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Abstract

This submission proposes resolutions for the following 43 comments submitted during LB 252 for 11bc D1.0:

1087, 1088, 1044, 1554, 1268, 1441, 1601, 1323, 1408, 1260, 1081, 1630, 1318, 1324, 1322, 1321, 1320, 1319, 1583, 1326, 1328, 1329, 1631, 1330, 1331, 1334, 1165, 1336, 1335, 1338, 1356, 1337, 1418, 1584, 1354, 1350, 1034, 1352, 1357, 1386, 1348, 1349, 1037

Revisions:

* Rev 0: Initial version of the document.
* Rev 1:
  + Revised based on feedback from Mark Rison and Stephen McCann. Added as co­-authors
  + Added several CIDs from clause 11 which were getting resolved anyways!
* Rev 2:
  + Several updates to the replay protection logic based on offline and on-call discussions
  + Deleted Replay Protection field and updated text to separately signal Frame Tx Time and Frame Count subfields in EBCS UL frame
    - Added corresponding ‘presence’ indicators to the Control field in the frame
  + Size of Frame Count subfield increased to 48-bits
  + Frame Count subfield is checked for replay protection only if the frame includes Frame Signature field and the verification of Frame Signature is ‘pass’
    - Frame Count is compared against last known (if any) Frame Count value
  + Additional CIDs related to clause 11 are resolved
  + Spec text to clarify that the EBCS UL frame is transmitted by a non-AP STA that is not associated with any AP
    - Addition based on offline discussion with Tomo and Bahar
    - Helps resolve CIDs 1630 & 1631
* Rev 3:
  + Updated based on offline feedback from Mark Rison

