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# 1 Scope

## 1.1 References

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- [1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".
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- [3] 3GPP TS 23.041: "Technical realization of Cell Broadcast Service (CBS)".
- [4] 3GPP TS 44.004: "Layer 1; General requirements".
- [5] 3GPP TS 44.006: "Mobile Station - Base Station System (MS - BSS) interface Data Link (DL) layer specification".
- [6] 3GPP TS 45.002: "Multiplexing and multiple access on the radio path".

## 1.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in 3GPP TR 21.905 apply.

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# 2 General description

SMSCB is a service in which short messages may be broadcast from a PLMN to Mobile Stations (MS)s. SMSCB messages come from different sources (e.g. traffic reports, weather reports). The source and subject of the SMSCB message is identified by a message identifier in the SMSCB message header. A sequence number in the SMSCB message header enables the MS to determine when a new message from a given source is available.

SMSCB messages are not acknowledged by the MS. Reception of SMSCB messages by the MS is only possible in idle mode. The geographical area over which each SMSCB message is transmitted is selected by the PLMN operator, by agreement with the provider of the information.

A SMSCB message is an end-to-end message that is formatted by/for the SMSCB application, and which is intended for customer viewing. Its format is described in detail in 3GPP TS 23.041. A CB message is any message sent on the basic or extended CBCH (see 3GPP TS 45.002). It can be an occurrence of a SMSCB message, or a schedule message.

The SMS Cell Broadcast service is designed to minimize the battery usage requirements for a MS. A MS can read the first part of a CB message and then decide whether or not to read the rest of the message. In addition, the network may broadcast Schedule Messages, providing information in advance about the CB messages that will be sent immediately afterwards. The MS may use this scheduling information to restrict reception to those messages the customer is interested in receiving. This SMSCB DRX feature is optional in the network and the MS.

## 2.1 Scheduling Information

The network supporting the SMSCB DRX feature transmits Schedule Messages. A Schedule Message includes information about a number of immediately following consecutive CB messages, planned for that cell. The length of