,37,38	923.2
29,30,31	921.8		

(4) The case of using four unit radio channels

**Table 3-4 Center frequency of radio channel using four unit radio channels**  
**(Bandwidth: 800 kHz)**

Unit radio channel number	Center frequency (MHz)	Unit radio channel number	Center frequency (MHz)
24,25,26,27	920.9	29,30,31,32	921.9
25,26,27,28	921.1	33,34,35,36	922.7
26,27,28,29	921.3	34,35,36,37	922.9
27,28,29,30	921.5	35,36,37,38	923.1
28,29,30,31	921.7		

## (5) The case of using five unit radio channels

**Table 3-5 Center frequency of radio channel using five unit radio channels**

(Bandwidth: 1000 kHz)

Unit radio channel number	Center frequency (MHz)	Unit radio channel number	Center frequency (MHz)
24,25,26,27,28	921.0	28,29,30,31,32	921.8
25,26,27,28,29	921.2	33,34,35,36,37	922.8
26,27,28,29,30	921.4	34,35,36,37,38	923.0
27,28,29,30,31	921.6		

**3.2.4 Frequency tolerance**

(ORE: article 5, attached table No.1)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.62, 2017)

It shall be within  $20 \times 10^{-6}$ .

However, in case of using one unit radio channel, the frequency band width is defined as “Designated Frequency Bandwidth”, and the definition of frequency tolerance as above shall not be applied. (Designated Frequency Bandwidth is defined as frequency band width which is equal to the sum of allowable occupied frequency bandwidth and the twice of absolute frequency bandwidth, under the condition that the center frequency of the designated frequency bandwidth is equal to the center frequency of the radio channel.)

**3.2.5 Modulation method**

It shall not be specified.

**3.2.6 Permissible value for occupied bandwidth**

(ORE: article 6, attached table No.2)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.62, 2017)

It shall be  $(200 \times n)$  kHz or less. (n is a number of unit radio channels constituting the radio channel and is an integer from 1 to 5.)

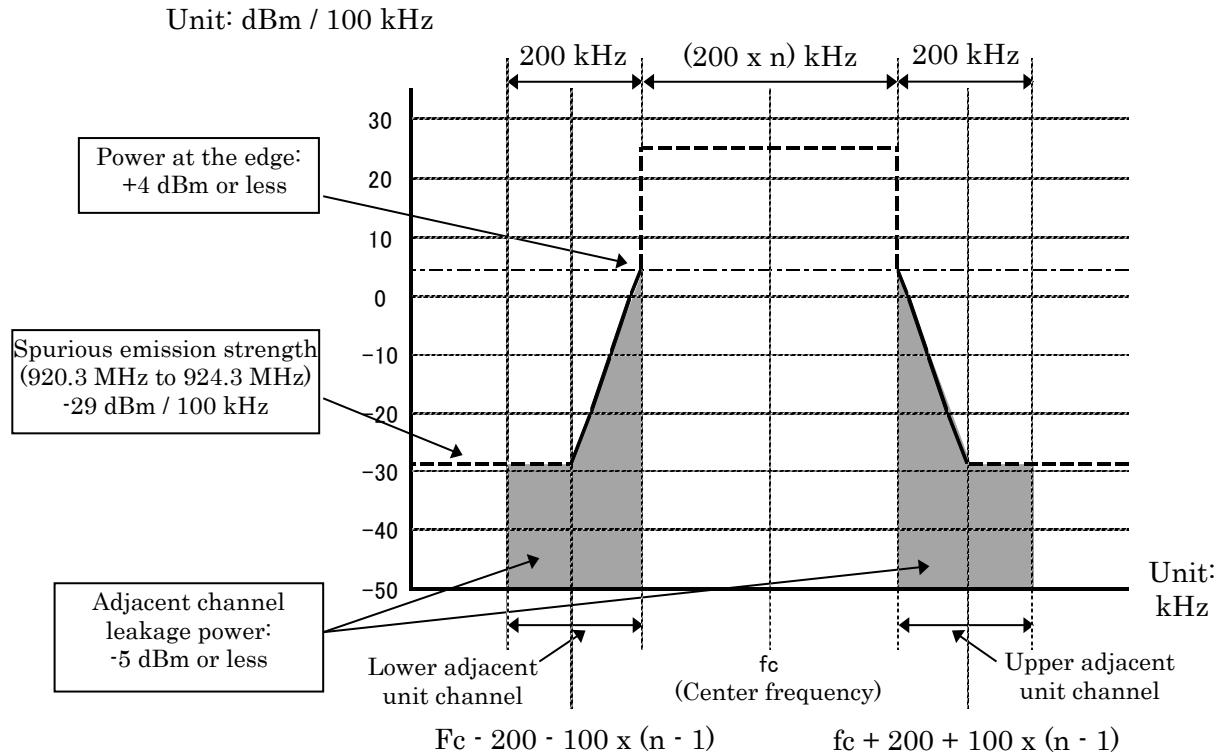
## 3.2.7 Adjacent channel leakage power

(ORE: article 49-34)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.62, 2017)

(1) Frequency band of signal in use is from 920.5 MHz to 922.3 MHz.

- i) Spectral power at the edge of a radio channel: It shall be +4 dBm or less.
- ii) Leakage power in unit radio channel adjacent to a radio channel (200 kHz): It shall be -5 dBm or less.



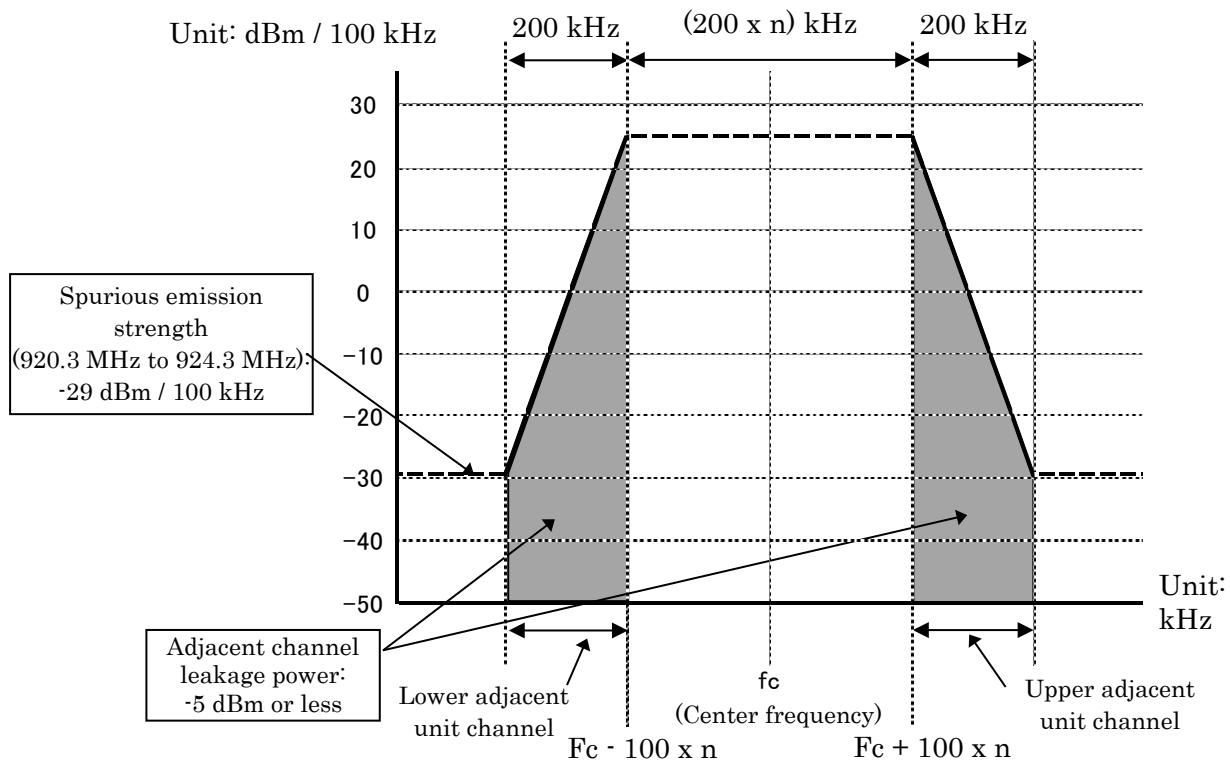
(Note: Center frequency is one of frequencies shown in Table 3.1 to Table 3.5 of 3.2.3 Radio channel and  $n$  is the number of unit radio channels constructing a radio channel.)

Figure 3-1 Channel mask of a radio channel whose frequency is from 920.5 MHz to 922.3 MHz

(2) Frequency band of signal in use is from 922.3 MHz and to 923.5 MHz.

i) Leakage power in unit radio channel adjacent to a radio channel (200 kHz):

It shall be -5 dBm or less.



(Note: Center frequency is one of frequencies shown in Table 3.1 to Table 3.5 of 3.2.3 Radio channel and  $n$  is a number of unit radio channels constructing a radio channel.)

Figure 3-2 Channel mask of a radio channel whose frequency is from 922.3 MHz to 923.5 MHz

## 3.2.8 Permissible Values for Spurious Emission / Unwanted Emission Intensity

(ORE: article 7, Attached table No.3-24)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.62, 2017)

Spurious Emission / Unwanted Emission Intensity at the antenna input shall be less than the value in Table 3-6.

**Table 3-6 Permissible Values for Spurious Emission / Unwanted Emission Intensity (Antenna input)**

Frequency band	Spurious Emission / Unwanted Emission Intensity (average power)	Reference bandwidth
$f \leq 710 \text{ MHz}$	-36 dBm	100 kHz
$710 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 900 \text{ MHz}$	-55 dBm	1 MHz
$900 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 915 \text{ MHz}$	-55 dBm	100 kHz
$915 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 920.3 \text{ MHz}$	-36 dBm	100 kHz
$920.3 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 924.3 \text{ MHz}$ (except for $ f-f_c  \leq (200+100x_n) \text{ kHz}$ )	-29 dBm	100 kHz
$924.3 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 930 \text{ MHz}$	-36 dBm	100 kHz
$930 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 1000 \text{ MHz}$	-55 dBm	100 kHz
$1000 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 1,215 \text{ MHz}$	-45 dBm	1 MHz
$1,215 \text{ MHz} < f$	-30 dBm	1 MHz

**3.3 Receiver**

Limit on Secondary Radiated Emissions, etc.

(ORE: article 24-15)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.62, 2017)

Limit on Secondary Radiated Emissions shall be value in Table 3-7 or less.

**Table 3-7 Limit on Secondary Radiated Emissions at receiver**

Frequency band	Limit on Secondary Radiated Emissions (Antenna input)	Reference bandwidth
$f \leq 710 \text{ MHz}$	-54 dBm	100 kHz
$710 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 900 \text{ MHz}$	-55 dBm	1 MHz
$900 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 915 \text{ MHz}$	-55 dBm	100 kHz
$915 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 930 \text{ MHz}$	-54 dBm	100 kHz
$930 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 1000 \text{ MHz}$	-55 dBm	100 kHz
$1000 \text{ MHz} < f$	-47 dBm	1 MHz

### 3.4 Controller

Controller shall have functions that comply with the conditions specified in this section described below.

#### 3.4.1 Transmission time control equipment

(ORE: article 49-34, NT: No.292, 2017)

(1) In case the 5 ms or more carrier sense is required:

If the center frequency is from 920.6 MHz to 923.4 MHz, radio equipment shall stop its emission of radio wave less than 4 s after it starts to emit radio wave. It shall wait 50 ms or more for the consecutive emission.

Meanwhile, it may emit radio wave again without waiting 50 ms, if the emission time is less than 4 s after its first emission, and this re-emission is started after 128  $\mu$ s or more carrier sense, and is finished less than 4 s after its first emission.

In case the center frequency is between 922.4 MHz and 923.4 MHz, the total transmission time per an hour shall be 360 s or less.

(2) In case the 128  $\mu$ s or more and less than 5 ms carrier sense time is required:

If the center frequency is from 922.4 MHz to 923.4 MHz, the following conditions shall be satisfied.

1. Using one unit radio channel: radio equipment shall stop its emission of radio wave less than 400 ms after it starts to emit radio wave. The sum of emission time per arbitrary one hour shall be 360 s or less.

Meanwhile, if the emission time is more than 200 ms, it shall wait for ten times or more of the former emission time. If the emission time is more than 6 ms and is 200 ms or less, it shall wait for 2 ms for the consecutive emission.

In case the next emission is different from the previous center frequency channel, it is not necessary to wait for ten times, and the next emission can be performed after 2 ms of previous emission.

2. Using two unit radio channels: radio equipment shall stop its emission of radio wave less than 200 ms after it starts to emit radio wave. The sum of emission time per arbitrary one hour shall be 360 s or less. Meanwhile if the emission time is more than 3 ms, it shall wait for 2ms for the consecutive emission.

3. Using 3, 4 or 5 unit radio channels: radio equipment shall stop its emission of radio wave less than 100 ms after it starts to emit radio wave. The sum of emission time per arbitrary one hour shall be 360 s or less. Meanwhile if the emission time is more than 2 ms, it shall wait 2

ms for the consecutive emission.

### 3.4.2 Carrier sense

(ORE: article 49-34, NT: No.292, 2017)

- (1) Radio equipment shall check if the interference exists by the carrier sense procedure before its new transmission.
- (2) Carrier sense time shall be 128  $\mu$ s or more and shall be performed all of unit channels which include the frequency at which radio wave is emitted.
- (3) Carrier sense level that is amount of received power at all of unit radio channels included in the radio channel to emit shall be -80 dBm at the antenna input. When the carrier sense level is not less than -80 dBm, radio equipment shall not transmit any radio wave.

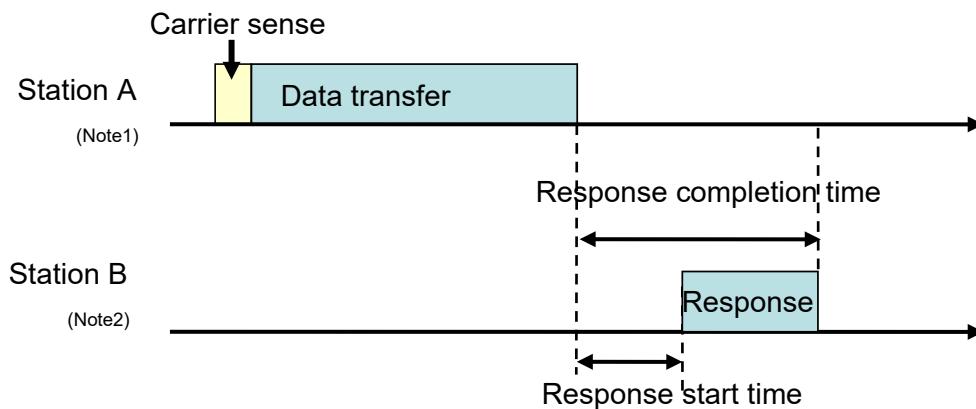
### 3.4.3 Skipping carrier sense in a response

(ORE: article 49-34, NT: No.292, 2017)

If the emission is a response to request by other radio equipment, and following conditions are satisfied, carrier sense is not necessary, and the response time is not included in the sum of emission time per arbitrary one hour.

1. Using one unit radio channel: the emission starts within 2 ms after the reception of the request is completed, and the emission ends within 50 ms.
2. Using 2, 3, 4 or 5 unit radio channels: the emission starts within 2 ms after the reception of the request is completed, and the emission ends within 5 ms.

Figure 3-3 shows concept of a response that does not require carrier sense.



**Figure 3-3 Concept of a response that does not require carrier sense**

(Note1) In Station A, measurement of pause duration shall start at completion of emission at Station A.

(Note2) In Station B, measurement of pause duration shall start at completion of response at Station B.

Table 3-8 shows possible combinations of sending control parameters specified by 3.4.1 Sending control, 3.4.2 Carrier sense and 3.4.3 Skipping carrier sense in a response.

**Table 3-8 Possible combinations of sending control parameters specified by 3.4.1 Sending control, 3.4.2 Carrier sense and 3.4.3 Skipping carrier sense in a response**

Antenna power	Applied CH number	Unit CH bandwidth	CH used in a bundle	Carrier sense time	Sending duration	Pause duration	The sum of emission time per arbitrary one hour	Conditions of response to skip carrier sense <sup>(Note 2)</sup>	
								Completion time	Start time
250 mW or less	24-32 33-38	200 kHz	1 - 5 ch (note4)	5 ms or more	4 s <sup>(Note1)</sup>	50 ms	24-32:None 33-38:360 s or less	-	-
	33-38	200 kHz	1 ch	128 $\mu$ s or more	More than 200 ms, and 400 ms or less	Ten times or more of the former transmitting time or 2 ms (Note3)	360 s or less	50 ms or less	2 ms or less
					More than 6 ms, and 200 ms or less	2 ms			
					6 ms or less	None			
					More than 3 ms, and 200 ms or less	2 ms			
					3 ms or less	None			
					More than 2 ms, and 100 ms or less	2 ms			
					2 ms or less	None			

(Note1) It may emit again without waiting 50 ms, if it is within 4 s after its first emission. The emission shall start after carrier sense is performed for 128  $\mu$ s or more and the emission shall finish within this 4 s interval.

(Note2) Emission time of a response that satisfies the conditions is not included in the sum of emission time per arbitrary one hour.

(Note3) Instead of ten times, 2 ms can be applied in case the next emission is different center frequency channel as the previous one.

(Note4) Channels 24 through 32 and channels 33 and upper shall not be used simultaneously.

### 3.4.4 Interference prevention function

The radio equipment shall automatically transmit / receive identification codes.

### 3.5 Cabinet

(ORE: article 49-34)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.62, 2017)

The high frequency circuit and modulation modules except for antenna shall be structured not to be opened easily.

### 3.6 Connection to telecommunication circuit

(OCTF: article 9, NT: No.295, 2017)

Radio equipment connected to the telecommunication line shall satisfy the following conditions.