Interpretation of a Motion to Adopt

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| **CID** | **Commenter** | **Page** | **Line** | **Clause** | **Comment** | **Proposed Change** | **Resolution** |
| 1087 | Bahareh Sadeghi | 25.00 | 7 | 9.4.2.300.2 | How is the STA is expected to use whether AP does authenticate or not... the STAs are pre-fixed on that behavior and will transmit anyways? | Add clarification -probably in clause 11- how the information about whether the AP authenticates are not may be used by the STA. | **Revised**  Agree with the commenter.  Based on extensive offline discussions with various members, a new subclause was added to clause 4.5 to describe the behavior of an EBCS proxy that sits behind an EBCS AP (also see doc 11-21/0568r4). Such a proxy provides relaying service in which it evaluates certain criteria before relaying the contents of the HLP payload to the specified destination. The description includes discussion on performing source authentication based on client certificate signed by an entity at the specified destination.  Text in clause 9 was updated to remove the field related to advertisement of authentication mode from EBCS Parameter element and the structure of the element was simplified. A bit was added to Extended Capabilities element to signal if the EBCS AP is affiliated with an EBCS proxy that provides relaying service. The cited table in clause 9 was deleted and text in clause 11 was updated accordingly.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1087** |
| 1088 | Bahareh Sadeghi | 25.00 | 13 | 9.4.2.300.2 | what is the benefit of advertising this information by the AP? Whether the STA knows about throttling or not cannot impact its behavior | Please add clarification -probably in clause 11- how the information of whether the AP throttles or not is expected to or may impact STA behavior. | **Revised**  Agree with the commenter.  Based on extensive offline discussions with various members, a new subclause was added to clause 4.5 to describe the behavior of an EBCS proxy that sits behind an EBCS AP (also see doc 11-21/0568r4). An EBCS proxy may limit the number of HLP payload it relays to the specified destination based on local policies or based on relationship with the specified destination. Advertising such information provides little value as the non-AP STA is not required to scan the WM before it transmits an EBCS UL frame (i.e., it is likely that the STA is a transmit only device). Text in clause 9 was updated to remove the field related to advertisement of limiting mode from EBCS Parameter element and the structure of the element was simplified. The cited table in clause 9 was deleted and text in clause 11 was updated accordingly.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1088** |
| 1044 | Albert Petrick | 25.00 | 13 | 9.4.2.300.2 | In Table 9-bc2 for Subfield value equal to zero the Encoding column reads "allows a fix amount or frequency of uplink data..." this sentence is ambiguous. Does the frequency refer to the data rate or frequency band? | Remove ambiguity as commented | **Revised**  The cited table in clause 9 was deleted as a resolution to another comment (CID 1088). A new subclause was added to clause 4.5 to describe the behavior of an EBCS proxy that sits behind an EBCS AP and provides relaying service. Such a proxy may limit the number of HLP payload it relays to the specified destination based on local policies or based on relationship with the specified destination.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1044** |
| 1554 | Tomoko Adachi | 25.00 | 13 | 9.4.2.300.2 | "AP applies no restrictions or allows a fixed amount or frequency of uplink data from a non-AP STA to be forwarded to a remote destination." The first part looks as though there is no restriction on uplink data while the second part seems to say the amount or frequency of uplink data is fixed and there is contradiction. Looking from the definition name and the next definition and its encoding, should this just say that the AP applies no restriction to remote destinations when forwarding uplink data? | Please clarify. | **Revised**  The cited table in clause 9 was deleted as a resolution to another comment (CID 1088). A new subclause was added to clause 4.5 to describe the behavior of an EBCS proxy that sits behind an EBCS AP and provides relaying service. Such a proxy may limit the number of HLP payload it relays to the specified destination based on local policies or based on relationship with the specified destination.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1554** |
| 1268 | Mark RISON | 25.00 | 15 | 9.4.2.300.2 | "such as 15 location, date/time, etc. based on the relationship with the remote destination" is not clear. How can a location or data/time be based on some relationship? | Delete "based on the relationship with the remote destination" from the cited text | **Revised**  Based on extensive offline discussions with various members, a new subclause was added to clause 4.5 to describe the behavior of an EBCS proxy that sits behind an EBCS AP (also see doc 11-21/0568r4).  An EBCS proxy that supports relaying of HLP payload to a specified destination is expected to have a relationship with an entity at the specified destination. Based on the agreement, the proxy will embed information such as location, data/time etc, in the correct format before forwarding the HLP payload to the destination. Different destination may require the AP to embed different type of information in a specific format. This is out of scope of the TGbc standard.  Text in clause 9 (9.4.2.300 (EBCS Parameters element) and 9.6.7.100 (EBCS UL frame)) was updated to remove any description and signaling related to appending metadata. Clause 11 was updated accordingly.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1268** |
