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Abstract

This document contains proposed resolutions to SB1 comment assigned to the author.

R0: CID 7220, discussed February 25, 2016 BRC and text revised.

R1: Added proposed resolution to CIDs 7102, 7121, 7123, 7170 and 7676 after discussion in February 25, 2016 BRC and resolution assignments from MAC comments leader Mark Hamilton. Changed resolution text baseline to REVmc Draft 5.2.

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| 7102 | 1876.39 | 11.40.4 |  | "NOTE 1--Other means to switch the BSS bandwidth are described in 11.42 (Notification of operating mode changes)." -- this note is incorrect. Operating mode changes are not the same as BSS bandwidth changes. | Delete cited note. |  | MAC |

**Discussion**

SB1 CID 7102 on Channel switching methods for a VHT BSS text in Note 1 requests to delete Note 1 because operating mode changes are not relevant to Channel switching methods in a VHT BSS. We agree.

**Proposed Resolution**

Accepted. Make changes under CID 7102 in <this-document>.

Editing instructions are based on REVmc Draft 5.2.

*At [5.2]1911.28 in 11.40.4, delete Note 1.*

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| 7121 | 1346.53 | 10.21.4 |  | "When communicating with a STA that supports global operating classes" - this is an informal condition in a normative statement. | Replace informal condition with condition based on observables. |  | MAC |

**Discussion**

SB1 CID 7121 on Operating with multiple operating classes text, requests to list the conditions that show the other STA supports global operating classes. We agree. Probe Request frames and Authetication Request frames received with a Supported Operating Classes element field with Operating class values that are any of the non-reserved values in Table E-4 Global operating classes indicates that the sending STA has some support for global operating classes.

**Proposed Resolution**

Revised. Make changes under CID 7121 in <this-document>.

Editing instructions are based on REVmc Draft 5.2.

*At [5.2]42.44 in 3.2* **Definitions specific to IEEE Std(#130) 802.11***, insert new definition as follows:*

**global operating class:** an operating class value that is any of the non-reserved values in Table E-4 Global operating classes.

*At [5.2]1346.52 in 10.21.4 Operation with multiple country elements, insert text as follows:*

Probe Request frames and Authetication Request frames received with a Supported Operating Classes element field with any global operating class values indicates that the sending STA supports global operating classes.

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| 7123 | 1675.12 | 11.9.8.3 |  | "each STA in an IBSS is required to detect radar" - it needs to be clear that 802.11 does not create these requirements | Change "is required" to "is required by regulation" |  | MAC |

**Discussion**

SB1 CID 7123 on Selecting and advertising a new channel in an IBSS text, requests to make clear the standard does not require each STA in an IBSS to detect radar, rather regulations in radar bands make the requirement. We agree.

**Proposed Resolution**

Revised. Make changes under CID 7123 in <this-document>.

Editing instructions are based on REVmc Draft 5.2.

*At [5.2]1705.53 in 11.9.8.3, change as shown:*

“In some regulatory domains, each STA in an IBSS is required by regulation to detect radar and …”

*At [5.2]1780.61 in 11.23.6.2, change as shown:*

The TDLS peer STA initiating the switch to the channel where radar detection is required by regulation shall be the DFS owner.

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| 7170 | 743.47 | 9.4.2.19 |  | In some DFS bands it is important to close the channel as quickly as possible, and one means is to indicate well ahead of time the future preferred channel, so STAs know which channel the Master intends to migrate the BSS. The Channel Switch Mode field should also have a value to indicate a future preferred channel switch target channel so if the AP or DFS owner ceases transmission on this channel, the other STAs know where to scan next for the beaconing STA. | See 802.11-15/828r8 proposed resolutions of SB0 CIDs 5969, 5970 and 5972 for the proposed text changes. |  | MAC |

**Discussion**

SB1 CID 7170 on channel switch announcements apply to text defining values for guidance about the next likely channel that a beaconing station will use if it ceases transmission on this channel in a restricted band e.g., the 5 GHz radar bands. For background on restricted bands and client restrictions, see <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/12/11-12-1159-03-00ai-masers-slaves-and-clients.pptx> . In some restricted bands, an unassociated STA can only transmit to achieve association, so it passively scans, choses a STA to associate to, then authenticates and associates. From the moment of first transmission, it operates under the control of the STA it is transmitting to. In an MBSS the Channel Switch Mode field is reserved, consequently new text for giving DFS guidance is required.

**Proposed Resolution**

Revised. Make changes under CID 7170 in <this-document>.