- (1) When a unit of terminal equipment communicates to the other unit using radio wave, it shall have identification code which shall be 32 bits length or more.
- (2) Except for particular case which is defined outside of the specification, it shall make decision if channel is used or not before using that channel. Only if that decision is "channel is not used", it can set a communication path on its channel.

### 3.7 Antenna

(ORE: article 49-34)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.62, 2017)

Antenna gain 3 dBi or less (absolute gain)

However, in case EIRP is less than 27 dBm, it is allowed to fill in the gap by the antenna gain.

EIRP defined as the product of transmitter power and the antenna gain, should take into account the deviation in transmitter power characteristic.

## Chapter 4 Compliance of radiation protection

(RERL article 21-3)

Signal intensity means electric field strength, power flux density and magnetic field strength (hereinafter the same).

It is set forth as that the place at which the signal intensity coming from radio equipment exceed the value shown in table 4-1, protection facilities are required to guard person who are there except for operator.

(RERL attached table 2-3-2)

**Table 4-1 Reference value of electromagnetic field strength (RERL article 21-3)**

Frequency	Electric field strength (V/m)	Magnetic field strength (A/m)	Power flux density (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Average Time (minute)
More than 300 MHz and less than 1.5 GHz	1.585 f <sup>1/2</sup>	f <sup>1/2</sup> / 237.8	f / 1500	6

Note1: Unit of f is in MHz.

Note 2: Electric field strength and Magnetic field strength should be filled in effective values.

(NT: No.300,1999)

$$S = (PG) / (40\pi R^2) \cdot K$$

P(W) : Antenna power

G : Antenna gain

K : Coefficient of reflection

a) no reflection K=1

b) taking account of the refection from the ground K=2.56 (Frequency is higher than 76MHz)

c) In case there are some buildings, towers, and something metal structure close around the calculation points, please 6 dB add from calculation results.

$$K = 2.56 \times 10^{6/10} = 10.2$$

The power flux density S at 923 MHz is given as,

$$S = f / 1500 = 923 / 1500 = 0.6153 \text{ (mW/cm}^2\text{)}$$

Therefore, the limited distance of radiation protection guideline can be described as

$$R = (PGK / 40\pi S)^{1/2}$$

The example of calculation results in case of 0.25 W antenna power with 3 dBi of antenna gain is shown in table 4-2.

**Table 4-2 The example of calculation results of the limited distance by radiation protection guideline**

Reflection circumstance	Coefficient of reflection <b>K</b>	The limited distance of radiation protection guideline <b>R</b>
No-reflection	1	0.08 m
From the ground	2.56	0.13 m
From buildings towers, something of metal that has possibility to make strong reflection.	10.2	0.26 m

Some uncertain factors such as the layout and structure around the calculation point must be considered. Especially some metallic objects located nearby antenna may make an impact on calculation results.

Calculation requires the correspondence united with the situation of the field.

RERL article 21-3 doesn't apply the following radio equipment.

Mobile radio equipment

Temporally radio equipment that is used in emergency case such as earthquake or typhoon

While the operation of Land mobile stations, if there is the area around the antenna at which can not be meet radiation protection guideline, it is need to provision such as safety fence.

In fact, the maximum continues radiation time is limited as 4 s in this standard, it is impossible to continue transmitting 6 min shown in table 4-1.

## Chapter 5 Measurement methods

TELEC-T261, which is established based on Notification No. 88-2 of MIC by Telecom Engineering Center, shall be applied. If the other method is specified by Notification of MIC or others, it shall be also applied.



**Part 2 Specified low-power radio stations (Except for Part3)**



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## Chapter 1 General items

### 1.1 Overview

Among the Specified Low-Power Radio Stations defined in Article 6 of the Regulations for Enforcement of the Radio Law (Revision by Ministerial ordinance No. 62 of Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, 2017) and Notification 42 of Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, 1989 (Revision by Notification No. 285 of Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, 2017), this standard specifies the telemeter, telecontrol and data transmission radio equipment that uses the frequency of 915.9 MHz or more and 929.7 MHz or less specified in Article 49, Clause 14 No.7 and 8 of Ordinance Regulating Radio Equipment (Revision by Ministerial ordinance No. 99 of Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, 2020) (Equipment that is not necessary of carrier sense is excluded. Instead, such equipment is prescribed in the Part 3).

### 1.2 Scope of application

A telemeter, telecontrol and data transmission radio equipment consists of radio equipment, data processing equipment and power supply equipment as shown in Figure 1-1. This standard specifies the technical requirements of the radio equipment.

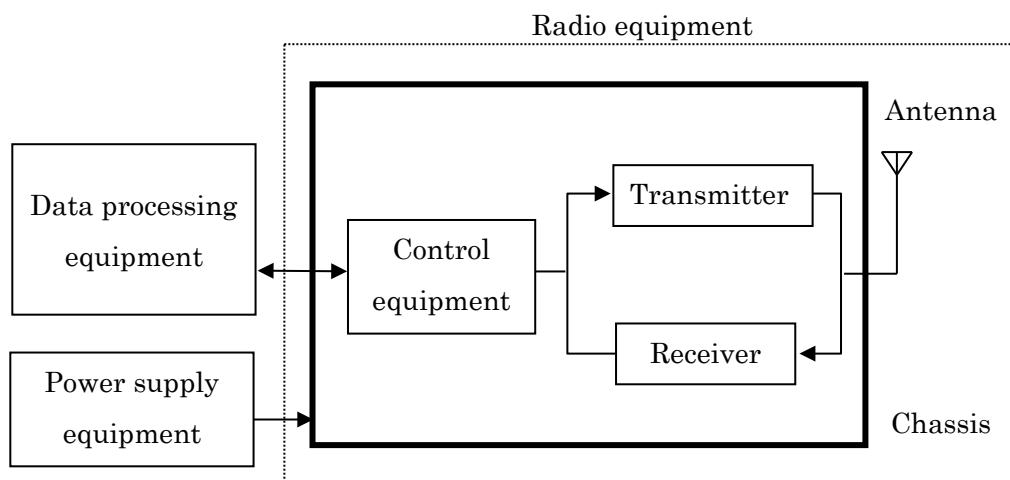


Figure 1-1 Structure of telemeter, telecontrol and data transmission radio equipment

### 1.3 Reference document

In this standard, 'RL' refers to the Radio Law, 'RERL' refers to the Regulations for Enforcement of the Radio Law, 'ORE' refers to the Ordinance Regulating Radio Equipment, 'OTRCC' refers to

the Ordinance Concerning Technical Regulations Conformity Certification etc. of Specified Radio Equipment, 'OCTF' refers to the Ordinance Concerning Terminal Facilities Etc. and 'NT' refers to a Notification of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications before 2000 or a Notification of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications after 2001.

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Note

Refer to appendix Table S-1 for the representative wireless facilities prescribed with Part 2 and Part 3. The radio equipment of 1 mW or less without carrier sense, which was specified in the second volume of ARIB STD-T108 Version 1.3, is specified in this Part.

## Chapter 2 Overview of the standard system

### 2.1 Standard system

Standard systems are categorized into a short range communication system and an active tag system. In the following section these systems are described respectively.

#### 2.1.1 Structure of the standard system

##### (1) Short range communication system

The standard system of a short range communication consists of plural radio stations as shown in Figure 2-1.

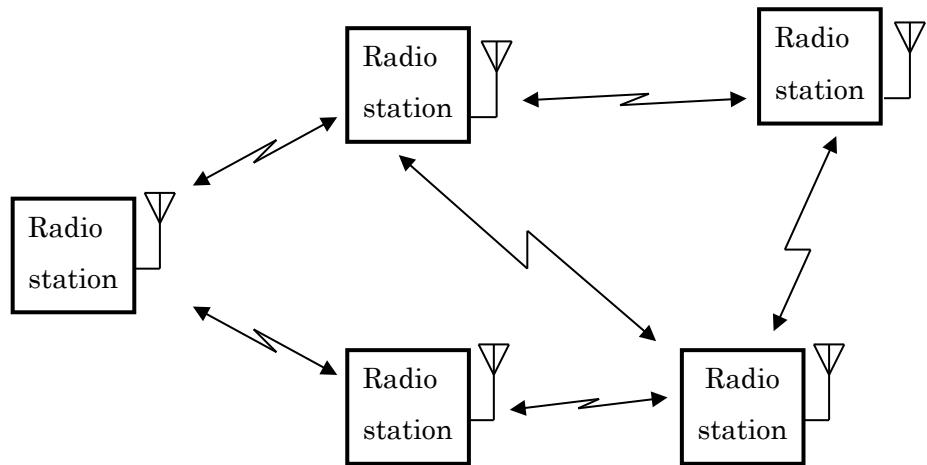


Figure 2-1 Structure of a standard short range communication system

In this system, radio stations are connected each other and construct a network. In this network, both of peer to peer communication and broadcast communication are possible. Besides, not only direct transmission but also multi hop transmission is possible.

## (2) Active tag system

The standard system of active tags consists of a reader/writer and plural active tags as shown in Figure 2-2.

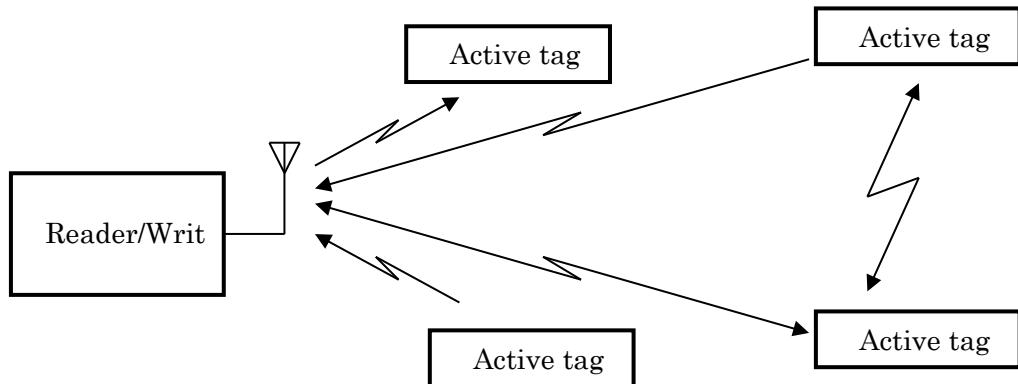


Figure 2-2 Structure of a standard active tag system

In this system, one way or two way transmission between an active tag and a reader / writer or between active tags in arbitrary timing is possible.

### 2.1.2 Operation of the standard system

#### (1) Short range communication system

Short range communication system is a short-range and low rate wireless PAN (Personal Area Network) system with the purpose of low power consumption and low cost implementation such as IEEE802.15.4 which is an existing standard in USA.

Wi-SUN etc. used in smart meters and various IoT (Internet of Things) networks is as an example of the low rate wireless PAN system using IEEE802.15.4.

Moreover, various standards have been proposed in recent years as LPWA (Low Power Wide Area) having high coverage area at lower power consumption and these are also included as a part of the short range communication system.

It is supposed to be used for home security, safety and security of children and elder people, personal healthcare, home and building control, factory automation and monitoring, hospital management, auto meter reading and outdoor monitoring on the network consisting of wireless sensor nodes and/or wireless actuator nodes which control various kinds of equipment

## (2) Active tag system

The active tag system is a system that is able to emit a radio signal autonomously by using energy stored within itself such as battery. In comparison with passive tag system whose reader / writer needs large output power to activate a tag, the active tag system can reduce the output power and extend the communication area to the wide range.

Most of the existing active tag systems in Japan use 300 MHz band (Specified low power radio station or extremely low power radio station), 400 MHz band (Specified low power radio station) and 2.4 GHz band. 433 MHz band is opened only for international transportation.

Currently most of the domestically existing active tag system is used to transmit a tag ID from an active tag. However, advanced functionalities such as tags with sensor, localization, bi-directional communication, as well as rewriting the information to tag are developing. It is supposed to be used for security support to children on their way, security support in shopping mall, admission control to dangerous area, asset management, management of vehicles and parking lots and process control.

There are passive tag systems in 920 MHz band. In these systems responder (tag) can not emit radio signal autonomously and transmit a response signal by using only power of carrier signal received from the interrogator. These systems are out of scope of this standard. These kind of passive tag systems are specified in ARIB STD-T106 and ARIB STD-T107.

## 2.2 Key parameters and functionality of the standard system

Key parameters and functionality of the standard system are shown in Table 2-1.

**Table 2-1 Key parameters and functionality of the standard system**

Item	Parameters and functionality	
Frequency band	915.9 MHz or more and 916.9 MHz or less and 920.5 MHz or more and 929.7 MHz or less	
Transmission power	20 mW or less. However, 1mW or less if radio channel in use includes 916.0 MHz - 916.8 MHz or 928.15 MHz - 929.65 MHz Moreover, given the radio equipment is housed in a single cabinet and shall not be opened easily, and its EIRP (Note) is 16 dBm or 3 dBm or less (value when applying 20 mW or 1mW of antenna power to the transmitting antenna having absolute gain of 3 dBi), transmission power of 250 mW or less is allowed.	
Transmission method	Contents	Data signal
	Modulation system	Not specified
Antenna gain	3 dBi or less (absolute gain) However, in case EIRP (Note) is more than 16 dBm or 3 dBm (value when applying 20 mW or 1 mW of antenna power to the transmitting antenna having absolute gain of 3 dBi), the excess amount should be reduced by the antenna gain and if it is 16 dBm or 3 dBm, and if it is 16 dBm or 3 dBm or less, it is allowed to fill in the gap by the antenna gain	

(Note) EIRP (Equivalent Isotropic Radiated Power) is the value when antenna power is applied to the antenna gain and it includes the deviation of the antenna power.

## Chapter 3 Technical requirements for radio equipment

The standard includes both “national technical criteria (mandatory)” and “private optional criteria”. A regulation and an article providing a legal basis are quoted for the former.

### 3.1 General conditions

#### 3.1.1 Communication method

One-way method, simplex method, duplex method, semi-duplex method or broadcast

#### 3.1.2 Contents of communications

Primarily the signals for telemeter, telecontrol and data transmission system.

#### 3.1.3 Emission class

Not specified.

#### 3.1.4 Operating frequency band

(RERL: article 6-4)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.162, 2011)

915.9 MHz or more and 916.9 MHz or less, and 920.5 MHz or more and 929.7 MHz or less

#### 3.1.5 Usage environment condition

Not specified.

### 3.2 Transmitter

#### 3.2.1 Antenna power

(RERL: article 6, NT: No.42, 1989)

(Revised NT: No.516, 2011)

It shall be 20 mW or less. However, it shall be 1 mW or less for radio channels consisting of at least one of channels whose center frequencies are located from 916.0 MHz to 916.8 MHz or from 928.15 MHz to 929.65 MHz.

Moreover, given the radio equipment is housed in a single cabinet and shall not be opened easily, and its EIRP is 16 dBm or 3 dBm or less (value applying 20 mW or 1 mW of antenna power to the transmitting antenna having absolute gain of 3 dBi), transmission power of 250 mW or less is allowed). Here, EIRP is the value when antenna power is applied to the antenna gain and it includes the deviation of the antenna power.

3.2.2 Tolerance for antenna power

(ORE: article 14)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.162, 2011)

+20%, -80%

3.2.3 Radio channel

(ORE: article 49-14)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.162, 2011)

A radio channel shall consist of up to 5 consecutive unit channels which are defined that their center frequencies are located from 916.0 MHz to 916.8 MHz and from 920.6 MHz to 928.0 MHz with 200 kHz separation and their bandwidth are 200 kHz or which are defined that their center frequencies are located from 928.15 MHz to 929.65 MHz with 100 kHz separation and their bandwidth are 100 kHz.

However, it is prohibited to simultaneously use both the unit channels giving priority to prioritized passive tag system whose center frequencies are located from 920.6 MHz to 922.2 MHz (Channel numbers are from 24 to 32) and the unit channels whose center frequencies are located 922.4 MHz or more (Channel numbers are 33 or more)

The center frequencies of radio channels are shown through Table 3-1 to Table 3-15.