| 1441 | Osama Aboulmagd | 26.00 | 5 | 9.4.2.300.3 | Figure 9-bc5 "Embedding What" | Define what is embedding and embedding what | **Revised**  Based on extensive offline discussions with various members, a new subclause was added to clause 4.5 to describe the behavior of an EBCS proxy that sits behind an EBCS AP (also see doc 11-21/0568r4).  An EBCS proxy that supports relaying of HLP payload to a specified destination is expected to have a relationship with an entity at the specified destination. Based on the agreement, the proxy will embed information such as location, data/time etc, in the correct format before forwarding the HLP payload to the destination. Different destination may require the AP to embed different type of information in a specific format. This is out of scope of the TGbc standard.  Text in clause 9 (9.4.2.300 (EBCS Parameters element) and 9.6.7.100 (EBCS UL frame)) was updated to remove any description and signaling related to appending metadata. Clause 11 was updated accordingly.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1441** |
| 1601 | Xiaofei Wang | 26.00 | 9 | 9.4.2.300.3 | it may be better to specify which metadata is included, particularly in the case when an AP just forward the data, without necessarily having agreements with remote server. | consider to add specifications which kind of metadata is reqeusted to be added. | **Revised**  Based on extensive offline discussions with various members, a new subclause was added to clause 4.5 to describe the behavior of an EBCS proxy that sits behind an EBCS AP (also see doc 11-21/0568r4).  An EBCS proxy that supports relaying of HLP payload to a specified destination is expected to have a relationship with an entity at the specified destination. Based on the agreement, the proxy will embed information such as location, data/time etc, in the correct format before forwarding the HLP payload to the destination. Different destination may require the AP to embed different type of information in a specific format. This is out of scope of the TGbc standard.  Text in clause 9 (9.4.2.300 (EBCS Parameters element) and 9.6.7.100 (EBCS UL frame)) was updated to remove any description and signaling related to appending metadata. Clause 11 was updated accordingly.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1601** |
| 1323 | Mark RISON | 54 | 26 | 11.100.3.1 | What if two APs forward, but one appends metadata and the other not? | As it says in the comment | **Revised**  Based on extensive offline discussions with various members, a new subclause was added to clause 4.5 to describe the behavior of an EBCS proxy that sits behind an EBCS AP (also see doc 11-21/0568r4).  An EBCS proxy that supports relaying of HLP payload to a specified destination is expected to have a relationship with an entity at the specified destination. Based on the agreement, the proxy will embed information such as location, data/time etc, in the correct format before forwarding the HLP payload to the destination. Different destination may require the AP to embed different type of information in a specific format. This is out of scope of the TGbc standard.  Text in clause 9 (9.4.2.300 (EBCS Parameters element) and 9.6.7.100 (EBCS UL frame)) was updated to remove any description and signaling related to appending metadata. Clause 11 was updated accordingly.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1323** |
| 1408 | Michael Montemurro | 35.00 | 35 | 9.6.7.100 | I don't understand why the same eBCS action frame cannot be used for either an UL or a DL eBCS transmission. Since the traffic is proxied by the AP, the same frame can be used for either UL or DL. | Change "UL eBCS frame" to "eBCS frame" and adjust the requirements to allow the frame to be used for either DL or UL. | **Rejected**  It is easier and cleaner to describe the operation with respect to a particular frame type and its content. |
| 1260 | Mark RISON |  |  | 9.4.2.300.1 | There are references to "the packet" but it is not clear what this is referring to | Change "the packet" to "a frame" at 24.8, "the packet" to "the frame" at 26.15, "packet" to "frame" at 37.12, 37.14, 55.24, 56.7 | **Revised**  Most references to packet were fixed in D1.02. There were two remaining references to ‘packet’. Both instances are fixed (a NOTE containing one of them is deleted while the other instance is fixed as EBCS UL frame).  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1260** |
| 1081 | Antonio DeLaOlivaDelgado | 54 | 24 | 11.100.3 | The eBCS UL service as currently defined is: "The eBCS UL Service procedure allows a non-AP STA to transmit an UL frame with the expectation that one or more eBCS APs in the neighborhood might forward the contents of the frame to a remote destination specified in the frame." So it excludes UL broadcasting of information without the intent of APs adding information to it. | I think we should create two different services, one for UL with embedded information and a "normal" UL service for just broadcasted packets from STA to AP. | **Revised**  Based on extensive offline discussions with various members, a new subclause was added to clause 4.5 to describe the behavior of an EBCS proxy that sits behind an EBCS AP (also see doc 11-21/0568r4).  An EBCS proxy that supports relaying of HLP payload to a specified destination is expected to have a relationship with an entity at the specified destination. Based on the agreement, the proxy will embed information such as location, data/time etc, in the correct format before forwarding the HLP payload to the destination. Different destination may require the AP to embed different type of information in a specific format. This is out of scope of the TGbc standard.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1081** |