Editing instructions are based on REVmc Draft 5.2.

ANA Resources required: Extended Capabilities bit for DFS Guidance, Public Action Frame for DFS Guidance, dot11StationConfigEntry for dot11DFSGuidanceActivated.

*At [5.2]19.56 in 3.1 Definitions, delete the unused and 802.11y specific definition of restricted channel.*

*At [5.2]42.44 in 3.2* **Definitions specific to IEEE Std(#130) 802.11***, insert new definition as follows:*

**restricted band:** A radio band where regulations require that transmission is restricted to stations (STAs) that transmit Beacon frames and to other STAs that operate under the control of STAs that transmit Beacon frames.

*At [5.2]680.31 Table 9-47 Category values, insert new category action as follows:*

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Code | Meaning | See subclause | Robust | Group addressed privacy |
| <ANA> | DFS Guidance | 11.9.10 | No | No |

*At [5.2]754.36 9.4.2.19 Channel Switch Announcement element, change as shown*: “A~~n AP or an IBSS~~ STA sets the Channel Switch Mode field to ~~either~~ 0, 1 or 2~~1~~ on transmission. In an MBSS, the Channel Switch Mode field is set to either 0 or 2~~reserved.~~ ”

*At [5.2]754.57 Channel Switch Announcement element, insert new text at the end of the sixth para as follows:*

When the Channel Switch Mode value is 2, the Channel Switch Count field is reserved.

*At [5.2]856.37 Table 9-134 Extended Capabilities field, insert new extended capability field as shown:*

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Bit | Information | Notes |
| <ANA> | DFS Guidance | The STA sets the DFS Guidance field to 1 when dot11DFSGuidanceActivated is true and sets it to 0 otherwise. See 11.9.10 DFS Guidance operation. |

*At [5.2]902.48 9.4.2.53 Extended Channel Switch Announcement element, change text as shown:* “The Channel Switch Mode field may have a value of 0 or 2 ~~is reserved~~ in an MBSS.

*At [5.2]902.57 Extended Channel Switch Announcement element, insert new text paragraph after the end of the fifth para as follows:*

When the Channel Switch Mode value is 2, the Channel Switch Count field is reserved.

*At [5.2]1152.13 Table 9-303 Public Action field values, insert new Public Action field and change the Reserved field value accordingly:*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Public Action field value | Description |
| <ANA> | DFS Guidance |
| 3~~2~~5—255 | Reserved |

*At [5.2]1269.58 in 9.6 Action Frame format details, insert text as follows:*

9.6.24 DFS Guidance Action field format

The DFS Guidance Action frame uses the Action frame body format and is transmitted to guide STAs about the likely future channel if the sending STA change channels of operation. The format of the DFS Guidance Action field is shown in Figure 9-734a (DFS Guidance frame Action field format).

|  |  |
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| Category | Channel Switch Announcement frame Action field |

Octets 1 variable

**Figure 9-734a—DFS Guidance frame Action field format**

The Category field is defined in 9.4.1.11 (Action field).

The Channel Switch Announcement frame Action field is as defined in 9.6.2.6 (Channel Switch Announcement frame format), excluding the Category field defined therein.

The DFS Guidance procedure is defined in 11.9.10 (DFS Guidance operation).

*At [5.2]1699.29 in 11.9.1 DFS procedures, General, change text as shown:*

A STA shall use the DFS procedures defined in 11.9.1 (General) to 11.9.9 (Channel Switch Announcement element operation) if dot11SpectrumManagementRequired is true.

A STA shall use the DFS procedures defined in 11.9.10 (DFS Guidance operation) if dot11SpectrumManagementRequired and dot11DFSGuidanceActivated are true.

*At [5.2]1699.51 11.9.1 DFS procedures, General, insert new text as follows:*

* Guiding STAs about the likely future channel should the AP leave this channel (see 11.9.10 (DFS Guidance operation))

*At [5.2]1704.55, 11.9.8.2 Selecting and advertising a new channel in a non-DMG infrastructure BSS third para, change text as shown:* “element to 1. When dot11DFSGuidanceActivated is true, a STA may inform STAs that the channel switch target is in the future by

– setting the Channel Switch Mode field in the Channel Switch Announcement element of a DFS Guidance Action frame to 2,

– including a likely future channel number in the New Channel Number field and

– setting the Channel Switch Count field to 255.