(1) In the case of antenna power is 1 mW or less (without carrier sense)

A The case of using one unit channel

**Table 3-1 Center frequency of radio channel using one unit channel**

(Antenna power: 1 mW or less (without carrier sense), Bandwidth: 200 kHz)

Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)	Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)
1	916.0	45	924.8
2	916.2	46	925.0
3	916.4	47	925.2
4	916.6	48	925.4
5	916.8	49	925.6
33	922.4	50	925.8
34	922.6	51	926.0
35	922.8	52	926.2
36	923.0	53	926.4
37	923.2	54	926.6
38	923.4	55	926.8
39	923.6	56	927.0
40	923.8	57	927.2
41	924.0	58	927.4
42	924.2	59	927.6
43	924.4	60	927.8
44	924.6	61	928.0

**Table 3-2 Center frequency of radio channel using one unit channel**

(Antenna power: 1 mW or less (without carrier sense), Bandwidth: 100 kHz)

Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)	Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)
62	928.15	70	928.95
63	928.25	71	929.05
64	928.35	72	929.15
65	928.45	73	929.25
66	928.55	74	929.35
67	928.65	75	929.45
68	928.75	76	929.55
69	928.85	77	929.65

## B The case of using two unit channels

**Table 3-3 Center frequency of radio channel using two unit channels**  
**(Antenna power: 1 mW or less (without carrier sense), Bandwidth: 400 kHz)**

Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)	Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)
1,2	916.1	45,46	924.9
2,3	916.3	46,47	925.1
3,4	916.5	47,48	925.3
4,5	916.7	48,49	925.5
33,34	922.5	49,50	925.7
34,35	922.7	50,51	925.9
35,36	922.9	51,52	926.1
36,37	923.1	52,53	926.3
37,38	923.3	53,54	926.5
38,39	923.5	54,55	926.7
41,42	924.1	55,56	926.9
42,43	924.3	56,57	927.1
43,44	924.5	57,58	927.3
44,45	924.7	58,59	927.5
39,40	923.7	59,60	927.7
40,41	923.9	60,61	927.9

**Table 3-4 Center frequency of radio channel using two unit channels**  
**(Antenna power: 1 mW or less (without carrier sense), Bandwidth: 200 kHz)**

Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)	Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)
62,63	928.2	70,71	929.0
63,64	928.3	71,72	929.1
64,65	928.4	72,73	929.2
65,66	928.5	73,74	929.3
66,67	928.6	74,75	929.4
67,68	928.7	75,76	929.5
68,69	928.8	76,77	929.6
69,70	928.9		

### C The case of using three unit channels

**Table 3-5 Center frequency of radio channel using three unit channels**

(Antenna power: 1 mW or less (without carrier sense), Bandwidth: 600 kHz)

Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)	Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)
1,2,3	916.2	45,46,47	925.0
2,3,4	916.4	46,47,48	925.2
3,4,5	916.6	47,48,49	925.4
33,34,35	922.6	48,49,50	925.6
34,35,36	922.8	49,50,51	925.8
35,36,37	923.0	50,51,52	926.0
36,37,38	923.2	51,52,53	926.2
37,38,39	923.4	52,53,54	926.4
38,39,40	923.6	53,54,55	926.6
39,40,41	923.8	54,55,56	926.8
40,41,42	924.0	55,56,57	927.0
41,42,43	924.2	56,57,58	927.2
42,43,44	924.4	57,58,59	927.4
43,44,45	924.6	58,59,60	927.6
44,45,46	924.8	59,60,61	927.8

**Table 3-6 Center frequency of radio channel using three unit channels**

(Antenna power: 1 mW or less (without carrier sense), Bandwidth: 300 kHz)

Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)	Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)
62,63,64	928.25	69,70,71	928.95
63,64,65	928.35	70,71,72	929.05
64,65,66	928.45	71,72,73	929.15
65,66,67	928.55	72,73,74	929.25
66,67,68	928.65	73,74,75	929.35
67,68,69	928.75	74,75,76	929.45
68,69,70	928.85	75,76,77	929.55

## D The case of using four unit channels

**Table 3-7 Center frequency of radio channel using four unit channels**  
**(Antenna power: 1 mW or less (without carrier sense), Bandwidth: 800 kHz)**

Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)	Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)
1,2,3,4	916.3	45,46,47,48	925.1
2,3,4,5	916.5	46,47,48,49	925.3
33,34,35,36	922.7	47,48,49,50	925.5
34,35,36,37	922.9	48,49,50,51	925.7
35,36,37,38	923.1	49,50,51,52	925.9
36,37,38,39	923.3	50,51,52,53	926.1
37,38,39,40	923.5	51,52,53,54	926.3
38,39,40,41	923.7	52,53,54,55	926.5
39,40,41,42	923.9	53,54,55,56	926.7
40,41,42,43	924.1	54,55,56,57	926.9
41,42,43,44	924.3	55,56,57,58	927.1
42,43,44,45	924.5	56,57,58,59	927.3
43,44,45,46	924.7	57,58,59,60	927.5
44,45,46,47	924.9	58,59,60,61	927.7

**Table 3-8 Center frequency of radio channel using four unit channels**  
**(Antenna power: 1 mW or less (without carrier sense), Bandwidth: 400 kHz)**

Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)	Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)
62,63,64,65	928.3	69,70,71,72	929.0
63,64,65,66	928.4	70,71,72,73	929.1
64,65,66,67	928.5	71,72,73,74	929.2
65,66,67,68	928.6	72,73,74,75	929.3
66,67,68,69	928.7	73,74,75,76	929.4
67,68,69,70	928.8	74,75,76,77	929.5
68,69,70,71	928.9		

## E The case of using five unit channels

**Table 3-9 Center frequency of radio channel using five unit channels**  
**(Antenna power: 1 mW or less (without carrier sense), Bandwidth: 1000 kHz)**

Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)	Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)
1,2,3,4,5	916.4	45,46,47,48,49	925.2
33,34,35,36,37	922.8	46,47,48,49,50	925.4
34,35,36,37,38	923.0	47,48,49,50,51	925.6
35,36,37,38,39	923.2	48,49,50,51,52	925.8
36,37,38,39,40	923.4	49,50,51,52,53	926.0
37,38,39,40,41	923.6	50,51,52,53,54	926.2
38,39,40,41,42	923.8	51,52,53,54,55	926.4
39,40,41,42,43	924.0	52,53,54,55,56	926.6
40,41,42,43,44	924.2	53,54,55,56,57	926.8
41,42,43,44,45	924.4	54,55,56,57,58	927.0
42,43,44,45,46	924.6	55,56,57,58,59	927.2
43,44,45,46,47	924.8	56,57,58,59,60	927.4
44,45,46,47,48	925.0	57,58,59,60,61	927.6

**Table 3-10 Center frequency of radio channel using five unit channels**  
**(Antenna power: 1 mW or less (without carrier sense), Bandwidth: 500 kHz)**

Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)	Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)
62,63,64,65,66	928.35	68,69,70,71,72	928.95
63,64,65,66,67	928.45	69,70,71,72,73	929.05
64,65,66,67,68	928.55	70,71,72,73,74	929.15
65,66,67,68,69	928.65	71,72,73,74,75	929.25
66,67,68,69,70	928.75	72,73,74,75,76	929.35
67,68,69,70,71	928.85	73,74,75,76,77	929.45

(2) In the case of antenna power is 20 mW or less (with carrier sense)

A The case of using one unit channel

**Table 3-11 Center frequency of radio channel using one unit channel**  
**(Antenna power: 20 mW or less (with carrier sense), Bandwidth: 200 kHz)**

Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)	Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)
24	920.6	43	924.4
25	920.8	44	924.6
26	921.0	45	924.8
27	921.2	46	925.0
28	921.4	47	925.2
29	921.6	48	925.4
30	921.8	49	925.6
31	922.0	50	925.8
32	922.2	51	926.0
33	922.4	52	926.2
34	922.6	53	926.4
35	922.8	54	926.6
36	923.0	55	926.8
37	923.2	56	927.0
38	923.4	57	927.2
39	923.6	58	927.4
40	923.8	59	927.6
41	924.0	60	927.8
42	924.2	61	928.0

## B The case of using two unit channels

**Table 3-12 Center frequency of radio channel using two radio channels**

(Antenna power: 20 mW or less (with carrier sense), Bandwidth: 400 kHz)

Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)	Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)
24,25	920.7	43,44	924.5
25,26	920.9	44,45	924.7
26,27	921.1	45,46	924.9
27,28	921.3	46,47	925.1
28,29	921.5	47,48	925.3
29,30	921.7	48,49	925.5
30,31	921.9	49,50	925.7
31,32	922.1	50,51	925.9
33,34	922.5	51,52	926.1
34,35	922.7	52,53	926.3
35,36	922.9	53,54	926.5
36,37	923.1	54,55	926.7
37,38	923.3	55,56	926.9
38,39	923.5	56,57	927.1
39,40	923.7	57,58	927.3
40,41	923.9	58,59	927.5
41,42	924.1	59,60	927.7
42,43	924.3	60,61	927.9

## C The case of using three unit channels

**Table 3-13 Center frequency of radio channel using three unit channels**

(Antenna power: 20 mW or less (with carrier sense), Bandwidth: 600 kHz)

Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)	Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)
24,25,26	920.8	43,44,45	924.6
25,26,27	921.0	44,45,46	924.8
26,27,28	921.2	45,46,47	925.0
27,28,29	921.4	46,47,48	925.2
28,29,30	921.6	47,48,49	925.4
29,30,31	921.8	48,49,50	925.6
30,31,32	922.0	49,50,51	925.8
33,34,35	922.6	50,51,52	926.0
34,35,36	922.8	51,52,53	926.2
35,36,37	923.0	52,53,54	926.4
36,37,38	923.2	53,54,55	926.6
37,38,39	923.4	54,55,56	926.8
38,39,40	923.6	55,56,57	927.0
39,40,41	923.8	56,57,58	927.2
40,41,42	924.0	57,58,59	927.4
41,42,43	924.2	58,59,60	927.6
42,43,44	924.4	59,60,61	927.8

## D The case of using four unit channels

**Table 3-14 Center frequency of radio channel using four unit channels**  
**(Antenna power: 20 mW or less (with carrier sense), Bandwidth: 800 kHz)**

Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)	Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)
24,25,26,27	920.9	43,44,45,46	924.7
25,26,27,28	921.1	44,45,46,47	924.9
26,27,28,29	921.3	45,46,47,48	925.1
27,28,29,30	921.5	46,47,48,49	925.3
28,29,30,31	921.7	47,48,49,50	925.5
29,30,31,32	921.9	48,49,50,51	925.7
33,34,35,36	922.7	49,50,51,52	925.9
34,35,36,37	922.9	50,51,52,53	926.1
35,36,37,38	923.1	51,52,53,54	926.3
36,37,38,39	923.3	52,53,54,55	926.5
37,38,39,40	923.5	53,54,55,56	926.7
38,39,40,41	923.7	54,55,56,57	926.9
39,40,41,42	923.9	55,56,57,58	927.1
40,41,42,43	924.1	56,57,58,59	927.3
41,42,43,44	924.3	57,58,59,60	927.5
42,43,44,45	924.5	58,59,60,61	927.7

## E The case of using five unit channels

**Table 3-15 Center frequency of radio channel using five unit channels****(Antenna power: 20 mW or less (with carrier sense), Bandwidth: 1000 kHz)**

Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)	Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)
24,25,26,27,28	921.0	43,44,45,46,47	924.8
25,26,27,28,29	921.2	44,45,46,47,48	925.0
26,27,28,29,30	921.4	45,46,47,48,49	925.2
27,28,29,30,31	921.6	46,47,48,49,50	925.4
28,29,30,31,32	921.8	47,48,49,50,51	925.6
33,34,35,36,37	922.8	48,49,50,51,52	925.8
34,35,36,37,38	923.0	49,50,51,52,53	926.0
35,36,37,38,39	923.2	50,51,52,53,54	926.2
36,37,38,39,40	923.4	51,52,53,54,55	926.4
37,38,39,40,41	923.6	52,53,54,55,56	926.6
38,39,40,41,42	923.8	53,54,55,56,57	926.8
39,40,41,42,43	924.0	54,55,56,57,58	927.0
40,41,42,43,44	924.2	55,56,57,58,59	927.2
41,42,43,44,45	924.4	56,57,58,59,60	927.4
42,43,44,45,46	924.6	57,58,59,60,61	927.6

### 3.2.4 Frequency tolerance

(ORE: article 5, attached table No.1)

(NT: No.50, 1988)

(Revised NT: No.533, 2011)

It shall be within  $+/- 20 \times 10^{-6}$ .

However, above rule may not apply in case of using a single unit channel where the bandwidth of the unit channel shall be the bandwidth of the designated frequency band. (Designated Frequency Bandwidth is defined as frequency bandwidth which is equal to the sum of allowable occupied frequency bandwidth and the twice of absolute frequency bandwidth, under the condition that the center frequency of the designated frequency bandwidth is equal to the center frequency of the radio channel.)

### 3.2.5 Modulation method

It shall not be specified.

### 3.2.6 Permissible Value for Occupied Bandwidth

(ORE: article 6, attached table No.2)

(NT: No.659, 2006)

(Revised NT: No.535, 2011)

It shall be  $(200 \times n)$  kHz or less. However, in the case that the center frequency is from 928.15 MHz to 929.65 MHz, it shall be  $(100 \times n)$  kHz or less. (n is a number of unit channels constituting the radio channel and is an integer from 1 to 5.)

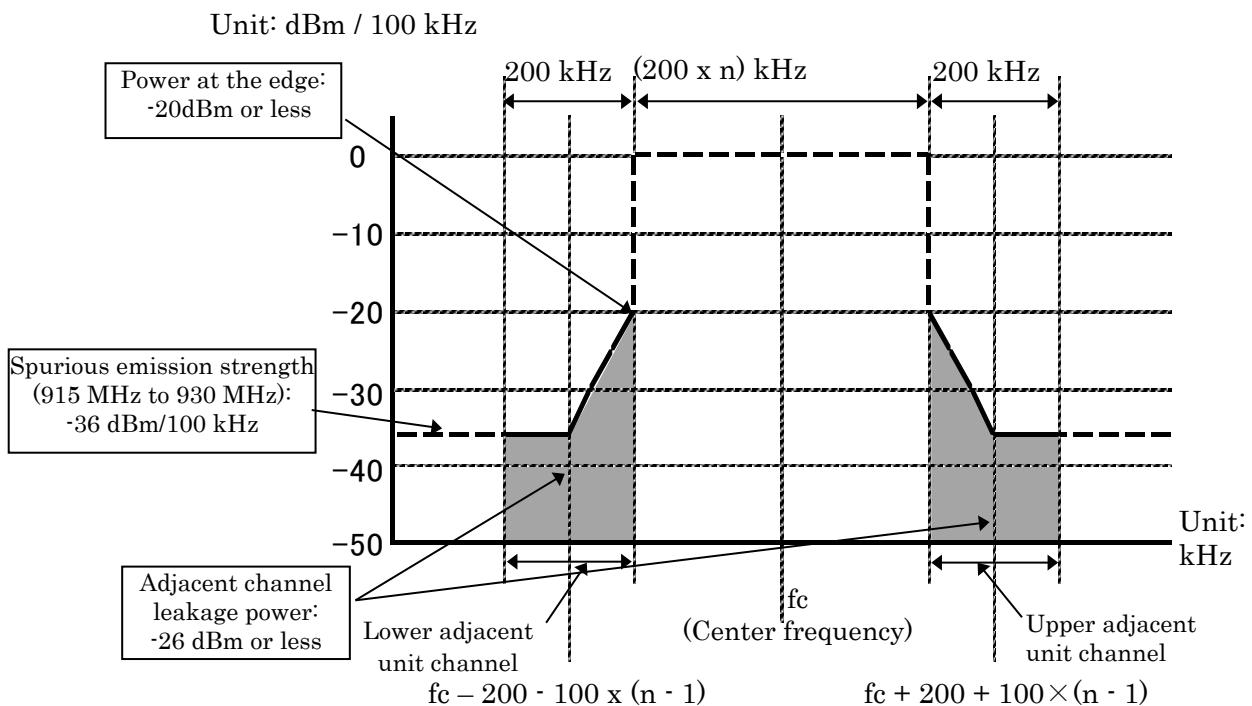
## 3.2.7 Adjacent channel leakage power

(ORE: article 49-14)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.162, 2011)

(1) Frequency band of signal in use is from 915.9 MHz to 916.9 MHz (Antenna power is 1mW or less (without carrier sense)).

- i) Spectral power at the edge of a radio channel: It shall be -20 dBm or less.
- ii) Leakage power in unit channel adjacent to a radio channel: It shall be -26 dBm or less.

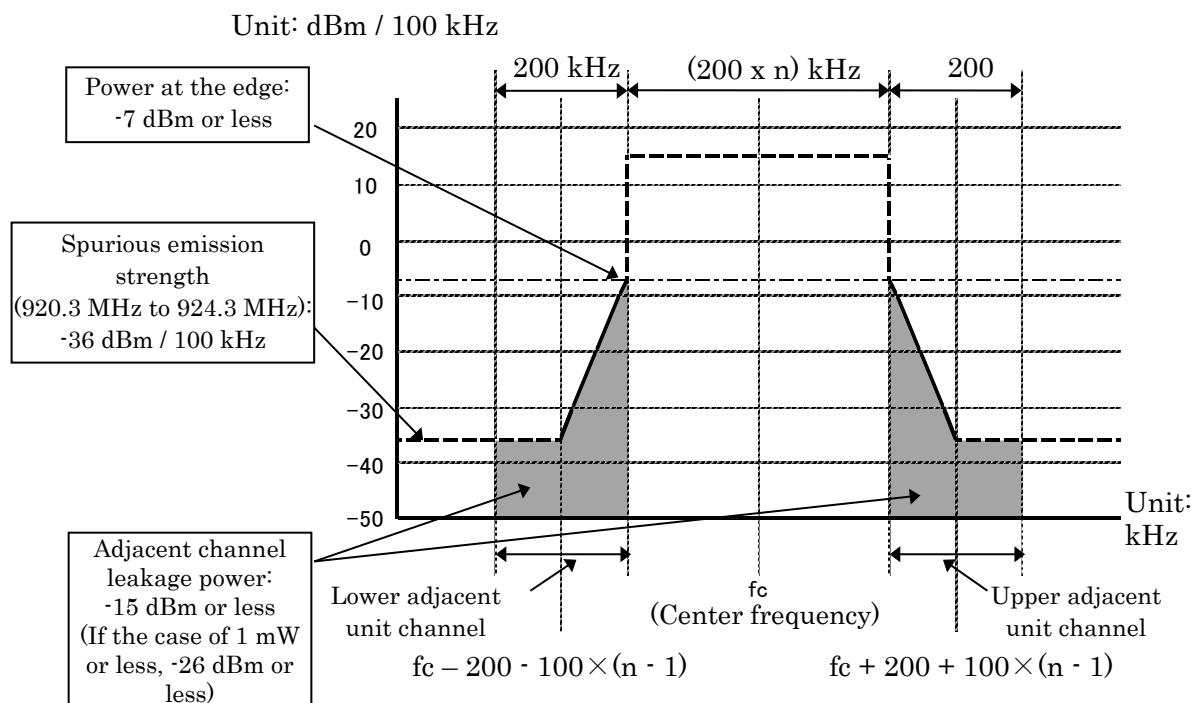


(Note: Center frequency is one of frequencies shown in Table 3.1, Table 3.3, Table 3.5, Table 3.7 and Table 3.9 of 3.2.3 Radio channel and n is a number of unit radio channels constructing a radio channel.)

**Figure 3-1 Channel mask of a radio channel whose frequency is from 915.9 MHz to 916.9 MHz**  
(Antenna power is 1 mW or less (without carrier sense))

(2) Frequency band of signal in use is from 920.5 MHz to 922.3 MHz (Antenna power is 20 mW or less (with carrier sense)).

- i) Spectral power at the edge of a radio channel: It shall be -7 dBm or less.
- ii) Leakage power in unit channel adjacent to a radio channel: It shall be -15 dBm or less. If antenna power is reduced by 1 mW or less, each adjacent channel leakage power is -26 dBm or less.