| 1630 | Yongho Seok | 54 | 24 | 11.100.3.1 | "The eBCS UL Service procedure allows a non-AP STA to transmit an UL frame with the expectation that one or more eBCS APs in the neighborhood might forward the contents of the frame to a remote destination specified in the frame." Only associated non-AP STA can transmit a Data frame to an AP STA. Please clarify that the non-AP STA is an associated STA. | As in comment. | **Revised**  The EBCS UL frame is a Management frame that an EBCS non-AP STA sends to broadcast address. Updated the text to clarify that an EBCS non-AP STA that is not associated with any AP transmits an EBCS UL frame with the expectation that it will be delivered to the specified destination.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1630** |
| 1318 | Mark RISON | 54 | 25 | 11.100.3.1 | The baseline term seems to be BSA (basic service area) | Change "the neighborhood" to "its BSA" | **Accept** |
| 1324 | Mark RISON | 54 | 26 | 11.100.3.1 | Per the previous sentence, >1 AP might forward | Change "forwarding AP" to "forwarding AP(s)" | **Revised**  The cited sentence was deleted as a resolution to other CIDs (1268, 1601, 1441, 1323). No further changes are needed to resolve this comment. |
| 1322 | Mark RISON | 54 | 26 | 11.100.3.1 | This is more of a "can", not a "may", here | As it says in the comment | **Revised**  The cited sentence was deleted as a resolution to other CIDs (1268, 1601, 1441, 1323). No further changes are needed to resolve this comment. |
| 1321 | Mark RISON | 54 | 27 | 11.100.3.1 | The last two sentences should be a NOTE | As it says in the comment | **Revised**  Agree with the comment. The cited sentence is converted to a NOTE. The second sentence was deleted as a resolution to other CIDs (1268, 1601, 1441)  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1321** |
| 1320 | Mark RISON | 54 | 29 | 11.100.3.1 | "embed metadata" is a new concept | Change to "append additional information" | **Revised**  The cited sentence was deleted as a resolution to other CIDs (1268, 1601, 1441). No further changes are needed to resolve this comment. |
| 1319 | Mark RISON | 54 | 29 | 11.100.3.1 | "identified in the STA's UL frame" is too specific for a general subclause and duplicates line 26 | Delete the cited text | **Revised**  The cited sentence was simplified to say that the relaying service is best effort and the HLP payload may not be delivered to the specified destination.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1319** |
| 1583 | Tomoko Adachi | 54 | 29 | 11.100.3.1 | "Furthermore, a STA's request to embed metadata might not be fulfilled by a forwarding AP." Can't it be more reliable? Say, if the AP declares the capability that it can embed metadata, the AP shall be responsible when the STA requests to do so. Or, is this covered in the third para in 11.100.3.2? If so, the sentence should be revisited to avoid misunderstanding. | As in comment. | **Revised**  The cited sentence was deleted as a resolution to other CIDs (1268, 1601, 1441). No further changes are needed to resolve this comment. |
| 1326 | Mark RISON | 55 | 1 | 11.100.3.2 | What is the difference between "supporting" a forwarding service and "providing" this service? Oh, and "ability to support [embedding]" at 55.7 is confusing too. Oh, and is "capable of embedding" different from supporting/providing? | As it says in the comment | **Revised**  The cited sentences were either deleted or updated as a resolution to other CIDs (1087, 1088, 1044, 1544, 1268, 1601, 1441). A new sentence was added to say that an EBCS AP sets the EBCS Relaying Supported subfield of the Extended Capabilities element to 1 if it is affiliated with an EBCS proxy that provides relaying service.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1326** |
| 1328 | Mark RISON | 55 | 7 | 11.100.3.2 | As importantly, if an AP does not support metadata forwarding, the bit shall be set to 0 | As it says in the comment | **Revised**  The cited sentence was deleted as a resolution to other CIDs (1268, 1601, 1441). No further changes are needed to resolve this comment. |
| 1329 | Mark RISON | 55 | 13 | 11.100.3.2 | " (or a switch 13 with which the eBCS AP is affiliated with)" -- it is not clear how an AP can be affiliated with a switch | As it says in the comment | **Revised**  Clause 4.5 was updated, as a resolution to other CIDs to describe the concept of an EBCS proxy that evaluates various criteria before relaying the HLP payload to the specified destination. The cited NOTE was removed and a new NOTE was added to clarify that an EBCS proxy generates an IP packet that carries the HLP payload to the intended destination.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1329** |
| 1631 | Yongho Seok | 55 | 13 | 11.100.3.2 | "NOTE 2 - Upon receiving an UL eBCS frame from an unassociated eBCS STA, a forwarding eBCS AP (or a switch with which the eBCS AP is affiliated with) generates an IP packet intended for the remote destination specified in the frame." An unassociated STA can't transmit a Data frame to an AP. Please remove the NOTE 2. | As in comment. | **Revised**  The EBCS UL frame is a Management frame that an EBCS non-AP STA sends to broadcast address. Updated the text to clarify that an EBCS non-AP STA that is not associated with any AP transmits an EBCS UL frame with the expectation that it will be delivered to the specified destination.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1631** |
