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Aircraft Earth Stations (AESs)
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Foreword

This Harmonised European Standard (EN) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Satellite Earth Stations and Systems (SES).

The present document has been prepared under the Commission's standardisation request C(2015) 5376 final [i.2] to provide one voluntary means of conforming to the essential requirements of Directive 2014/53/EU on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of radio equipment and repealing Directive 1999/5/EC [6].

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Introduction

The present document is part of a set of standards developed by ETSI and is designed to fit in a modular structure to cover all radio equipment within the scope of the Directive 2014/53/EU [6]. Each standard is a module in the structure. The modular structure is shown in ETSI EG 201 399 [i.1].

The requirements have been selected to ensure an adequate level of compatibility with other radio services.

The present document may not cover those cases where a potential source of interference which is producing individually repeated transient phenomena or a continuous phenomenon is present, e.g. a radar or broadcast site in the near vicinity. In such a case it may be necessary to use special protection applied to either the source of interference, or the interfered part or both.

The present document does not contain any requirement, recommendation or information about the installation of the AES on aircraft.

The determination of the parameters of the AES using a given GeoStationary Orbiting (GSO) satellite for the protection of the spectrum allocated to that satellite, is considered to be under the responsibility of the satellite operator or the satellite network operators.

1 Scope

The present document specifies certain minimum technical performance requirements of Aircraft Earth Station (AES) equipment with both transmit and receive capabilities for provision of aeronautical mobile satellite service, in the frequency bands given in table 1.

Table 1: Frequency bands for the AES equipment specified in the present document

Mode of Operation	Frequency Band
AES transmit	14,00 GHz to 14,50 GHz
AES receive	10,70 GHz to 11,70 GHz
AES receive	12,50 GHz to 12,75 GHz
NOTE: The AESs are operating in one or more frequency ranges of the Fixed and Mobile-Satellite Services.	

The AES has the following characteristics:

- These AESs are equipment for installation on aircraft.
- The AES could consist of a number of modules from the antenna subsystem to the user interfaces.
- The AES uses linear polarization.
- The AES system uses digital modulation.
- The AES operates through a GSO satellite at least 3° away from any other geostationary satellite operating in the same frequency band and covering the same area.
- The antenna of the AES is directional, with means of tracking the satellites, which can be achieved by using either an active phase array or reflective type configuration.
- These AESs are operating as part of a satellite network used for the distribution and/or exchange of information between users.
- These AESs are controlled and monitored by a Network Control Facility (NCF). The NCF is outside the scope of the present document.
- When on the ground, the AES does not transmit at elevation angles below 7º with respect to the local horizontal plane, except at locations where transmissions below 7º are permitted by the local Administration; (the minimum elevation angle is also limited as per clause 4.2).

The technical requirements in the present document are in two major categories:

- **emission limits:** to protect other radio services and systems from harmful interference generated by the AES in normal use;
- **AES Control and Monitoring Functions (CMF):** to protect other radio services and systems from unwanted transmissions from the AES. The CMF in each AES is capable of answering to commands from the Network Control Facility (NCF) for its supporting satellite network.

The present document applies to the AESs with their ancillary equipment and its various ports, and when operated within the boundary limits of the operational environmental profile declared by the manufacturer.

The technical requirements for the AES in regard to the Power Flux Density (PFD) limits to protect Fixed Service (FS) and Radio Astronomy Service (RAS) are based on annexes B and C of Recommendation ITU-R M.1643 [5] and ECC Report 26 [i.4]. Furthermore, in relation to the protection of the Fixed Satellite Service (FSS) the technical requirements of the AES take into account annex A of Recommendation ITU-R M.1643 [5].

The present document is intended to cover the provisions of Directive 2014/53/EU [6] (RE Directive) article 3.2, which states that "*… radio equipment shall be so constructed that it both effectively and supports the use of radio spectrum allocated in order to avoid harmful interference*".