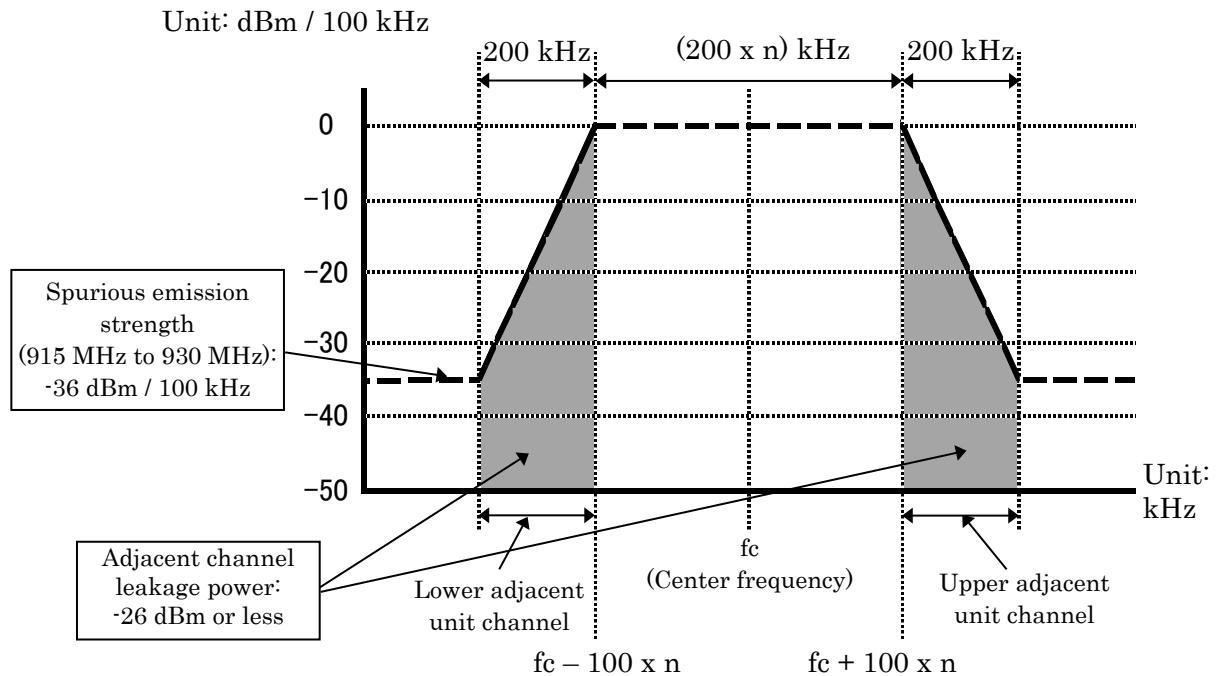


(Note: Center frequency is one of frequencies shown in Table 3.11 to Table 3.15 of 3.2.3 Radio channel and n is a number of unit radio channels constructing a radio channel.)

**Figure 3-2 Channel mask of a radio channel whose frequency is from 920.5 MHz to 922.3 MHz (Antenna power is 20 mW or less (with carrier sense))**

(3) Frequency band of signal in use is from 922.3 MHz to 928.1 MHz (Antenna power is 1 mW or less (without carrier sense)).

i) Leakage power in unit channel adjacent to a radio channel: It shall be -26 dBm or less.

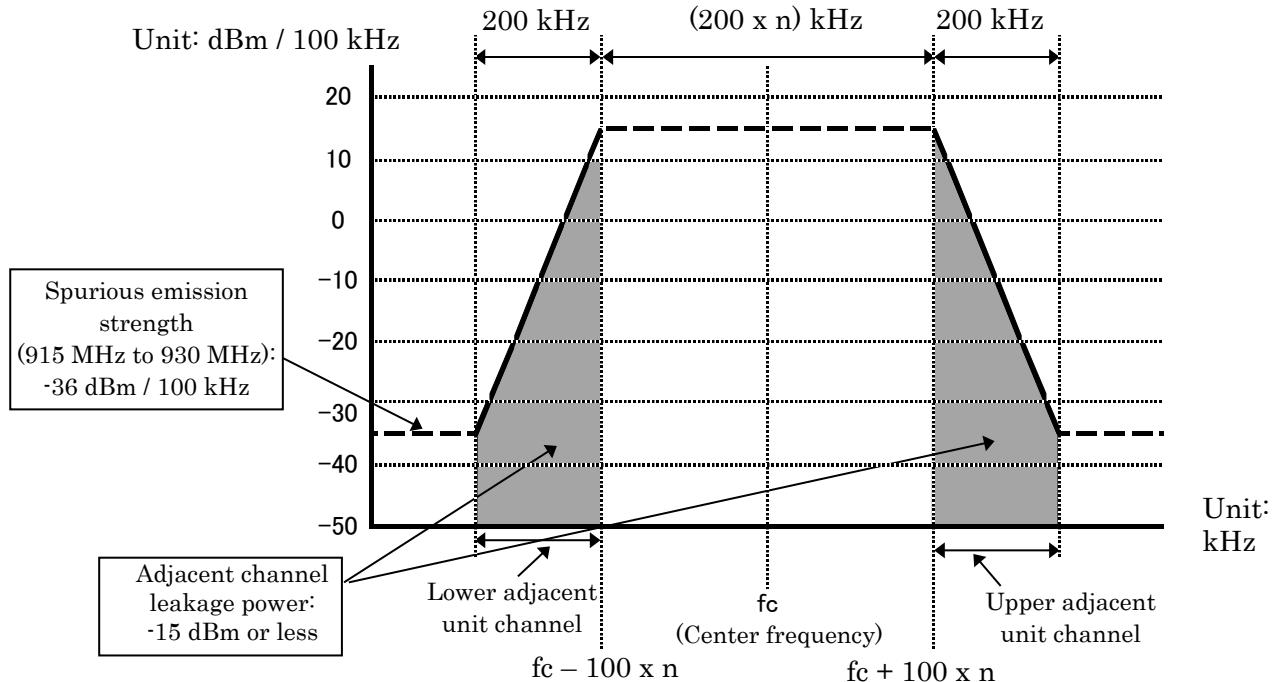


(Note: Center frequency is one of frequencies shown in Table 3.1, Table 3.3, Table 3.5, Table 3.7 and Table 3.9 of 3.2.3 Radio channel and n is a number of unit radio channels constructing a radio channel.)

**Figure 3-3 Channel mask of a radio channel whose frequency is from 922.3 MHz and to 928.1 MHz (Antenna power is 1 mW or less (without carrier sense))**

(4) Frequency band of signal in use is from 922.3 MHz to 928.1 MHz (Antenna power is 20 mW or less (with carrier sense)).

- i) Leakage power in unit channel adjacent to a radio channel: It shall be -15 dBm or less.

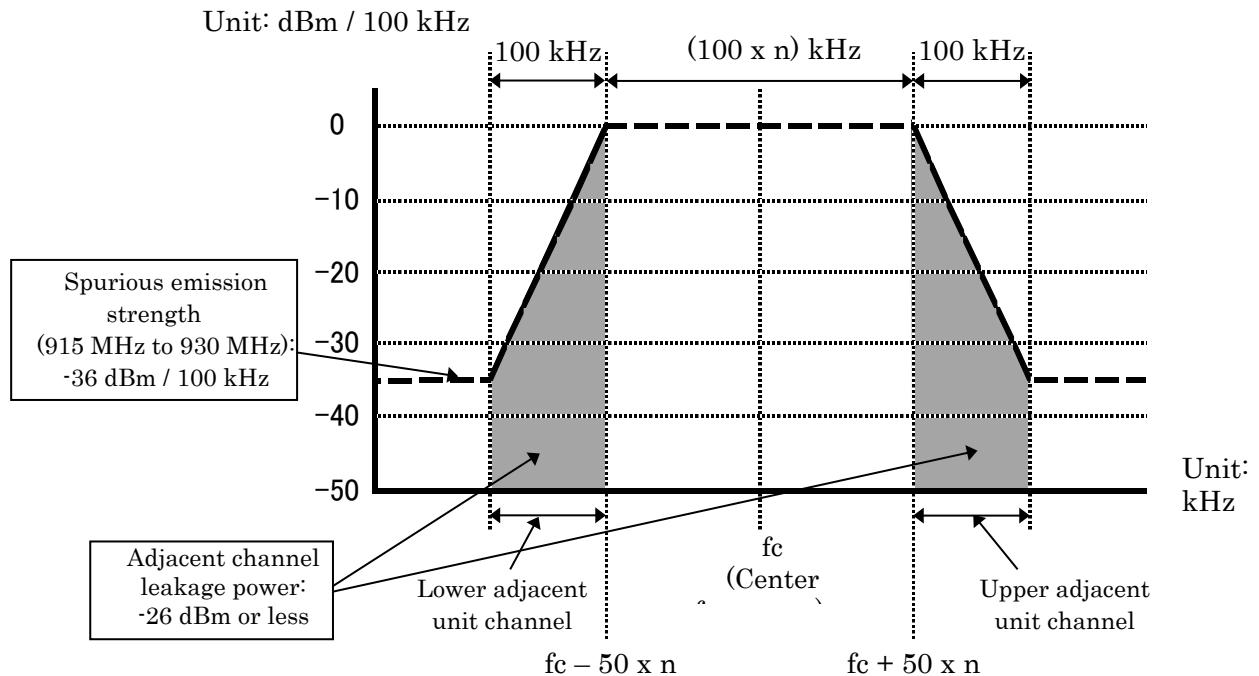


(Note: Center frequency is one of frequencies shown in Table 3.11 to Table 3.15 of 3.2.3 Radio channel and n is a number of unit radio channels constructing a radio channel.)

**Figure 3-4 Channel mask of a radio channel whose frequency is from 922.3 MHz to 928.1 MHz (Antenna power is 20 mW or less (with carrier sense))**

(5) Frequency band of signal in use is from 928.1 MHz to 929.7 MHz (Antenna power is 1 mW or less (without carrier sense)).

i) Leakage power in unit channel adjacent to a radio channel: It shall be -26 dBm or less.



(Note: Center frequency is one of frequencies shown in Table 3.2, Table 3.4, Table 3.6, Table 3.8 and Table 3.10 of 3.2.3 Radio channel and n is a number of unit radio channels constructing a radio channel.)

**Figure 3-5 Channel mask of a radio channel whose frequency is from 928.1 MHz to 929.7 MHz (Antenna power is 1 mW or less (without carrier sense))**

However, EIRP is 16 dBm or 3 dBm or less (value applying 3.2.1 of antenna power to the transmitting antenna having absolute gain of 3 dBi), and when the decrease was supplemented by the gain of transmitting antenna, the thing that exceeded it than 3 dBi, shall reduce it than an allowable value determined in (1)-(5).

## 3.2.8 Permissible Values for Spurious Emission / Unwanted Emission Intensity

(ORE: article 7, Attached table No.3-25)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.162, 2011)

Permissible Values for Spurious Emission / Unwanted Emission Intensity at the antenna input shall be less than the value in Table 3-16.

**Table 3-16 Permissible Values for Spurious Emission / Unwanted Emission Intensity  
(Antenna input)**

Frequency band	Spurious emission / Unwanted Emission Intensity (average power)	Reference bandwidth
$f \leq 710 \text{ MHz}$	-36 dBm	100 kHz
$710 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 900 \text{ MHz}$	-55 dBm	1 MHz
$900 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 915 \text{ MHz}$	-55 dBm	100 kHz
$915 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 930 \text{ MHz}$ (Except for $ f-f_c  \leq (200 + 100 \times n) \text{ kHz}$ if bandwidth of unit channel is 200 kHz, except for $ f-f_c  \leq (100 + 50 \times n) \text{ kHz}$ if bandwidth of unit channel is 100 kHz. Except for $ f-f_c  \leq (100 + 100 \times n) \text{ kHz}$ if frequency band is $915.9 \text{ MHz} \leq f \leq 916.9 \text{ MHz}$ and $920.5 \text{ MHz} \leq f \leq 922.3 \text{ MHz}$ . Where n is a number of unit channels constituting the radio channel and is an integer from 1 to 5)	-36 dBm	100 kHz
$930 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 1000 \text{ MHz}$	-55 dBm	100 kHz
$1000 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 1,215 \text{ MHz}$	-45 dBm	1 MHz
$1,215 \text{ MHz} < f$	-30 dBm	1 MHz

However, EIRP is 16 dBm or 3 dBm or less (value applying 3.2.1 of antenna power to the transmitting antenna having absolute gain of 3 dBi), and when the decrease was supplemented by the gain of transmitting antenna, the thing that exceeded it than 3 dBi, shall reduce it than an allowable value determined in Table 3-16.

### 3.3 Receiver

Limit on Secondary Radiated Emissions, etc.

(ORE: article 24-16)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.162, 2011)

Limit on Secondary Radiated Emissions shall be value in Table 3-17 or less.

**Table 3-17 Limit on Secondary Radiated Emissions**

Frequency band	Limit on Secondary Radiated Emissions (Antenna input)	Reference bandwidth
$f \leq 710 \text{ MHz}$	-54 dBm	100 kHz
$710 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 900 \text{ MHz}$	-55 dBm	1 MHz
$900 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 915 \text{ MHz}$	-55 dBm	100 kHz
$915 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 930 \text{ MHz}$	-54 dBm	100 kHz
$930 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 1000 \text{ MHz}$	-55 dBm	100 kHz
$1000 \text{ MHz} < f$	-47 dBm	1 MHz

### 3.4 Controller

Controller shall have the functions that comply with the conditions specified in this section described below.

#### 3.4.1 Transmission time control equipment

(ORE: article 49-14, NT: No.49, 1989)

(Revised NT: No.531, 2011)

(1) In case the 5 ms or more carrier sense is required:

If the center frequency is from 920.6 MHz to 922.2 MHz, or if the center frequency is from 922.4 MHz to 923.4 MHz, radio equipment shall stop its transmission of radio wave less than 4s after it starts to emit radio wave. It shall wait 50 ms or more for the consecutive transmission.

Meanwhile, it may emit radio wave again without waiting 50 ms, if the transmission time is less than 4 s after its first transmission, and this re-transmission is started after 128  $\mu\text{s}$  or more carrier sense, and is finished less than 4 s after its first transmission.

(2) In case the 128  $\mu$ s or more and less than 5 ms carrier sense time is required:

If the center frequency is from 922.4 MHz to 928.0 MHz, the following conditions shall be satisfied.

1. Using one unit channel: radio equipment shall stop its transmission of radio wave less than 400 ms after it starts to emit radio wave. The sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour shall be 360 s or less. In case that one radio equipment uses a plurality of the radio channels by switching from one radio channel to one of the others, the sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour per radio equipment may be 720 s or less while the sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour per radio channel shall be 360 s or less.

Meanwhile, if the transmission time is more than 6 ms and is 200 ms or less, it shall wait for 2 ms for the consecutive transmission. If the transmission time is more than 200 ms, it shall wait for ten times or more of the former transmission time. When a transmission using different center frequency is used after the previous transmission is completed, transmission in a different frequency channel is allowed after 2 ms of the completion of transmission in the former channel without waiting for ten times or more of the former transmission time.

2. Using two unit channels: radio equipment shall stop its transmission of radio wave less than 200 ms after it starts to emit radio wave. The sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour shall be 360 s or less. In case that one radio equipment uses a plurality of the radio channels by switching from one radio channel to one of the others (as far as each radio channel does not use the same unit channel), the sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour per radio equipment may be 720 s or less while the sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour per frequency channel shall be 360 s or less.

Meanwhile if the transmission time is more than 3 ms, it shall wait for 2 ms for the consecutive transmission.

3. Using 3, 4 or 5 unit channels: radio equipment shall stop its transmission of radio wave less than 100 ms after it starts to emit radio wave. The sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour shall be 360 s or less. In case that one radio equipment uses a plurality of the radio channels by switching from one frequency channel to one of the others (as far as each radio channel does not use the same unit channel), the sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour per radio equipment may be 720 s or less while the sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour per radio channel shall be 360 s or less.

Meanwhile if the transmission time is more than 2 ms, it shall wait 2 ms for the consecutive transmission.

(3) In case non carrier sense is required:

The following conditions shall be satisfied.

1. If the center frequency is from 916.0 MHz to 916.8 MHz, or from 922.4 MHz to 928.0 MHz, and the antenna power is 1 mW or less, radio equipment shall stop its transmission of radio wave less than 100 ms after it starts to emit radio wave. It shall wait 100 ms or more for the consecutive transmission. The sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour shall be 3.6 s or less.

Meanwhile, it may emit radio wave again without waiting 100 ms, if the transmission time is less than 100 ms after its first transmission.

2. If the center frequency is from 928.15 MHz to 929.65 MHz, radio equipment shall stop its transmission of radio wave less than 50 ms after it starts to emit radio wave. It shall wait 50 ms or more for the consecutive transmission.

Meanwhile, it may emit radio wave again without waiting 50 ms, if the transmission time is less than 50 ms after its first transmission and the re-transmission is finished less than 50 ms after its first transmission.