| 1330 | Mark RISON | 55 | 14 | 11.100.3.2 | Why should forwarding be restricted to IP? | As it says in the comment | **Revised**  Clause 4.5 was updated, as a resolution to other CIDs to describe the concept of an EBCS proxy that evaluates various criteria before relaying the HLP payload to the specified destination. The cited NOTE was removed and a new NOTE was added to clarify that an EBCS proxy generates an IP packet that carries the HLP payload to the intended destination.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1330** |
| 1331 | Mark RISON | 55 | 18 | 11.100.3.2 | "Otherwise, the AP shall forward the frame to the remote destination identified in the frame." is obvious and isn't stated in similar contexts elsewhere. In addition, it contradicts the NOTE at the end of the subclause | Delete the cited text | **Revised**  The cited sentence was deleted as a resolution to other CIDs and does not appear in D1.02. No further changes are needed to resolve this comment. |
| 1334 | Mark RISON | 55 | 21 | 11.100.3.2 | "should perform source authentication and validate the frame signature" -- surely the signature should always be checked? | Change to "should perform source authentication and shall validate the frame signature" | **Revised**  The cited sentence was deleted as a resolution to another CID (1087). A new subclause was added to clause 4.5 to describe the behavior of an EBCS proxy that sits behind an EBCS AP. Such a proxy provides relaying service in which it evaluates certain criteria before relaying the contents of the HLP payload to the specified destination. The description includes discussion on performing source authentication based on client certificate signed by an entity at the specified destination. Clause 12.100.2.6 was updated to describe the authentication operation performed at the EBCS proxy.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1334** |
| 1165 | James Yee | 55 | 22 | 11.100.3.2 | It is not very reassuring to leave throttling of excessive forwarding to a simple 'should'. It is possible that an authenticated source can intentionally initiate a DoS attack, right? | Define a parameter to limit the frequency of forwarding or other stronger mechanism to protect against attacks. | **Revised**  The cited sentence was deleted as a resolution to other CIDs (1268, 1601, 1441). No further changes are needed to resolve this comment. |
| 1336 | Mark RISON | 55 | 22 | 11.100.3.2 | It is not clear how limiting the number of forwarded frames differs from limiting their frequency | As it says in the comment | **Revised**  The cited sentence was deleted as a resolution to other CIDs (1268, 1601, 1441). No further changes are needed to resolve this comment. |
| 1335 | Mark RISON | 55 | 29 | 11.100.3.2 | It is not clear why the Timestamp field is relevant here. And too many "or"s | Delete " or the Timestamp field" | **Revised**  The cited NOTE was deleted as a resolution to other CIDs (1087, 1334). No further changes are needed to resolve this comment. |
| 1338 | Mark RISON | 55 | 33 | 11.100.3.2 | This NOTE duplicates the end of the previous subclause | Delete the NOTE | **Revised**  The cited NOTE was deleted as a resolution to other CIDs (1087). No further changes are needed to resolve this comment. |
| 1356 | Mark RISON | 55 | 36 | 11.100.3.3 | Some of the fields in the eBCS UL frame are not covered | Cover the behaviour for all the fields | **Revised**  The in clause 11.100.3.3 was updated as a resolution to various CIDs and as a result, all the fields of the EBCS UL frame are covered. No further changes are needed to resolve this comment |
| 1337 | Mark RISON | 55 |  | 11.100.3.2 | Even if one AP does rate-limiting, if there are lots of APs the aggregate could still overwhelm the remote destination | Add a mechanism so that only one AP actually forwards | **Revised**  The cited sentence was deleted as a resolution to other CIDs (1268, 1601, 1441). No further changes are needed to resolve this comment. |
| 1418 | Michael Montemurro | 56 | 2 | 11.100.3.3 | Please use a standard format for a timestamp and provide a reference. | Pick a format from RFC 8877 and use the RFC as a reference. | **Revised**  The field name ‘Timestamp’ was misleading since the format of the field is different and was updated in D1.02. No further changes are needed to resolve this comment. |
| 1584 | Tomoko Adachi | 56 | 3 | 11.100.3.3 | "... the Time subfield of the Timestamp field shall carry the number of seconds since 2020-01-01 00:00:00 UTC when the frame is queued for transmission at the STA; ..." I feel odd here taking diff of 2020-01-01 00:00:00 UTC. Is this reasonable? Isn't it enough to indicate in UTC? Or time + time zone info? | Please verify. | **Rejected**  The field name ‘Timestamp’ was misleading since the format of the field is different and was updated in D1.02.  Regarding referring to original UTC reference, TGbc members had discussed the topic of Time field in the past (see 11-20/0025r3) and decided to go with a more recent reference (i.e., Jan 1st 2020 00:00:00) instead of the original UTC (Jan 1st 1970). This helps extend the validity of the Time field by 50 years.  Time + time zone approach doesn’t work since an EBCS non-AP STA device that transmits an EBCS UL frame can be an inexpensive device that does not have accurate GPS information to determine its location and adjust to the local time zone. |
| 1354 | Mark RISON | 56 | 2 | 11.100.3.3 | It is weird to have the Time field set to 0 if not needed. Should make the Time field and Counter field independently optional in the eBCS UL frame | As it says in the comment | **Revised**  Agree with the comment.  Added presence indicators in Control field for Frame Tx Time and Frame Count fields each. Removed Replay Protection field. Frame Tx Time and Frame Count field are independently optional as suggested by the comment.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1354** |