A Channel Switch Announcement element with a Channel Switch Mode value of 2 shall not be in unicast frames addressed to a STA that does not indicate the dot11DFSGuidanceActivated capability. The likely future channel might change before a channel switch announcement with a mode value of 0 or 1 is sent on a channel. Once a channel switch announcement with a mode value of 0 or 1 is sent on a channel, channel switch announcements with a mode value of 2 shall not be sent on that channel until after the channel switch is completed.”

*At [5.0]1706.21, 11.9.8.3 Selecting and advertising a new channel in an IBSS eighth paragraph, change text as shown:* “not be a suitable channel. When dot11DFSGuidanceActivated is true, a STA may inform STAs that the channel switch target is in the future by

– setting the Channel Switch Mode field in the Channel Switch Announcement element of a DFS Guidance Action frame to 2,

– including a likely future channel number in the New Channel Number field and

– setting the Channel Switch Count field to 255.

A Channel Switch Announcement element with a Channel Switch Mode value of 2 shall not be in unicast frames addressed to a STA that does not indicate the dot11DFSGuidanceActivated capability. The likely future channel might change before a channel switch announcement with a mode value of 0 or 1 is sent on a channel. Once a channel switch announcement with a mode value of 0 or 1 is sent on a channel, channel switch announcements with a mode value of 2 shall not be sent on that channel until after the channel switch is completed.”

*At [5.2]1707.49, Initiating MBSS channel switch third paragraph, change text as shown:* “The Channel Switch Mode field shall be set to 0 or 2~~reserved.~~

*At [5.2]1707.53, Initiating MBSS channel switch before the fourth paragraph on Mesh Channel Switch Parameters, insert text as follows:*

When dot11DFSGuidanceActivated is true, a mesh STA may inform peer mesh STAs that the channel switch target is in the future by

– setting the Channel Switch Mode field in the Channel Switch Announcement element of a DFS Guidance Action frame to 2,

– including a likely future channel number in the New Channel Number field and

– setting the Channel Switch Count field to 255.

A Channel Switch Announcement element with a Channel Switch Mode value of 2 shall not be in unicast frames addressed to a STA that does not indicate the dot11DFSGuidanceActivated capability. The likely future channel might change before a channel switch announcement with a mode value of 0 is sent on a channel. Once a channel switch announcement with a mode value of 0 is sent on a channel, channel switch announcements with a mode value of 2 shall not be sent on that channel until after the channel switch is completed.”

*At [5.2]1710.36, before 11.10 Extended channel switching, insert text as follows:*

11.9.10 DFS Guidance operation

This subclause defines a mechanism to create, communicate and act on the DFS Guidance Public Action frame.

When dot11DFSGuidanceActivated is true, a STA shall follow these procedures for DFS Guidance operation.

A STA transmitting Beacon frames transmits the DFS Guidance frame to other STAs using a Public Action frame.

The DFS Guidance Action field contains a Category field for DFS Guidance followed by the contents of the Channel Switch Announcement Action frame excluding a Category field, from the Spectrum Management Action field to the end of the Channel Switch Announcement Action frame body.

When dot11DFSGuidanceActivated is true, a STA informs other STAs that the channel switch target is in the future by

– setting the Channel Switch Mode field in the Channel Switch Announcement element of a DFS Guidance Action frame to 2,

– including a likely future channel number in the New Channel Number field and

– setting the Channel Switch Count field to 255.

A Channel Switch Announcement element with a Channel Switch Mode value of 2 shall not be in unicast frames addressed to a STA that does not indicate the dot11DFSGuidanceActivated capability.

A non-AP STA in an infrastructure BSS shall not transmit the DFS Guidance Public Action frame. A STA not transmitting Beacon frames in an IBSS shall not transmit the DFS Guidance Public Action frame.

A STA receiving the DFS Guidance Public Action frame shall retain the information until it receives another DFS Guidance Public Action frame from the same STA, it receives a Channel Switch Announcement element with a Channel Switch Mode field value that is not 2 from the same STA, or it chooses alternative action. For example, it may choose to move to a different BSS.

*At [5.2]2819.28Table B.4.10 Spectrum management extensions, insert text as follows:*

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Item | IUT configuration | References | Status | Support |
| SM20.10 | Transmission of DFS Guidance Action procedure by a STA | 11.9.10 (DFS Guidance operation) | CFSM:O | Yes  No  N/A  |
| SM20.11 | Reception of DFS Guidance Action procedure by a STA | 11.9.10 (DFS Guidance operation) | CFSM:O | Yes  No  N/A  |

*At [5.2]2953.62 in Dot11StationConfigEntry, change text as follows:*

dot11VHTExtendedNSSBWCapable TruthValue,

dot11DFSGuidanceActivated TruthValue

*At [5.2]2975.03 at the correct place in the dot11StationConfigEntry table, insert text as follows:*

dot11DFSGuidanceActivated OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX TruthValue

MAX-ACCESS read-write

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"This is a control variable.