### 3.4.2 Carrier sense

(ORE: article 49-14, NT: No.49, 1988)

(Revised NT: No.531, 2011)

- (1) Radio equipment shall check if the interference exists by the carrier sense procedure before its new transmission.
- (2) Carrier sense time shall be 128  $\mu$ s long or more and shall be performed all of unit channels which include the frequency at which radio wave is emitted.
- (3) Carrier sense level, amount of received power at all of unit channels included in the radio channel to emit, shall be -80 dBm at the antenna input. When the carrier sense level is more than -80 dBm, radio equipment shall not emit any radio wave. However, in case that transmission power exceeds 20 mW, the carrier sense level shall be further deduced from -80 dBm by the exceeding power above 20 mW.
- (4) Carrier sense is not necessary if the antenna power is 1 mW or less and the conditions of 3.4.1 (3) are satisfied

### 3.4.3 Skipping carrier sense in a response

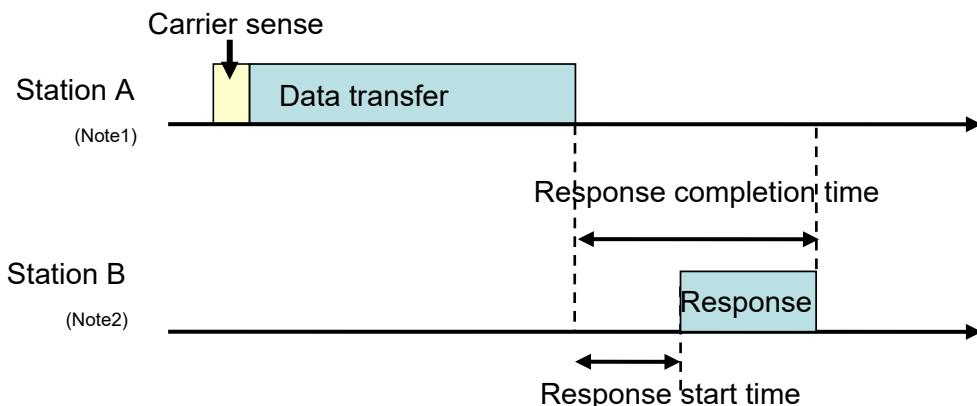
(ORE: article 49-14, NT: No.49, 1989)

(Revised NT: No.531, 2011)

If the transmission is a response to request by other radio equipment, and following conditions are satisfied, carrier sense is not necessary, and the response time is not included in the sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour.

1. Using one unit channel: the transmission starts within 2 ms after the reception of the request is completed, and the transmission ends within 50 ms after the reception of the request is completed.
2. Using 2, 3, 4 or 5 unit channels: the transmission starts within 2 ms after the reception of the request is completed, and the transmission ends within 5 ms after the reception of the request is completed.

Figure 3-6 shows concept of a response that does not require carrier sense.



**Figure 3-6 Concept of a response that does not require carrier sense**

(Note1) In Station A, measurement of pause duration shall start at completion of transmission at Station A.

(Note2) In Station B, measurement of pause duration shall start at completion of response at Station B.

Table 3-18 shows possible combinations of sending control parameters specified by 3.4.1 Sending control, 3.4.2 Carrier sense and 3.4.3 Skipping carrier sense in a response.

**Table 3-18 Possible combinations of sending control parameters specified by 3.4.1 Sending control, 3.4.2 Carrier sense and 3.4.3 Skipping carrier sense in a response**

Antenna power <sup>(Note5)</sup>	Applied CH number	Unit CH bandwidth	CH used in a bundle	Carrier sense time	Sending duration	Pause duration	The sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour	Conditions of response to skip carrier sense <sup>(Note 4)</sup>		
								Completion time	Start time	
1 mW or less	1-5 33-61	200 kHz	1-5 ch	None	100 ms or less <sup>(Note2)</sup>	100 ms	3.6 s or less	—	—	
	62-77	100 kHz	1-5 ch		50 ms or less <sup>(Note3)</sup>	50 ms	None	—	—	
20 mW or less	24-32 33-38	200 kHz	1-5 ch (Note8)	5 ms or more  1 ch  2 ch  3-5 ch	4 s <sup>(Note1)</sup>	50 ms	None	—	—	
	33-61	200 kHz	1 ch  2 ch  3-5 ch		More than 200 ms, and 400 ms or less	More than 200 ms, and 400 ms or less	Ten times or more of the former transmission time or 2 ms (Note6)	50 ms or less  '360 s or less' or '720 s or less' (note7)	2 ms or less	
					More than 6 ms, and 200 ms or less	2 ms				
					6 ms or less	None				
					More than 3 ms, and 200 ms or less	2 ms				
					3ms or less	None				
					More than 2 ms, and 100 ms or less	2 ms				
					2 ms or less	None				

(Note1) It may emit again without waiting 50 ms, if it is within 4 s after its first transmission.

The transmission shall start after carrier sense is performed for 128  $\mu$ s or more and the transmission shall finish within this 4 s interval.

(Note2) It may emit again without waiting 100 ms, if it is within 100 ms after its first transmission and the transmission is finished within this 100 ms interval.

(Note3) It may emit again without waiting 50 ms, if it is within 50 ms after its first transmission and the transmission is finished within this 50 ms interval.

(Note4) Transmission time of a response that satisfies the conditions is not included in the sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour.

(Note5) 250 mW or less is allowed given the radio equipment housed in a single cabinet and shall not be opened easily, and its EIRP (Note) is 16 dBm or 3 dBm or less (value when applying 20 mW or 1 mW of antenna power to the transmitting antenna having absolute

gain of 3 dBi). Here, EIRP is the value when antenna power is applied to the antenna gain and it includes the deviation of the antenna power.

(Note6) When a transmission using different center frequency is used after the previous transmission is completed, transmission in a different frequency channel is allowed after 2 ms of the completion of transmission in the former channel without waiting for ten times or more of the former transmission time.

(Note7) In case that one radio equipment uses a plurality of the radio channels by switching from one radio channel to one of the others (as far as each radio channel does not use the same unit channel), the sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour per radio equipment may be 720 s or less while the sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour per radio channel shall be 360 s or less.

(Note8) Channels 24 through 32 and channels 33 and upper shall not be used simultaneously.

#### 3.4.4 Interference prevention function

(RL: article 4-3, RERL: article 6-2)

The radio equipment shall automatically transmit / receive identification codes.

#### 3.5 Cabinet

(ORE: article 49-14)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.66, 2008)

The high frequency circuit and modulation modules except for antenna shall be structured not to be opened easily.

#### 3.6 Connection to telecommunication circuit

(OCTF: article 9, NT: No.424, 1994)

Radio equipment shall satisfy the following conditions.

(1) It shall have identification code which shall be 32 bits length or more.

(2) Except for particular case which is defined outside of the specification, it shall make decision if channel is used or not before using that channel. Only if that decision is "channel is not used", it can set a communication path on its channel.

### 3.7 Antenna

(ORE: article 49-14)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.66, 2008)

Antenna gain	3 dBi or less (absolute gain)  However, in case EIRP is more than 16 dBm or 3 dBm (value when applying the antenna power set forth in 3.2(1) to the transmitting antenna having absolute gain of 3 dBi), the excess amount should be reduced by the antenna gain, and if it is 16 dBm or 3 dBm or less, it is allowed to fill in the gap by the antenna gain. Here, EIRP is the value when antenna power is applied to the antenna gain and it includes the deviation of the antenna power.
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## Chapter 4 Measurement methods

TELEC-T245, which is established based on Notification No. 88-2 of MIC by Telecom Engineering Center, shall be applied. If the other method is specified by Notification of MIC or others, it shall be also applied.



**Part 3 Specified low-power radio stations (The system which is not necessary equipment of carrier sense which as prescribed in Article 49, Clause 14 No. 7 of the Ordinance Regulating Radio Equipment)**



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## Chapter 1 General items

### 1.1 Overview

Among the Specified Low-Power Radio Stations defined in Article 6 of the Regulations for Enforcement of the Radio Law (Revision by Ministerial ordinance No. 62 of Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, 2017) and Notification 42 of Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, 1989 (Revision by Notification No. 285 of Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, 2017), this standard specifies the telemeter, telecontrol and data transmission radio equipment that is not necessary equipment of carrier sense specified in Article 49, Clause 14 No. 7 of the Ordinance Regulating Radio Equipment. (Revision by Ministerial ordinance No. 99 of Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, 2020)

### 1.2 Scope of application

A telemeter, telecontrol and data transmission radio equipment consists of radio equipment, data processing equipment and power supply equipment as shown in Figure 1-1. This standard specifies the technical requirements of the radio equipment.

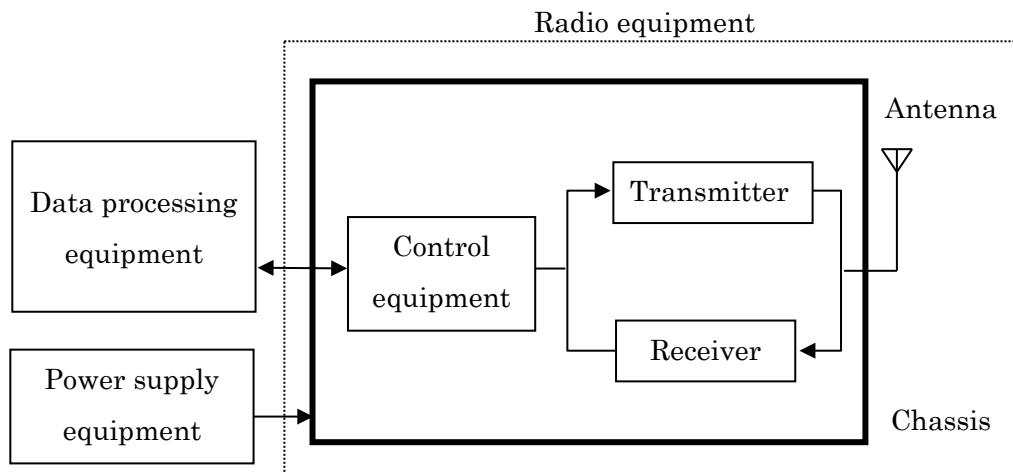


Figure 1-1 Structure of telemeter, telecontrol and data transmission radio equipment

### 1.3 Reference document

In this standard, 'RL' refers to the Radio Law, 'RERL' refers to the Regulations for Enforcement of the Radio Law, 'ORE' refers to the Ordinance Regulating Radio Equipment, 'OTRCC' refers to the Ordinance Concerning Technical Regulations Conformity Certification etc. of Specified Radio Equipment, 'OCTF' refers to the Ordinance Concerning Terminal Facilities Etc. and 'NT' refers to a Notification of the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications before 2000 or a Notification of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications after 2001.

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#### Note

Refer to appendix Table 1 for the representative wireless facilities prescribed with Part 2 and Part 3. The radio equipment of 1mW or less without carrier sense, which was specified in the second volume of ARIB STD-T108 Version1.3, is specified in the Part 2.

## Chapter 2 Overview of the standard system

### 2.1 Standard system

Standard systems are categorized into a short range communication system and an active tag system. In the following section these systems are described respectively.

#### 2.1.1 Structure of the standard system

##### (1) Short range communication system

The standard system of a short range communication consists of plural radio stations as shown in Figure 2-1.

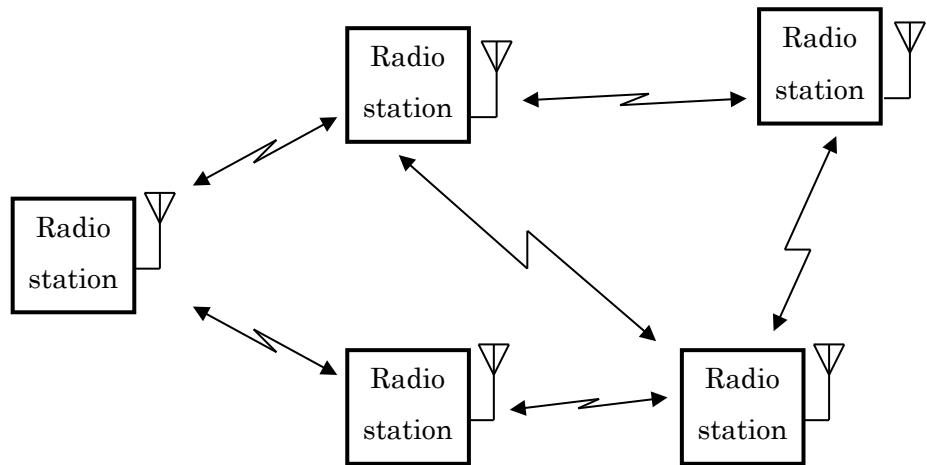


Figure 2-1 Structure of a standard short range communication system

In this system, radio stations are connected each other and construct a network. In this network, both of peer to peer communication and broadcast communication are possible. Besides, not only direct transmission but also multi hop transmission is possible.

## (2) Active tag system

The standard system of active tags consists of a reader / writer and plural active tags as shown in Figure 2-2.

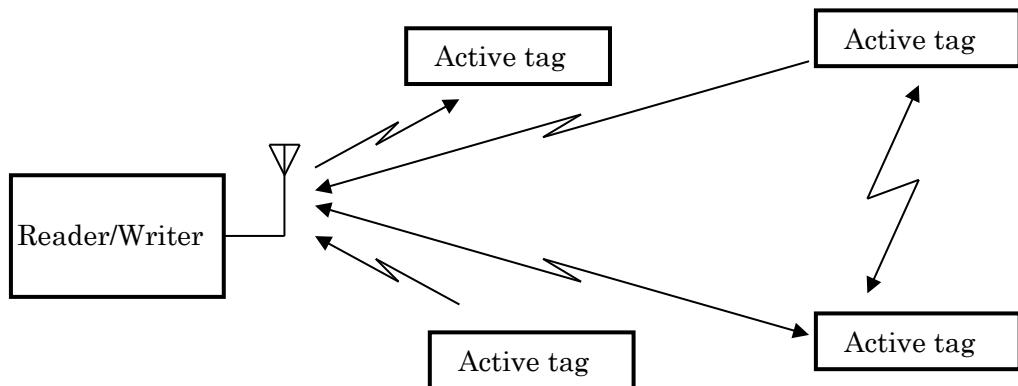


Figure 2-2 Structure of a standard active tag system

In this system, one way or two way transmission between an active tag and a reader/writer or between active tags in arbitrary timing is possible.

### 2.1.2 Operation of the standard system

#### (1) Short range communication system

Short range communication system is a short-range and low rate wireless PAN (Personal Area Network) system with the purpose of low power consumption and low cost implementation such as IEEE802.15.4 which is an existing standard in USA.

Wi-SUN etc. used in smart meters and various IoT (Internet of Things) networks is as an example of the low rate wireless PAN system using IEEE802.15.4.

Moreover, various standards have been proposed in recent years as LPWA (Low Power Wide Area) having high coverage area at lower power consumption and these are also included as a part of the short range communication system.

It is supposed to be used for home security, safety and security of children and elder people, personal healthcare, home and building control, factory automation and monitoring, hospital management, auto meter reading and outdoor monitoring on the network consisting of wireless sensor nodes and/or wireless actuator nodes which control various kinds of equipment

## (2) Active tag system

The active tag system is a system that is able to emit a radio signal autonomously by using energy stored within itself such as battery. In comparison with passive tag system whose reader/writer needs large output power to activate a tag, the active tag system can reduce the output power and extend the communication area to the wide range.

Most of the existing active tag systems in Japan use 300 MHz band (Specified low power radio station or extremely low power radio station), 400 MHz band (Specified low power radio station) and 2.4 GHz band. 433 MHz band is opened only for international transportation.

Currently most of the domestically existing active tag system is used to transmit a tag ID from an active tag. However, advanced functionalities such as tags with sensor, localization, bi-directional communication, as well as rewriting the information to tag are developing. It is supposed to be used for security support to children on their way, security support in shopping mall, admission control to dangerous area, asset management, management of vehicles and parking lots and process control.

There are passive tag systems in 920 MHz band. In these systems responder (tag) can not emit radio signal autonomously and transmit a response signal by using only power of carrier signal received from the interrogator. These systems are out of scope of this standard. These kind of passive tag systems are specified in ARIB STD-T106 and ARIB STD-T107.

## 2.2 Key parameters and functionality of the standard system

Key parameters and functionality of the standard system are shown in Table 2-1.

As the radio equipment which is not necessary of carrier sense, FH (Frequency Hopping) method and LDC (Low Duty Cycle) method are prescribed.

**Table 2-1 Key parameters and functionality of the standard system**

Item	Parameters and functionality	
Frequency band		<p>FH method: 920.5 MHz or more and 925.1 MHz or less Have a frequency switching function shown in 3.4.1(1).</p> <p>LDC method: 920.5 MHz or more and 923.5 MHz or less The sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour of the transmitter is less than 36 seconds shown in 3.4.1(2)</p>
Permissible Value for Occupied Bandwidth		200 kHz or less
Transmission power		<p>20 mW or less. However, given the radio equipment is housed in a single cabinet and shall not be opened easily, and its EIRP (Note) is 16 dBm or 3 dBm or less (value when applying 20 mW of antenna power to the transmitting antenna having absolute gain of 3 dBi), transmission power of 250 mW or less is allowed.</p>
Transmission method	Contents	Data signal
	Modulation system	Not specified
Antenna gain		<p>3 dBi or less (absolute gain) However, in case EIRP (Note) is more than 16 dBm or 3 dBm (value when applying 20 mW of antenna power to the transmitting antenna having absolute gain of 3 dBi), the excess amount should be reduced by the antenna gain and if it is 16 dBm or 3 dBm, and if it is 16 dBm or 3 dBm or less, it is allowed to fill in the gap by the antenna gain</p>

(Note) EIRP (Equivalent Isotropic Radiated Power) is the value when antenna power is applied to the antenna gain and it includes the deviation of the antenna power.

## Chapter 3 Technical requirements for radio equipment

The standard includes both “national technical criteria (mandatory)” and “private optional criteria”. A regulation and an article providing a legal basis are quoted for the former.

### 3.1 General conditions

#### 3.1.1 Communication method

One-way method, simplex method, duplex method, semi-duplex method or broadcast

#### 3.1.2 Contents of communications

Primarily the signals for telemeter, telecontrol and data transmission system.

#### 3.1.3 Emission class

Not specified.

#### 3.1.4 Operating frequency band

(ORE: article 49-14)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.99, 2020)

FH method: 920.5 MHz or more and 925.1 MHz or less.

LDC method: 920.5 MHz or more and 923.5 MHz or less.

#### 3.1.5 Usage environment condition

Not specified.

### 3.2 Transmitter

#### 3.2.1 Antenna power

(RERL: article 6, NT: No.42, 1989)

(Revised NT: No.305, 2020)

It shall be 20 mW or less.

Moreover, given the radio equipment is housed in a single cabinet and shall not be opened easily, and its EIRP is 16 dBm or less, transmission power of 250 mW or less is allowed. Here, EIRP is the value when antenna power is applied to the antenna gain and it includes the deviation of the antenna power.