| 1350 | Mark RISON | 56 | 6 | 11.100.3.3 | It is not clear whether the Counter field is mandatory even if the STA does not have time information -- but if it is, why is there a Timestamp Present field? | As it says in the comment | **Revised**  The Replay Protection field (used to be Timestamp field in D1.0) is deleted as a resolution to CID 1354. The Frame Tx Time and Frame Count subfields that were carried within the Replay Protection field are now independently optional and their presence in the frame is signaled via corresponding ‘presence’ bits.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1350** |
| 1034 | Abhishek Patil | 56 | 6 | 11.100.3.3 | The Counter subfield is 4-bits long and can carry up to 16 values. Therefore the calculation should be 2^16 | replace 2^32 with 2^16 | **Revised**  Based on extensive offline discussions with various members, the size of Frame Count field is increased to 48 bits to eliminate the chance of a wraparound condition. The description related to replay protection is updated as a resolution to CIDs 1350 and 1354. Clause 12.100.2.6 was updated to describe replay prevention at the EBCS proxy.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1034** |
| 1352 | Mark RISON | 56 | 6 | 11.100.3.3 | Should specify whether the Counter subfield is initialised to any value, and if so to what value and when | As it says in the comment | **Revised**  Agree with the comment. The sentence was updated to clarify that the Frame Count subfield is initialize to 1 when the EBCS non-AP STA transmits the first EBCS UL frame and it is increment for each subsequent transmission of the frame.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1352** |
| 1357 | Mark RISON | 56 | 6 | 11.100.3.3 | "a numeric value which is incremented for each 6 packet transmission. When the STA has transmitted 2 32 - 1 frames" is imprecise. What is a "packet"? What kind of "frames"? | Change to "a numeric value which is incremented for each UL eBCS frametransmission. When the STA has transmitted 2 32 - 1 UL eBCS frames" | **Revised**  Agree with the comment. The text was updated to clarify that the Frame Count subfield is increment for each transmission of an EBCS UL frame.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1357** |
| 1386 | Mark RISON | 56 | 9 | 11.100.3.3 | "An eBCS non-AP STA may request an eBCS AP that provides forwarding service to embed metadata (such 9 as location, date and time, etc.) by including the E-BCS Parameters element in the eBCS UL frame. " -- but that element does not carry metadata (such as location etc.) | Add the requisite metadata to the EBCS Parameters element | **Revised**  The cited sentence was deleted as a resolution to other CIDs (1268, 1601, 1441). No further changes are needed to resolve this comment. |
| 1348 | Mark RISON | 56 | 11 | 11.100.3.3 | "The Frame Signature field when present in the frame shall carry the signature for the contents of the UL 11 eBCS frame Action field except for the field itself. The contents of this field provide protection against any 12 attack that attempts to tamper with the contents of the frame. Also see Table 9-bc4 (Encoding of Frame 13 Signature Type subfield), 12.100.2.5 (Signature of the eBCS UL frame) and 12.100.2.2 (Authentication of 14 an eBCS UL frame). " seems to be a load of infomative text with no mandatory behaviour (and the first sentence is grotesquely vague, and the last seems like an afterthought) | Delete the para or replace it with some mandatory behaviour | **Revised**  The paragraph was updated to describe mandatory behavior when the Frame Signature Type is not HLSA.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1348** |
| 1349 | Mark RISON | 56 | 16 | 11.100.3.3 | "Forwarding service is best effort. An eBCS non-AP STA may transmit an UL eBCS frame without 16 discovering eBCS APs, if any, or obtaining information about nearby eBCS AP(s). An eBCS non-AP STA 17 may choose to monitor the WM and may choose to obey the requirements, such as an authentication 18 scheme, indicated by neighboring eBCS AP(s), if any, that support forwarding service. " is not clear. Also half of it duplicates the General subclause above | Change to "An eBCS non-AP STA may transmit an UL eBCS frame without first probing for eBCS APs, if any, in the BSA. Conversely, an eBCS non-AP STA may first probe for eBCS APs in the BSA to ensure the STA can meet the APs' requirements, such as an authentication scheme." | **Revised**  The cited sentences were updated and simplified to a single sentence as a resolution to other CIDs. The revised text in D1.02 is much shorter and to the point. Minor edits were made to the sentence to clarify that an EBCS AP provides access to the relaying service.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1386** |
| 1037 | Abhishek Patil | 61 | 27 | 12.100.2.6 | It is possible that the transmitting STA's certificate is signed by the cloud provider (i.e., an entity at the intended remote destination). Bullet #2 needs to be updated cover the case where the installed certificate at the AP belongs to either CA or the remote destination. | As in comment | **Revised**  Agree with the comment. The text was updated to include the case where the certificate of the specified destination is installed at the EBCS proxy.  **TGbc editor, please make changes as shown in <https://mentor.ieee.org/802.11/dcn/21/11-21-0305-03-00bc-lb252-resolutions-for-cids-assigned-to-abhi-part-3.docx> tagged as 1037** |