It is written by an external management entity or the SME. Changes

take effect as soon as practical in the implementation.

This attribute, when true, indicates the capability of the STA to support

DFS guidance procedures is enabled. The capability is disabled otherwise."

DEFVAL {false}

::= { dot11StationConfigEntry <ANA> }

*At [5.2]3435.55 in dot11SMTbase13 after the last named object, change text to add dot11DFSGuidanceActivated as shown:*

dot11EstimatedServiceParametersOptionImplemented,

dot11DFSGuidanceActivated

}

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| 7220 | 743.26 | 9.4.2.19 |  | It is not clear whether a STA that receives a Channel Switch Mode of 1 ("shut up immediately") may continue to transmit to devices outside the BSS.  Perhaps not in a non-DMG infraBSS ("The AP may force STAs in the BSS to stop transmissions until the channel switch takes place by setting the Channel Switch Mode field in the Channel Switch Announcement element to 1.", and more weakly "The AP may request STAs in the BSS to stop transmissions until the channel switch takes place by setting the Extended  Channel  Switch  Mode  field  to  1  in  the  Extended  Channel  Switch  Announcement  element.") but yes in an IBSS ("The DFS owner may attempt to silence STAs in the IBSS until the channel switch takes place using the Channel Switch Mode field in the Channel Switch Announcement element." and " An IBSS STA may treat a Channel Switch Mode field equal to 1 as advisory") or a DMG BSS ("A [DMG] STA may ignore the Channel Switch Mode field", though this is contradicted by "If a STA in a BSS that is not an IBSS receives a Channel Switch Mode field that has the value 1, it shall not transmit any more frames to STAs in the BSS until the scheduled channel switch occurs.")? | Use clearer wording to express what appears to be the intent: non-DMG infra STA shall shut up, DMG or IBSS STA may continue to babble. |  | MAC |

**Discussion**

SB1 CID 7220 on channel switch announcement description text notes the contradiction that STAs that are not DFS owners in DFS bands should follow control elements from the DFS owner or leave the BSS. Commenter asks after receipt of Channel Switch Mode value of 1, can a STA continue to transmit to devices outside the BSS? For background on restricted bands and client restrictions, see <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/12/11-12-1159-03-00ai-masers-slaves-and-clients.pptx> . We propose clearer wording to express that receipt of a Channel Switch Announcement with Channel Switch Mode value of 1, a non-DMG infrastructure STA shall not transmit, but a DMG or IBSS STA are not constrained.

**Proposed Resolution**

Revised. Make changes under CID 7220 in <this-document>.

Editing instructions are based on REVmc Draft 5.2.

*At [5.2]1706.34 11.9.8.3 Selecting and advertising a new channel in an IBSS, change as shown:*

“The DFS owner may attempt to silence STAs in the IBSS until the channel switch takes place using the Channel Switch Mode field in the Channel Switch Announcement element. An IBSS STA may ignore the Channel Switch Mode field and either cease transmissions or attempt new transmissions in the operating channel until the channel switch occurs.”

*At [5.2]1709.29 11.9.9 Channel Switch Announcement element operation, change as shown:*

“If a non-DMG, non–mesh STA in a BSS that is not an IBSS receives a Channel Switch Mode field that has the value 1, it shall not transmit any more frames ~~to STAs in the BSS~~ until the scheduled channel switch occurs. An IBSS STA may treat a Channel Switch Mode field equal to 1 as advisory.”

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| 7676 | 716.05 | 9.4.1.53 |  | Because of 4.3.13, this table applies to TVHT STAs too unless stated otherwise | Add "non-TVHT" after "VHT" |  | MAC |

**Discussion**

SB1 CID 7676 on the heading of Table 9-74 **Table 9-74—Setting of the Channel Width subfield and Dynamic Extended NSS BW subfield at a VHT STA transmitting the Operating Mode field** notes that it does not apply to TVHT STAs, so the title should be changed. We agree.

**Proposed Resolution**

Accepted. Make changes under CID 7676 in <this-document>.

Editing instructions are based on REVmc Draft 5.2.

*At [5.2]727.01 in 9.4.1.53, change as shown:*

**Table 9-74—Setting of the Channel Width subfield and Dynamic Extended NSS BW subfield**

**at a VHT non-TVHT STA transmitting the Operating Mode field**