## 3.2.2 Tolerance for antenna power

(ORE: article 14)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.162, 2011)

+20%, -80%

## 3.2.3 Radio channel

(ORE: article 49-14)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.99, 2020)

## FH method

Use a unit channel (Center frequencies are located from 920.6 MHz to 925.0 MHz with 200 kHz separation and their bandwidth are 200 kHz, making a total of 23 channels). It shall not use multiple radio channels for transmission at the same time.

## LDC method

Use a unit channel (Center frequencies are located from 920.6 MHz to 923.4 MHz with 200 kHz separation and their bandwidth are 200 kHz, making a total of 15 channels). It shall not use multiple radio channels for transmission at the same time.

The center frequencies of radio channels are shown through Table 3-1 to Table 3-2.

## (1) In the case of FH method

**Table 3-1 Center frequency of radio channel****(Antenna power: 20 mW or less (FH method), Bandwidth: 200 kHz)**

Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)	Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)
24	920.6	36	923.0
25	920.8	37	923.2
26	921.0	38	923.4
27	921.2	39	923.6
28	921.4	40	923.8
29	921.6	41	924.0
30	921.8	42	924.2
31	922.0	43	924.4
32	922.2	44	924.6
33	922.4	45	924.8
34	922.6	46	925.0
35	922.8		

(2) In the case of LDC method

**Table 3-2 Center frequency of radio channel**  
**(Antenna power: 20 mW or less(LDC method), Bandwidth: 200 kHz)**

Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)	Unit channel number	Center frequency (MHz)
24	920.6	32	922.2
25	920.8	33	922.4
26	921.0	34	922.6
27	921.2	35	922.8
28	921.4	36	923.0
29	921.6	37	923.2
30	921.8	38	923.4
31	922.0		

### 3.2.4 Frequency tolerance

(ORE: article 5, attached table No.1)

(NT: No.50, 1988)

(Revised NT: No.533, 2011)

It shall be within  $\pm 20 \times 10^{-6}$ .

However, above rule may not apply in case of using a single unit channel where the bandwidth of the unit channel shall be the bandwidth of the designated frequency band. (Designated Frequency Bandwidth is defined as frequency band width which is equal to the sum of allowable occupied frequency bandwidth and the twice of absolute frequency bandwidth, under the condition that the center frequency of the designated frequency bandwidth is equal to the center frequency of the radio channel.)

### 3.2.5 Modulation method

It shall not be specified.

### 3.2.6 Permissible Value for Occupied Bandwidth

(ORE: article 49-14)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.99, 2020)

It shall be 200 kHz or less.

## 3.2.7 Adjacent channel leakage power

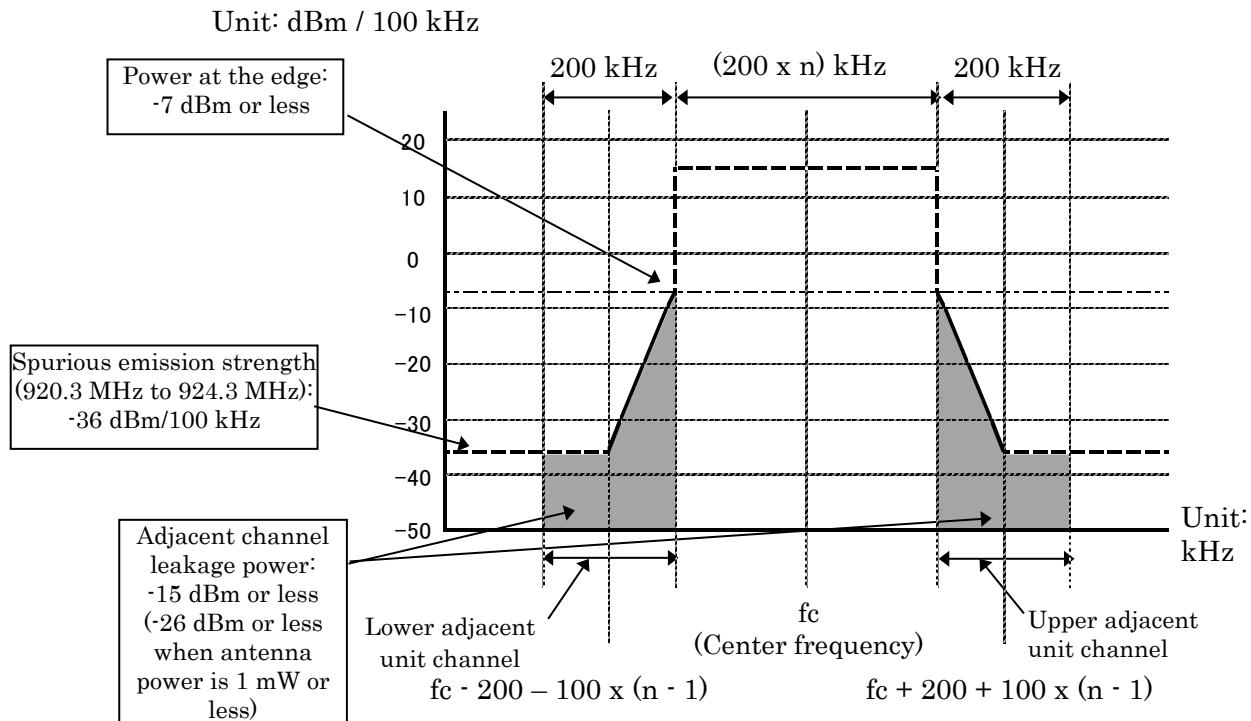
(ORE: article 49-14)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.162, 2011)

(1) Frequency band of signal in use is from 920.5 MHz to 922.3 MHz (Antenna power is 20 mW or less) (24-32 ch)

- i) Spectral power at the edge of a radio channel: It shall be -7 dBm or less.
- ii) Leakage power in unit channel (200 kHz) adjacent to a radio channel: It shall be -15 dBm or less.

However, when it reduces antenna electricity to less than 1 mW, it shall be -26 dBm or less.

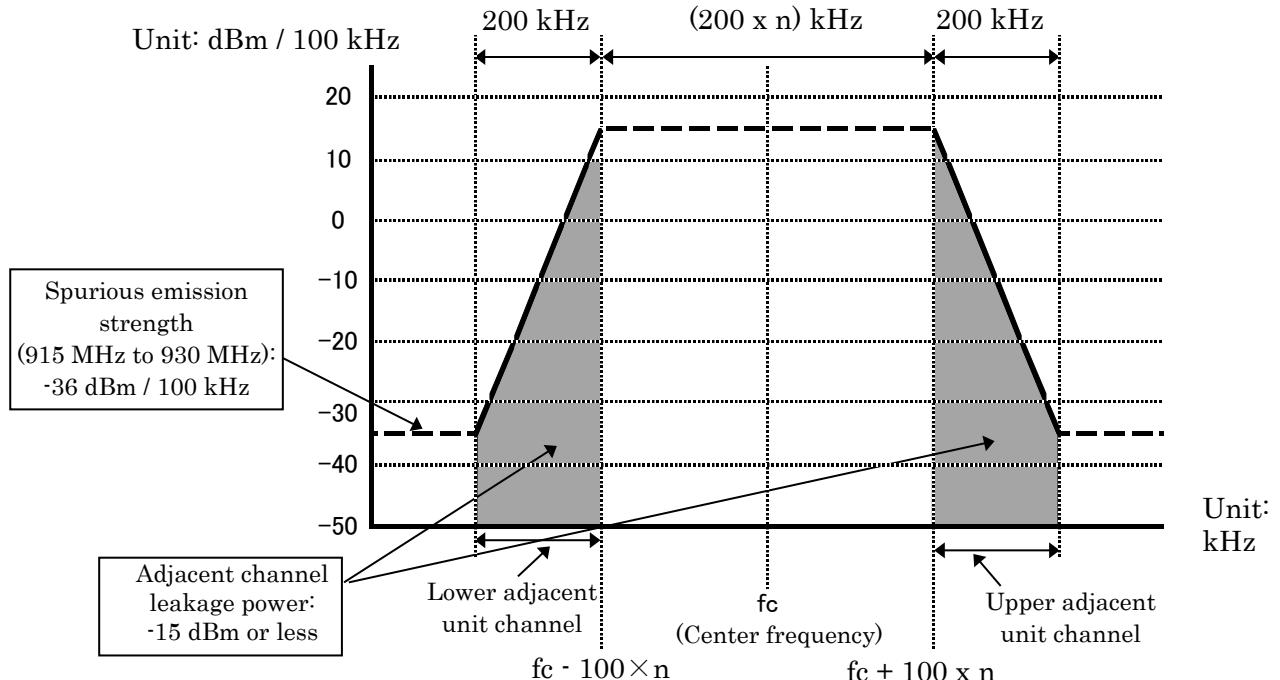


(Note: Center frequency is one of frequencies shown in Table 3-1 and Table 3-2 of 3.2.3 Radio channel and n is a number of unit radio channels and n shall be one at the same time (n = 1).)

Figure 3-1 Channel mask of a radio channel whose frequency is from 920.5 MHz to 922.3 MHz  
(Antenna power is 20 mW or less)

(2) Frequency band of signal in use is from 922.3 MHz to 928.1 MHz. (Antenna power is 20 mW or less.) (33 - 46 ch)

i) Leakage power in unit channel adjacent to a radio channel: It shall be -15 dBm or less.



(Note: Center frequency is one of frequencies shown in Table 3-1 to Table 3-2 of 3.2.3  
 Radio channel and n is the number of unit radio channels and n shall be one  
 at the same time (n = 1).)

**Figure 3-2 Channel mask of a radio channel whose frequency is from 922.3 MHz to 928.1 MHz**

**(Antenna power is 20 mW or less)**

However, EIRP is 16 dBm or less (value applying 20 mW of antenna power to the transmitting antenna having absolute gain of 3 dBi), and when the decrease was supplemented by the gain of the transmitting antenna, the thing that exceeded it than 3 dBi, reduce it than an allowable value determined in (1)-(2).

## 3.2.8 Permissible Values for Spurious Emission / Unwanted Emission Intensity

(ORE: article 7, Attached table No.3-25)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.162, 2011)

Permissible Values for Spurious Emission / Unwanted Emission Intensity at the antenna input shall be less than the value in Table 3-3.

**Table 3-3 Permissible Values for Spurious Emission / Unwanted Emission Intensity  
(Antenna input)**

Frequency band	Spurious emission / Unwanted Emission Intensity (average power)	Reference bandwidth
$f \leq 710 \text{ MHz}$	-36 dBm	100 kHz
$710 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 900 \text{ MHz}$	-55 dBm	1 MHz
$900 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 915 \text{ MHz}$	-55 dBm	100 kHz
$915 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 930 \text{ MHz}$ (Except for $ f-f_{fc}  \leq (200+100\times n) \text{ kHz}$ . Where $n$ is a number of unit channels constituting the radio channel and is an integer from 1 to 5)	-36 dBm	100 kHz
$930 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 1000 \text{ MHz}$	-55 dBm	100 kHz
$1000 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 1,215 \text{ MHz}$	-45 dBm	1 MHz
$1,215 \text{ MHz} < f$	-30 dBm	1 MHz

However, EIRP is 16 dBm or less (value applying 20 mW of antenna power to the transmitting antenna having absolute gain of 3 dBi), and when the decrease was supplemented by the gain of the transmitting antenna, the thing that exceeded it than 3 dBi, reduce it than an allowable value determined in Table 3-3.

### 3.3 Receiver

Limit on Secondary Radiated Emissions, etc.

(ORE: article 24-16)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.162, 2011)

Limit on Secondary Radiated Emissions shall be value in Table 3-4 or less.

**Table 3-4 Limit on Secondary Radiated Emissions**

Frequency band	Limit on Secondary Radiated Emissions (Antenna input)	Reference bandwidth
$f \leq 710 \text{ MHz}$	-54 dBm	100 kHz
$710 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 900 \text{ MHz}$	-55 dBm	1 MHz
$900 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 915 \text{ MHz}$	-55 dBm	100 kHz
$915 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 930 \text{ MHz}$	-54 dBm	100 kHz
$930 \text{ MHz} < f \leq 1000 \text{ MHz}$	-55 dBm	100 kHz
$1000 \text{ MHz} < f$	-47 dBm	1 MHz

### 3.4 Controller

Controller shall have the functions that comply with the conditions specified in this section described below.

#### 3.4.1 Transmission time control equipment

(ORE: article 49-14, NT: No.49, 1989)

(Revised Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.99, 2020, NT: No.307, 2020)

(1) In case the FH method:

The following conditions shall be satisfied.

- The sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour shall be 720 s or less. In addition, the sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour of each channel shall be 36 s or less.
- It shall stop its the transmission of the specific frequency less than 400 ms after it starts to emit radio wave. In addition, it shall not transmit the radio wave of the same frequency after stopping till it passes 4 s period (It includes transmission with carrier sense prescribed in Part II). Meanwhile, it may transmit of the specific frequency again without waiting 4 s, if it is within 400 ms after its first transmission, and the transmission is finished within 400 ms interval.

## (2) In case the LDC method:

The following conditions shall be satisfied.

a) The sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour shall be 36 s or less, and it shall stop its transmission less than 4 s after it starts to emit radio wave, and it shall wait 50 ms or more for the consecutive transmission. Meanwhile, it may transmit again without waiting 50 ms, if it is within 4 s after its first transmission and the transmission is finished within this 4 s interval .

Table 3-5 and 3-6 show possible combinations of sending control parameters specified by 3.4.1 Transmission time control equipment.

**Table 3-5** Possible combinations of sending control parameters specified by 3.4.1(1) FH method

## FH method

Antenna power <sup>(Note2)</sup>	Applied CH number	Unit CH bandwidth	CH used in a bundle	Carrier sense time	Sending duration	Pause duration	The sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour
20 mW or less	24 - 46	200 kHz	1 ch	None	400 ms or less (Note1)	4 s <sup>(NOTE3)</sup>	720 s or less <sup>(NOTE4)</sup>

(Note1) It may emit again without waiting 4 s, if it is within 400 ms after its first emission. The transmission shall be finished within this 400 ms interval.

(Note2) 250 mW or less is allowed given the radio equipment housed in a single cabinet and shall not be opened easily, and its EIRP is 16 dBm or less. Here, EIRP is the value when antenna power is applied to the antenna gain and it includes the deviation of the antenna power. EIRP is the value when antenna power is applied to the antenna gain and it includes the deviation of the antenna power.

(Note3) It shall stop transmission of the specific frequency less than 400 ms after it starts to emit radio wave. In addition, it shall not transmit the radio wave of the same frequency after stopping until it passes 4 s period.

(Note4) The sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour shall be 720 s or less. In addition, the sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour of each channel (24 - 46 ch) shall be 36 s or less. The sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour shall be the sum of transmission time

over 1 - 61 ch

**Table 3-6** Possible combinations of sending control parameters  
specified by 3.4.1(2) LDC method

LDC method							
Antenna power <sup>(Note2)</sup>	Applied CH number	Unit CH bandwidth	CH used in a bundle	Carrier sense time	Sending duration	Pause duration	The sum of transmission time per arbitrary one hour
20 mW or less	24 - 38	200 kHz	1 ch	None	4 s or less <sup>(Note1)</sup>	50 ms	36 s or less

(Note1) It may emit again without waiting 50 ms, if it is within 4 s after its first emission. The emission shall finish within this 4 s interval.

(Note2) 250 mW or less is allowed given the radio equipment housed in a single cabinet and shall not be opened easily, and its EIRP is 16 dBm or less. Here, EIRP is the value when antenna power is applied to the antenna gain and it includes the deviation of the antenna power. EIRP is the value when antenna power is applied to the antenna gain and it includes the deviation of the antenna power.

### 3.4.2 Interference prevention function

(RL: article 4-3, RERL: article 6-2)

#### FH method

The radio equipment shall automatically transmit / receive identification codes.

It also shall have a function of FH method to show in 3.4.1(1).

#### LDC method

The radio equipment shall automatically transmit / receive identification codes.

It also shall have a function of LDC method to show in 3.4.1(2).

### 3.5 Cabinet

(ORE: article 49-14)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.66, 2008)

The high frequency circuit and modulation modules except for antenna shall be structured not to be opened easily.

### 3.6 Connection to telecommunication circuit

(OCTF: article 9, NT: No.310, 2020)

Radio equipment shall satisfy the following conditions.

(1) It shall have identification code which shall be 32 bits length or more.

(2) Except for particular case which is defined outside of the specification, it shall make decision if channel is used or not before using that channel. Only if that decision is "channel is not used", it can set a communication path on its channel.

### 3.7 Antenna

(ORE: article 49-14)

(Ministerial ordinance of MIC No.66, 2008)

Antenna gain 3 dBi or less (absolute gain)

However, in case EIRP is more than 16 dBm or 3 dBm (value when applying the antenna power set forth in 3.2(1) to the transmitting antenna having absolute gain of 3 dBi), the excess amount should be reduced by the antenna gain, and if it is 16 dBm or 3 dBm or less, it is allowed to fill in the gap by the antenna gain. Here, EIRP is the value when antenna power is applied to the antenna gain and it includes the deviation of the antenna power.

## Chapter 4 Measurement methods

TELEC-T245, which is established based on Notification No. 88-2 of MIC by Telecom Engineering Center, shall be applied. If the other method is specified by Notification of MIC or others, it shall be also applied.



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## Appendix Operational rule

### 1 Overview

#### 1.1 Purpose

These guidelines aim to avoid undesired interference to other neighboring wireless systems, to effectively utilize frequency resource and to guarantee user's convenience when a user operates 920 MHz-band convenience radio stations or specified low-power radio stations for telemeter, telecontrol and data transmission (these are abbreviated to "convenience radio stations" and "specified low-power radio stations" respectively in the following sentences).

#### 1.2 Scope of Application

These guidelines are directed to users, manufacturers, sellers, constructors, operators and maintenance persons.

#### 1.3 Target Systems

These guidelines target following systems: 920 MHz-band telemeter, telecontrol and data transmission radio equipment (ARIB STD-T108).