***TGbc Editor: The baseline for the proposed changes is 802.11bc D1.02***

**9.4.2.296 EBCS Parameters element**

***TGbc Editor: please make changes to this clause as shown below:***

[CID 1087, 1088, 1044, 1544, 1268, 1601, 1441]An EBCS AP advertises its EBCS operational parameters in the EBCS Parameters element.

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Element ID | Length | Element ID Extension |  | EBCS Info Frame Tx Countdown |
| Octets: | 1 | 1 | 1 |  | 2 |

**Figure 9-788ee - EBCS Parameters element format**[CID 1087, 1088, 1044, 1544, 1268, 1601, 1441]

The Element ID, Length, and Element ID Extension fields are defined in 9.4.2.1 (General).

[CID 1087, 1088, 1044, 1544, 1268, 1601, 1441]

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

[CID 1087, 1088, 1044, 1544, 1268, 1601, 1441]



[CID 1087][CID 1087]



[CID 1088, 1044, 1554][CID 1088, 1044, 1554][CID 1268, 1601, 1441][CID 1087]The EBCS Info Frame Tx Countdown field indicates the number of TBTTs until the transmission of the next EBCS Info frame. The value 1 indicates that the frame is transmitted following the next TBTT. The value 0 is reserved.

**9.3.3.2 Beacon frame format**

***TGbc Editor: please make changes to the following row in Table 9-32 as shown below:***

**Table 9-32**—**Beacon frame body**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Order** | **Information** | **Notes** |
| 93 | EBCS Parameters element | [CID 1087, 1088, 1044, 1544, 1268, 1601, 1441]This element is optionally present if dot11EBCSSupportActivated is true. |

**9.3.3.10 Probe Response frame format**

***TGbc Editor: please make changes to the following row in Table 9-41 as shown below:***

**Table 9-41**—**Probe Response frame body**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Order** | **Information** | **Notes** |
| 113 | EBCS Parameters element | [CID 1087, 1088, 1044, 1544, 1268, 1601, 1441]This element is optionally present if dot11EBCSSupportActivated is true. |

**9.4.2.26 Extended Capabilities element**

***TGbc Editor: please insert a new row to Table 9-153 as shown below:***

**Table 9-153—Extended Capabilities field**[CID 1087]

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Bit** | **Information** | **Notes** |
| <ANA> | EBCS Relaying Supported | An AP that has dot11EBCSRelayingServiceSupported equal to true sets the EBCS Relaying Supported field to 1. Otherwise an AP sets the field to 0. A non-AP STA sets the field to 0. |

**9.6.7.100 EBCS UL frame format**

The EBCS UL frame is transmitted by an EBCS non-AP STA and carries higher layer payload intended for a destination specified within the frame.

The format of the EBCS UL frame Action field is defined in Figure 9-909b (EBCS UL frame Action field format).

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Category | Public Action | Control | Destination URI | HLP Container | STA Certificate Container (optional) | Frame Tx Time (optional) | Frame Count  (optional) | Frame Signature (optional) |
| Octets: | 1 | 1 | 1 | variable | variable | variable | 0 or 4 | 0 or 6 | variable |

**Figure 9-909b - EBCS UL frame Action field format**

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

The Public Action field is defined in 9.6.7.1 (Public Action frames).

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  |  | B0 | B1 | B2 | B3 B5 | B6 B7 |
|  |  |  | STA  Certificate Present | Frame Tx Time Present | Frame Count Present | Frame Signature Type | Reserved |
| Bits: |  |  | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 |

**Figure 9-909c - Control field format**[CID 1268, 1601, 1441, 1354, 1350]

[CID 1268, 1601, 1441][CID 1268, 1601, 1441]The STA Certificate Present subfield is set to 1 when the STA Certificate Container field is carried in the frame. Otherwise, the subfield is set to 0.

[CID 1354, 1350]The Frame Tx Time Present subfield is set to 1 when the Frame Tx Time field is carried in the frame. Otherwise the subfield is set to 0.

[CID 1354, 1350]The Frame Count Present subfield is set to 1 when the Frame Count field is carried in the frame. Otherwise, the subfield is set to 0.

The encoding of the Frame Signature Type subfield is shown in Table 9-397a (Encoding of Frame Signature Type subfield).

**Table 9-397a - Encoding of Frame Signature Type subfield**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Subfield value** | **Algorithm** | **Encoding** |
| 0 | HLSA | The authentication of the HLP payload is provided by a higher layer and is included in the HLP Payload field |
| 1 | RSA-2048 | See 12.100.2.5 (Signature of the EBCS UL frame)[CID 1087] |
| 2 | ECDSA-P256 |
| 3 | Ed25519 |
| 4-7 | Reserved |  |

The Destination URI field contains a Destination URI element as defined in 9.4.2.89 (Destination URI element) that specifies the destination to which the HLP payload needs to be relayed.

The format of the HLP Container field is shown in Figure 9-909d (HLP Container field format).

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | HLP Payload Length | HLP Payload |
| Octets: | 2 | variable |

**Figure 9-909d – HLP Container field format**

The HLP Payload Length subfield indicates the length of the HLP Payload subfield in octets.

The HLP Payload subfield carries the HLP payload.

The format of the STA Certificate Container field is shown in Figure 9-909e (STA Certificate Container field format).

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
|  | STA Certificate Length | STA Certificate |
| Octets: | 2 | variable |

**Figure 9-909e – STA Certificate Container field format**

The STA Certificate Length subfield carries a nonzero value that indicates the length of the STA Certificate subfield in octets.

The STA Certificate subfield carries the X.509v3 certificate of the STA encoded according to IETF RFC 5280.

[CID 1354, 1350]



[CID 1354, 1350]The Frame Tx Time field, if present, carries the time, expressed as number of seconds since 2020-01-01 00:00:00 UTC, when the frame is queued for transmission.

[CID 1354, 1350]The Frame Count field, if present, carries a numeric value that is incremented for each EBCS UL frame transmission.

[CID 1087]The Frame Signature field is not present if the Frame Signature Type subfield indicates HLSA. Otherwise, the field is present and carries a signature of the EBCS UL frame (see 12.100.2.5 (Signature of the EBCS UL frame)).