Table S-1 shows the typical radio equipment specified in ARIB STD-T108 Part 1 to 3.

**Table S-1 Representative Radio facilities in prescribed each Part**

Antenna power	Carrier sense	Frequency	ARIB STD-T108
250 mW or less	Necessary	920.5 MHz or more and 923.5 MHz or less 24 - 38 ch	Part 1
20 mW or less	Necessary	920.5 MHz or more and 928.1 MHz or less 24 - 61 ch	Part 2
20 mW or less	Unnecessary (FH method)	920.5 MHz or more and 925.1 MHz or less 24 - 46 ch	Part 3
20 mW or less	Unnecessary (LDC method)	920.5 MHz or more and 923.5 MHz or less 24 - 38 ch	Part 3
1 mW or less	Unnecessary	915.9 MHz or more and 916.9 MHz or less 922.3 MHz or more and 929.7 MHz or less 1 - 5 ch, 33 - 77 ch	Part 2

## 2 Interference Avoidance Method

### 2.1 Channel Assignment

Radio stations targeted in this standard shares 920 MHz-band with STD-T106 (920 MHz-band RFID equipment for premises radio station) or STD-T107 (920 MHz-band RFID equipment for specified low power radio station) radio stations. In an effort to avoid interference with those radio stations, this standard specifies the following channel assignment.

#### 2.1.1 915.9 MHz to 916.9 MHz

Internationally circulating radio stations with its antenna power 1 mW or less shall exclusively use this band.

#### 2.1.2 920.5 MHz to 922.3 MHz

As is described in Part 1 3.4.1-(1) and Part 2 3.4.1-(1), radio stations shall conform to the technical rules specified in STD-T106 (high power passive tag readers in land mobile station) and STD-T107 (low power passive tag readers), and in addition, shall conduct carrier sense for 128  $\mu$ s or more before retransmission even if that retransmission is within 4 s after having completed carrier sense for not less than 5ms. If a radio station uses a portion of this band as part of the bundled unit channels, it shall also conform to the rules specified above. Alternatively, it shall be as specified in Part 3 3.4.1.

#### 2.1.3 922.3 MHz to 929.7 MHz

Radio stations must conform to the rules specified in Part 1 3.4.1-(2), Part 2 3.4.1-(2) and Part 3 3.4.1 of this standard.

### 2.2 Interference to aeronautical radio systems

Electronic equipment that is prohibited from being activated on aircraft to maintain the safety of aircraft pursuant to the provisions of Civil Aeronautics Act which falls under the radio stations specified in this standard shall have either of the following structures if it is to be carried on aircraft:

- The equipment shall be deactivated by removing the batteries or being switched off
- The equipment shall have a structure such that it cannot be activated without being switched on.

However, it is not necessary for radio equipment assessed using the test procedures described in DO-294 published by the RTCA and confirmed to be free from the risk of interference to have the above-mentioned structures.

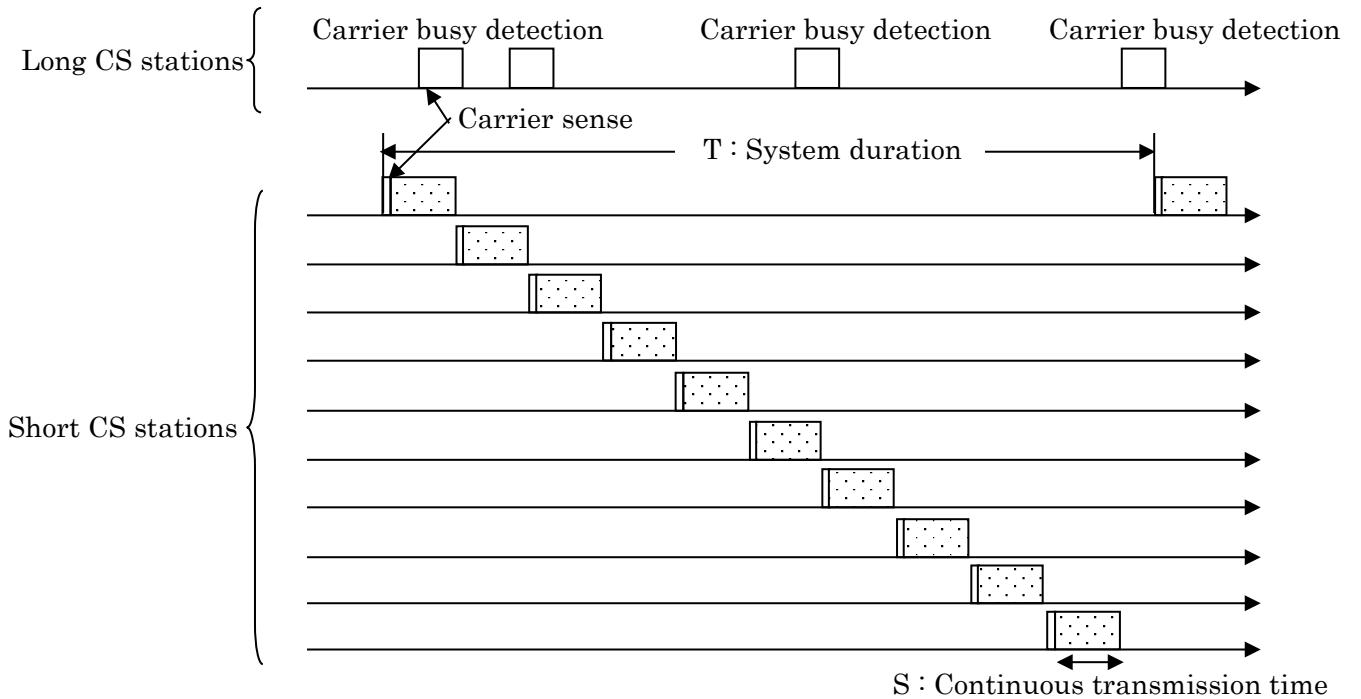
#### Related laws and regulations

- Civil Aeronautics Act Article 73-4
- Ordinance for Enforcement of the Civil Aeronautics Act Article 164-15 Safety impending acts
- Notification No. 1346 of Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (2003): Devices prohibited for use at all times

#### 2.3 Coexistence to systems using different carrier sense times

As specified in this standard, there are two types of radio stations in the 920 MHz- band; short CS stations using carrier sense time of 128  $\mu$ s or more and long CS stations using carrier sense time of 5ms or more. Short CS stations are efficient to have low power consumption with batteries, by means of short data communication with long duration. In this standard, total transmission time of short CS stations shall be 10% or less of duration.

However, as shown in Fig. S-1, there is a possibility that short CS stations within an interference range, in which they affect their carrier senses each other, periodically repeat data transmissions and occupy a channel more than long CS stations. In order to remove the possibility, it is preferable for a system, in which multiple radio stations transmit data periodically and affect their carrier sense with each other, to be designed or operated to have continuous margin time of 5 ms or more.



**Fig. S-1 Time sequence diagram for a case in which short CS stations within an interference range periodically repeat data transmissions and occupy a channel more than long CS stations.**

For example, in the case of Fig. S-1, it is preferable for a system to be designed or operated to satisfy

$$T > (N * S) + 5 \text{ ms}$$

, where  $T$  is system duration,  $N$  is the number of radio stations which affect their carrier sense with each other and  $S$  is averaged continuous transmission time per one radio station.

## 2.4 Recommended operating Practice for 250 mW category stations

### 2.4.1 Interference mitigation

In order to minimize the possible interference, it is strongly recommended especially for 250 mW category stations to operate under its requisite minimum transmission power. To this end, using a directional antenna to ensure the sufficient emission strength with reduced transmission power is a typical preferred practice, in which less transmission power than

allowable maximum value is compensated by antenna gain. In the place where each system sharing same frequency band is operating in close proximity or within limited area, introducing an electromagnetic shield to avoid the mutual interference is also favorable as well.

#### 2.4.2 Interconnection with specified low-power radio stations

Land mobile stations and specified low-power radio stations are mutually interconnected.

#### 2.5 Implementing functionality of frequency channel switch

In case that any possible interference is anticipated between the systems sharing same frequency band, or in place where any frequent interference tends to happen on a specific frequency channel, it is recommended for all category of stations except for 1 mW or less category to implement the channel switch function in automatic manner or even by manual means, so as to select and utilize other channels.

#### 2.6 Operation by the FH method

In the FH method, since transmission is performed without carrier sense, there is a possibility of causing interference to other radio stations as compared with the case of transmitting with carrier sense. In addition, communication may not be possible because the own station transmits even while other radio stations are transmitting. Therefore, consider it a matter of the following when you manage it by FH method.

- a) It is recommended for having as much as possible multi hopping channels. It is desirable that the use of each channel is not biased to the duty to a particular channel.
- b) It is recommended to select the hopping channels randomly, and that the channels used are not biased and are averagely used.
- c) In consideration of the influence to the neighboring stations, it is recommended to suppress the traffic. Further, in a system with high traffic, it is recommended to use system with a carrier sense.
- d) It is recommended not to perform frequency hopping by second-order modulation for spread spectrum.

#### 2.7 Operation by the LDC method

In the LDC method, since transmission is performed without carrier sense, there is a possibility of causing interference to other radio stations as compared with the case of transmitting with carrier sense. In addition, communication may not be possible because the

own station transmits even while other radio stations are transmitting. Therefore, when operating with the LDC method, it is desirable to consider the following items.

- a) In consideration of the influence to the neighboring stations, it is recommended to suppress the traffic. Further, in a system with high traffic, it is recommended to use a system with a carrier sense.

### 3 Influence to medical equipment

To avoid the influence to medical equipment, it is desirable to act properly according to the guideline of action described in "Study Report on the Effect of Radio Waves on Medical Devices"(Note1).

(Note1): When issuing version 1.1 of this standard (October 29th, 2017), it indicates the report issued by MIC on March, 2014. However, when it is revised, it indicates the latest version.

### 4 Protection of privacy

For protection of privacy, it is desirable to act properly according to "Guidelines for Privacy Protection with Regard to RFID Tags"(Note2).

(Note2): When issuing version 1.1 of this standard (October 29th, 2017), it indicates the guideline issued by MIC and METI on 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2004. However, when it is revised, it indicates the latest version.

### 5 Radio equipment operates under multiple provisions

The provisions of technical requirements which radio equipment shall follow differs according to its technical conditions such as antenna power and/or frequency channels to use. In this chapter, priorities and correlation among provisions are defined clearly to avoid complicated procedures on certification.

#### 5.1 Type of provision

In this chapter, the "type of provision" means the combination of each parameter which is specified as Table 3-8 in Part 1 (3.4.1 Transmission time control equipment and 3.4.2 Carrier sense), Table 3-18 in Part 2 (3.4.1 Transmission time control equipment and 3.4.2 Carrier sense),

Table 3-5 in Part 3 (3.4.1 Transmission time control equipment and 3.4.2 Interference prevention function), and Table 3-6 in Part 3(3.4.1 Transmission time control equipment and 3.4.2 Interference prevention function).

## 5.2 Radio equipment specified in this chapter

In this chapter, the radio equipment operates under multiple provisions means equipment which Technical Regulations Conformity Certification is granted for more than one type of provisions, and other condition is as described below:

- (1) A radio equipment whose type of provision is designed to be specified upon its shipment or installation.
- (2) A radio equipment whose type of provision is designed to be switched according to the directions from external.
- (3) A radio equipment whose type of provision is designed to be switched according to the directions from the other communication equipment or autonomously.

## 5.3 Operation of the equipment

### 5.3.1 The principle of operation

Radio equipment is required to be designed to operate according to the following principles.

- (1) Never transmit multiple signals simultaneously, except only the case of transmitting signal using multiple consecutive unit radio channels as specified in this standard.
- (2) In transmission operation, the series of operation from the carrier sense to the pause shall be performed in accordance with same type of provision.
- (3) Regardless of the provision under which the transmission operation performed, the amount of sending time shall be determined as the amount of all transmitted duration from 3600 s before starting transmission. However, for the transmission using the channel whose center frequency is 928 MHz or below, the transmitted duration using only the channels whose center frequency is over 928.15 MHz is not required to be accumulated.

### 5.3.2 Clear indication of operation of equipment

When you apply for obtaining Technical Regulations Conformity Certification of equipment which operates under multiple provisions, following parameters shall be clearly indicated.

- (1) In changing a transmitting channel by the channel consist only of unit channels whose center frequency is 928 MHz or less and the channel consist only of unit channels whose

center frequency is 928.15 MHz or more, its sending duration, pause duration, the amount of sending time summed for one hour, carrier sense level and carrier sense time for each frequency range.

- (2) In changing antenna power by 1 mW or less and more than 1 mW and 20 mW or less, its sending duration, pause duration, the amount of sending time summed for one hour, carrier sense level and carrier sense time for each power range.
- (3) In changing a carrier sense time by 5 ms or more, and 128 us or more and less than 5 ms, its frequency range, sending duration, pause duration and the amount of sending time summed for one hour for each carrier sense time. Preferably, annotate that the amount of sending time is accumulated across all the sending time regardless of carrier sense time, or annotate that the amount of sending time summed for one hour never exceeds specified value by equipment configuration.
- (4) In the FH method specified in Part 3, when the channel numbers 47 to 61 are used together after performing the carrier sense specified in Part 2, the transmission frequency range for each Part, the transmission time control Judgment (The sum of transmission time, the pause duration and the sending duration) and carrier sense operation Judgment (Carrier sense level and judgment time) is made by adding all transmission times as the sum of transmission times for operation. Alternatively, it is recommended to clearly indicate that the operation does not exceed the specified sum of transmission times even if all transmission times are added.

### 5.3.3 The example of operating equipment

- (1) The example of transmitting channel No.50 and No.70 by turns.

Radio equipment is operated by following procedures.

- a) Radio equipment checks that the total transmitting time for the past 3600 s in the unit channel No.1 to No.61 is 359.6 s or less.
- b) Radio equipment checks not giving interference to other system in the channel No.50 (200 kHz bandwidth) by carrier sense 128 us or more.
- c) Radio equipment transmits channel No.50 (200 kHz bandwidth) in 400 ms.
- d) Radio equipment waits for 4 s.
- e) Radio equipment transmits channel No.70 (100 kHz bandwidth) in 50 ms.
- f) Radio equipment waits for 50 ms.

- (2) The example of transmitting with 5 ms carrier sense and 128 us carrier sense by turns.

Radio equipment is operated by following procedures.

- a) Radio equipment checks not giving interference to other system in the channel No.32 by carrier sense 5 ms or more.
- b) Radio equipment transmits channel No.32 in 4 s.
- c) Radio equipment checks that the total transmitting time for the past 3600 s in the unit channel No.1 to No.61 is 359.6 s or less.
- d) Radio equipment checks not giving interference to other system in the channel No.33 by carrier sense more than 128 us.
- e) Radio equipment transmits channel No.33 in 400 ms.
- f) Radio equipment waits for 4 s.

(3) The example of transmitting channel No.40 and No.50 by turns in FH method.

Radio equipment is operated by following procedures.

- a) Radio equipment checks that the total transmission time for the past 3600 s in the unit channel No.1 to No.61 is 719.6 s or less and the total transmission time for the past 3600 s in the unit channel No.40 which radio equipment is currently attempting to transmit is 35.6 s or less.
- b) Radio equipment transmits channel No.40 in 400 ms.
- c) Radio equipment waits for 4 s.
- d) Radio equipment checks that the total transmission time for the past 3600 s in the unit channel No.1 to No.61 is 719.6 s or less and the total transmission time for the past 3600 s in the unit channel which radio equipment is currently attempting to transmit is 359.6 s or less.
- e) Radio equipment checks not giving interference to other system in the channel No.50 by carrier sense more than 128 us.
- f) Radio equipment transmits channel No.50 in 400 ms.
- g) Radio equipment waits for 4 s.

#### 5.3.4 Equipment operating by changing operating conditions under the same provision

Equipment is allowed to operate changing its operating conditions such as frequency and consecutive unit channels to use, under the same provision of carrier sense and transmission duration restriction. In this case, the operating condition shall not be changed during the transmission and until the response signal after transmission for which the carrier sense is exempted according to “3.4.3 Skipping carrier sense in a response” is received. Also, in the case of retransmission without pause period according to “3.4.1 Transmission time control equipment”, the operating condition shall not be changed during retransmission.

Some permissible examples are shown as follows.

- (1) Example of changing frequencies under the same provision
  - a) Equipment conducts carrier sense for 128  $\mu$ s or more on unit channels No.33 and 34, to confirm that it is not interfering other systems.
  - b) Equipment transmits for 200 ms or less on unit channels No.33 and 34.
  - c) Equipment receives a response signal which is returned within 5 ms from the destination equipment on unit channels No.33 and 34.
  - d) After taking a certain transmission pause period, equipment conducts carrier sense for 128  $\mu$ s or more on unit channels No. 35 and 36, and confirms that it is not interfering other systems.
  - e) Equipment transmits for 200 ms or less on unit channels No.35 and 36.
  - f) Equipment receives a response signal which is returned within 5 ms from the destination equipment on unit channels No. 35 and 36.
- (2) Example of changing the number of consecutive channels under the same provision
  - a) Equipment conducts carrier sense for 128  $\mu$ s or more on unit channels No.33, 34 and 35 and confirms that it is not interfering other systems.
  - b) Equipment transmits for 100 ms or less on unit channels No.33, 34 and 35.
  - c) After taking a certain transmission pause period, equipment conducts carrier sense for 128  $\mu$ s or more on unit channels No. 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37, and confirms that it is not interfering other systems.
  - d) Equipment transmits for 100 ms or less on unit channels No. 33, 34, 35, 36 and 37.

## 6 Changes on revision up

### 6.1 Updates from ARIB STD-T96 to ARIB STD-T108 v1.0

This standard has been newly established, following the amendment notification of Radio Law on December 14, 2011. This standard is based on ARIB STD-T96, “950 MHz-Band Telemeter, Telecontrol and Data Transmission Radio Equipment for Specified Low Power Radio Station,” the version 1.0 of which was established on June 6, 2008 and revised to the version 1.1 on July 15, 2010.

The deliberation for the amendment of Radio Law and the creation of this standard were undertaken to suffice following requirements.

### 6.1.1 Improvement of usability for active tag system

Except for the channels shared with passive tag systems, the carrier sense time should be unified to 128  $\mu$ s and the pause duration after each transmission should be set to short time such as 2 ms to improve fairness of frame transmission.

To avoid channel monopolization by a particular system, the maximum frame size should be set to requisite minimum and carrier sense should be invoked before each transmission.

Except for the channels shared with passive tag systems, the percentage of the transmission time should be restricted to 10 % to improve shared use of a single channel by multi systems.

By dropping down the transmission power, no carrier sense should be allowed for inexpensive systems without receiver circuit such as a remote controller or a tag system.

### 6.1.2 Sharing with passive tag systems

For the channels shared with passive tag systems, carrier sense time and sending control should be set in consideration of the condition of passive tag systems same as before.

### 6.1.3 Antenna power

950 MHz active tag systems are specified as specified low-power radio stations. Its maximum antenna power is 10 mW. This transmission power is sufficient for a certain amount of application systems but is not insufficient for particular application systems.

For example, there are communication systems between towers of an electrical power line, monitoring systems of a structural object such as a bridge, tunnel or highway and observation systems of environment of mountain area, human behavior or the ecology of wild animals. For many sensor systems in outdoor, a few hundreds mW of transmission power is necessary to achieve a long distance and stable transmission against the influence of shielding by landscape and structural objects. Smart meters or water meters are essential to have a small built-in antenna and are located in poor propagation environment such as inside a pipe shaft or under the ground. So, they get a lot of propagation loss. To compensate these propagation losses, about a few tens or a few hundreds mW of transmission power should be allowable.

In USA or Europe, allowable transmission power is higher than that in Japan. In USA, 1 W of maximum transmission power is specified in FCC. In Europe, 25 mW (ERP) of transmission power for SRD (Short Range Device) is discussed in ETSI. For international cooperation, these spec of transmission power need to be considered for Japanese 920 MHz regulation.

In consideration of above condition, the following is specified for active tag systems.

For long transmission in suburban environment, 250 mW of antenna power which has been specified for passive tag systems is also applied for active tag systems. However, to avoid

interference to LTE, MCA and other low power systems, available channel get to be limited.

In consideration of 25 mW (ERP) of transmission power discussing in ETSI, antenna power is increased to 20 mW from 10 mW assuming 3 dBi antenna in current 950 MHz regulation.

In consideration of international cooperation, channels of 1 mW antenna power are specified in part of 915 MHz - 921 MHz which is common frequency band with USA and Europe and 928 MHz - 930 MHz which is guard band with MCA.

## 6.2 Updates from ARIB STD-T108 v1.0 to ARIB STD-T108 v1.1

This standard has been revised to v1.1 following the amendment notification of Radio Law on September 11th, 2017.

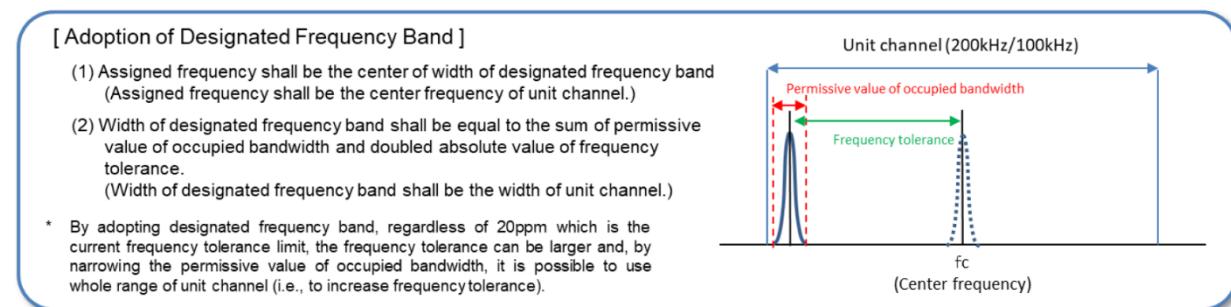
During the discussions for the amendment of Radio Law and for this standard, the following requirements are considered.

### 6.2.1 Use of narrow band frequency

Radio Law and ARIB STD-T108 specify a unit channel as 100 kHz / 200 kHz and the tolerance from center frequency as 20 ppm or less. However, some specifications such as LPWA enhance the frequency utilization efficiency by using extremely narrow band, around 100 Hz.

In order to make use of such narrow band frequencies, it is deregulated to apply designated frequency band with condition of using unit channel of 100 kHz / 200 kHz.

To avoid interference with existing radio stations which use single unit channel or consecutive multiple unit channels, a radio station using narrow band frequency shall conduct a carrier sense across a unit channel of 100 kHz / 200 kHz width.



**Figure S-2 Adoption of designated frequency band**

**(Quoted from a report at Land Mobile Division, Telecommunication Bureau, MIC)**

### 6.2.2 Revision of 1 mW and 20 mW stations

Radio Law and ARIB STD-T108 v1.0 used to specify 20 mW station as “a station with over 1 mW and less than or equal to 20 mW power”. This prevents equipment with 1 mW or less power from using the technical conditions for 20 mW stations, as below;

- 1) Basic condition of active tag: 128  $\mu$ s-CS, 400 ms-transmission, 2 ms-pause, total transmission time 360 s per hour.
- 2) Condition to share with passive tag: 5ms-CS, 4 s-transmission, 50 ms-pause

In order for a station with 1 mW or less power to use the above-mentioned technical conditions, the lower limitation for 20 mW station would be removed. As this may lead to duplicated provisions regarding the former 1 mW station, ARIB STD-T108 clarifies them by using following categories:

- “1 mW or less (with no carrier sense)”: the former “1 mW or less”.
- “20 mW or less (with carrier sense)”: the former “over 1 mW and less than or equal to 20 mW” and old “1 mW or less” with conditions 1) and 2) above.

However, as for a radio channel mask for equipment with 1mW or less power, in case that a carrier sense is required, the radio channel mask for equipment with 20 mW or less power would be applied.

### 6.2.3 Adoption of EIRP method

Radio Law and ARIB STD-T108 specify antenna power of radio equipment and antenna gain respectively. However, it has been allowed to compensate for the loss by increasing antenna gain if the antenna power is lower than the limit.

In this revision, it is mitigated that the loss of poor antenna gain can be compensated for by increasing the antenna power as shown in Figure S-3.

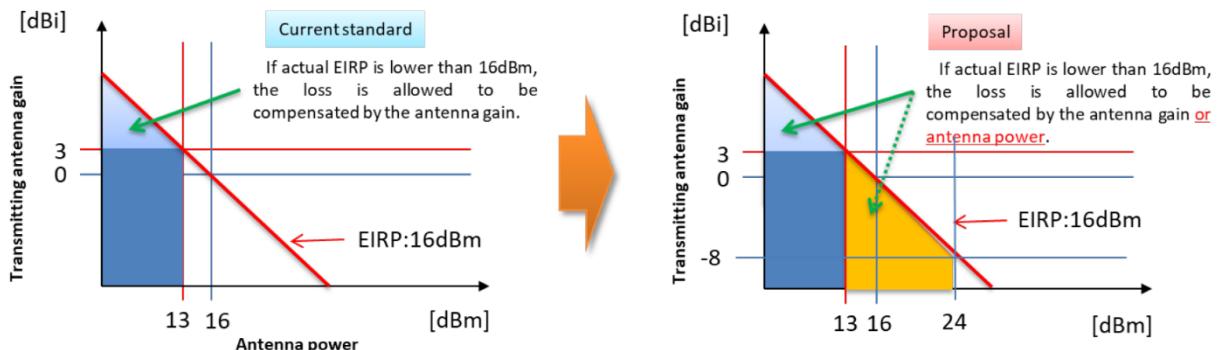


Figure S-3 Adoption of EIRP method

(Quoted from a report at Land Mobile Division, Telecommunication Bureau, MIC)

[EIRP conditions]

20 mW or less: Equivalent isotropic radiated power (antenna power + antenna gain)  $\leq$  16 dBm

1 mW or less: Equivalent isotropic radiated power (antenna power + antenna gain)  $\leq$  3 dBm where an equivalent isotropic radiated power is a sum of transmit antenna gain and antenna power and it includes the tolerance of antenna power.

[Condition to use / Notes]

- Antenna shall be integrated with radio equipment. Therefore, EIRP provision is not applicable to equipment which uses external/removal antennas.
- Maximum antenna power is 250 mW.
- In a test like Technical Regulations Conformity Certification, antenna power and antenna gain are measured separately, the same as before. Especially, when antenna power is operated with more than 20 mW / 1 mW as per mitigation in this revision, it is essential to measure characteristics of antenna gain.

[Adjustment of carrier sense level]

Because reception performance tends to be degraded when low gain antenna is used, the carrier sense level shall be lowered according to the amount of the increase of antenna power, in order to ensure the carrier sense capability within communication area, as shown in Figure S-4.

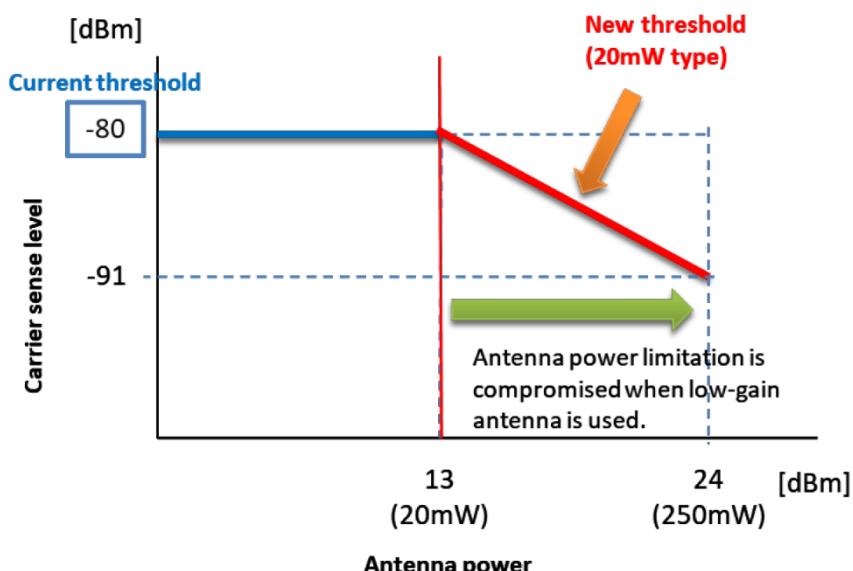


Figure S-4 Adjustment of carrier sense level

### 6.3 Updates from ARIB STD-T108 v1.1 to ARIB STD-T108 v1.2

This standard was revised to version 1.2 for the purpose of smooth operation of LPWA.

#### 6.3.1 Channel extension of land mobile station (250 mW) passive sharing condition

In STD-T108 v1.1, a passive sharing condition (a condition to perform transmission of 4 s or less after 5 ms carrier sense and pause for 50 ms or more after 5 ms carrier sense) is performed on a frequency channel with a center frequency of 920.6 MHz or more and 922.2 MHz or less in order to implement uplink and downlink in the same channel, it was necessary to use a frequency channel with a center frequency of 920.6 MHz or more and 922.2 MHz or less.

However, since this frequency channel is a frequency channel mainly used by the passive tag system, there is a possibility of interference.

To avoid that, the frequency channel that can use the passive sharing condition in the land mobile station is extended to the same center frequency 920.6 MHz or more and 923.4 MHz or less as the ministerial ordinance.

However, for frequency channels with a center frequency of 922.4 MHz or more and 923.4 MHz or less, considering the influence on existing radio stations, the total transmission time per hour shall be 360 s or less. Also, it is desirable not to perform continuous transmission.

#### 6.3.2 Conditions for frequency channel change

In order to improve the utilization efficiency of a system which operates while transiting a plurality of frequency channels, the provision of "pause of 10 times transmission time", which was essential at the time of using a unit channel, is deleted.

In addition, when moving over frequency channels, it is desirable to shift to a channel with a frequency as far as possible, in consideration of the influence on adjacent channels.

### 6.4 Updates from ARIB STD-T108 v1.2 to ARIB STD-T108 v1.3

This standard was revised to version 1.3 following the amendment notification of Radio Law on March 27th, 2019.

#### 6.4.1 Deregulation of transmission time control when using multiple radio channels

In cases when update of firmware with big data size is necessary for some reason such as security reason in mesh topology (multi-hop) network including smart meters, and star topology network, operational issues such as taking much time to update firmware would occur, due to the transmission time restriction.

And in cases with monitoring system for slopes and rivers, usually communicating infrequently, may have problem to fulfill the system purpose when transmission frequency grows during a disaster, due to the transmission time restriction.

Therefore, only limited to systems which uses multiple radio channels by switching channels, and in case when each radio channel in use is not overlapping in the same unit channel, transmission time control would be deregulated as “total transmission time per hour per radio equipment to 720 s or less and total transmission time per hour per radio channel to 360 s or less”.

Upon deregulation, switching radio channels multiple times during usage is to be a prerequisite, in consideration to compensate the interference impact to the radio equipment using single radio channel to almost the same degree as when complying with the traditional total transmission time restriction.

#### 6.5 Updates from ARIB STD-T108 v1.3 to ARIB STD-T108 v1.4

This standard was revised to version 1.4 following the amendment notification of the Ordinance Regulating Radio Equipment on October 30th, 2020.

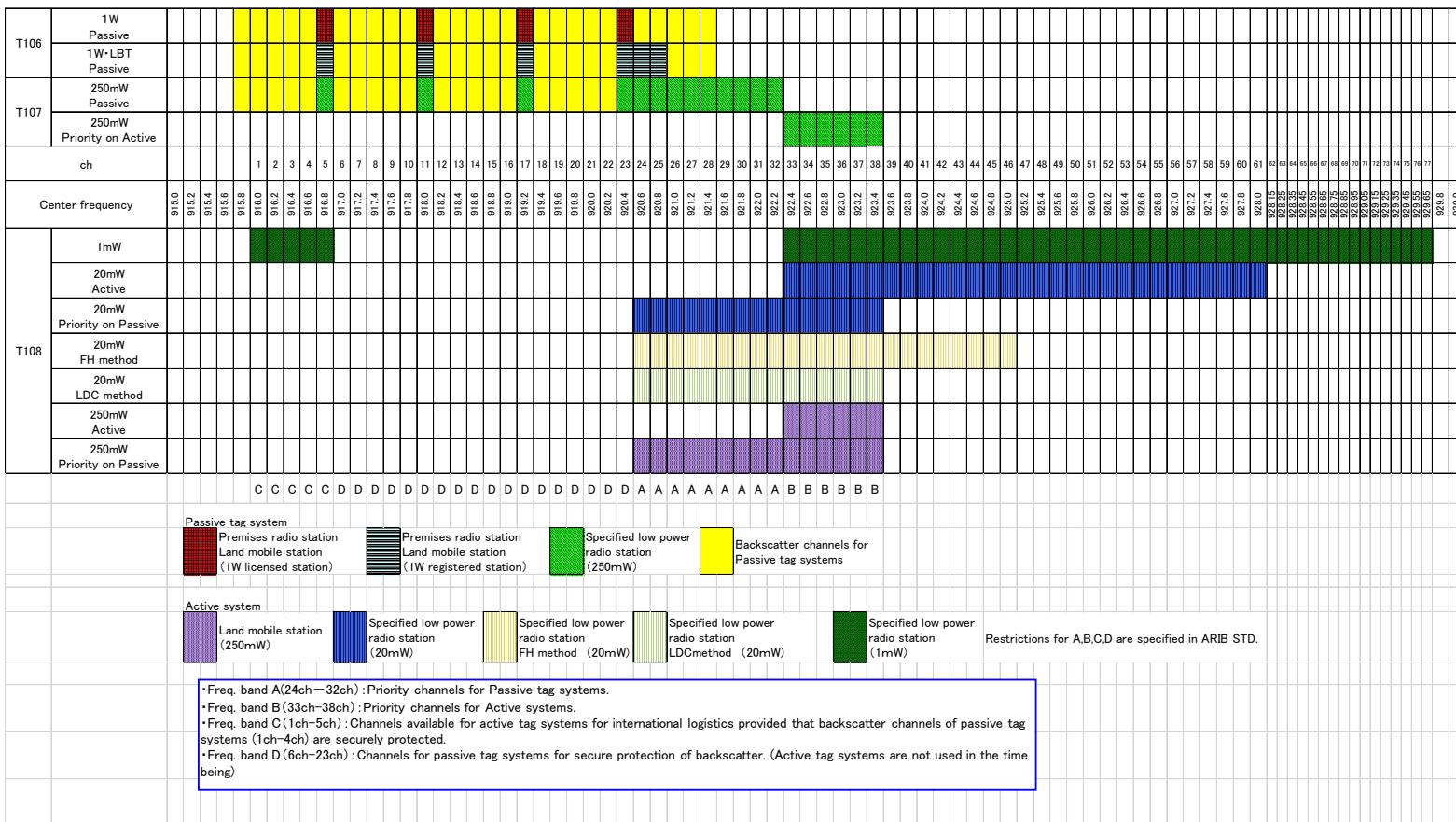
#### 6.5.1 Addition of FH method and LDC method

In the Japan 920 MHz band active low-power system, in order to share frequencies between systems, it is supposed to be equipped with a carrier sense function, while other countries are equipped with frequency hopping and low duty cycles. There is an increasing need to harmonize with. Based on these needs, the FH method and LDC method were introduced as systems that do not require the carrier sense function.

As a result, Regulation established Part 3 to prescribe newly about FH method and LDC method.

## 7 Channel plan for 920MHz-band radio equipment

Figure S-5 shows Channel allocation for 920 MHz-band telemeter, telecontrol and data transmission radio equipment for convenience radio stations and specified low power radio stations (Active system) and 920 MHz-band RFID equipment for premises radio stations and specified low power radio stations (Passive system).



AppendixFigure S-5 Channel plan for 920MHz-band radio equipment



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