##### 11.100.3.1 General

***TGbc Editor: please make changes to this clause as shown below:***

[CID 1087]The EBCS UL Service procedure allows a non-AP STA, that is not associated with any AP,[CID 1630, 1631] to transmit an EBCS UL frame with the expectation that one or more EBCS proxies that are affiliated with one or more EBCS APs in the neighborhood would relay the HLP payload carried in the frame to a destination specified in the frame. [CID 1268, 1601, 1441, 1323]

[CID 1321]NOTE – The relaying service is best effort with no guarantee that the HLP payload will be delivered to the [CID 1319]specified destination.[CID 1268, 1601, 1441]

##### 11.100.3.2 EBCS UL operation at an EBCS AP

***TGbc Editor: please make changes to this clause as shown below:***

[CID 1087, 1088, 1044, 1544, 1268, 1601, 1441]An EBCS AP that is affiliated with an EBCS proxy (see 4.5.xx (EBCS relaying service)) provides access to a relaying service in which the HLP payload carried in an EBCS UL frame received from an EBCS non-AP STA is relayed to a destination specified in the frame. Among all APs in a multiple BSSID set, only the AP corresponding to the transmitted BSSID shall be affiliated with an EBCS proxy. Among all APs in a co-hosted BSSID set, only one AP shall be affiliated with an EBCS proxy.

[CID 1087, 1326]An AP that has dot11EBCSSupportActivated equal to true and provides access to relaying service shall have dot11EBCSRelayingServiceSupported equal to true. Otherwise dot11EBCSRelayingServiceSupported shall not be true. [CID 1268, 1601, 1441][CID 1268, 1601, 1441][CID 1329, 1330]

[CID 1268, 1601, 1441]An EBCS proxy evaluates various criteria such as the ones described in 12.100.2.6 (Authentication of an EBCS UL frame) to decide whether to relay the HLP payload to the specified destination. An EBCS proxy may limit the amount or frequency of HLP payloads that are relayed to the specified destination. An EBCS proxy may append additional information before relaying the HLP payload to the specified destination. The evaluation of criteria, the decision to limit the amount or frequency of relaying, and the decision to append addition information can be based on local policies or based on a relationship established with the specified destination.

NOTE 1 – The establishment of such a relationship is out of scope of this standard.

NOTE 2 – An EBCS proxy can decide to not relay the HLP payload for any reason such as not having a relationship with the specified destination, the implemented criteria for relaying not being satisfied or for any other reason.

[CID 1329, 1330]NOTE 3 – An EBCS proxy generates an IP packet carrying the HLP payload and addressed to the specified destination when the criteria for relaying are met.

[CID 1087, 1334]

[CID 1087][CID 1088, 1044, 1554][CID 1087]

* + - 1. **EBCS UL operation at an EBCS non-AP STA**

***TGbc Editor: please make changes to this clause as shown below:***

An EBCS non-AP STA may request relaying of an HLP payload to a specific destination by transmitting an EBCS UL frame. The frame carries the URI of the intended destination.[CID 1087, 1268, 1601, 1441] The Address 1 and Address 3 fields of the frame shall be set to the broadcast address.

[CID 1087]An EBCS non-AP STA should include a STA certificate in an EBCS UL frame to help authenticate it (see 12.100.2.6 (Authentication of an EBCS UL frame)).

[CID 1352, 1354, 1350]An EBCS non-AP STA should include the Frame Count field in an EBCS UL frame that it transmits to reduce the possibility of a successful replay attack. Frame Tx Time Present subfield in the Control field shall be set to 1 and the Frame Tx Frame Tx Time Present of the Control field and the Frame Tx Time field is not present in the frame When the STA provides a frame count, the Frame Count Present subfield of the Control field shall be set to 1 and tshall beset to 1 in the first EBCS UL frame that the STA transmits and shall be subsequent of an EBCS UL frame; otherwise the Frame Count Present subfield of the Control field shall be set to 0 and the Frame Count field is not present in the frame[CID 1260, 1357]

NOTE—How a STA obtains time information is out of scope of this standard.

[CID 1268, 1601, 1441][CID 1087, 1348]The Frame Signature field, if present in the EBCS UL frame, shall be computed as defined in 12.100.2.5 (Signature of the EBCS UL frame).

[CID 1087, 1386]An EBCS non-AP STA is not required to monitor the WM and may transmit an EBCS UL frame without discovering nearby EBCS APs that provide access to the relaying service.

**12.100.2.6 Authentication of an EBCS UL frame**[CID 1334, 1034, 1037, 1354, 1350]

***TGbc Editor: please make changes to this clause as shown below:***

An EBCS proxy shall discard an EBCS UL frame if any of the following conditions are met:

1. The STA Certificate subfield is present and any of the following conditions are met:
   1. The certificate of the specified destination or the CA that signed the STA’s certificate is not installed.
   2. The verification of the STA’s certificate using the installed certificate fails.
   3. The Frame Signature Type subfield is not HLSA and the verification of the signature of the frame using the STA’s certificate fails.
   4. The Frame Signature Type subfield is not HLSA and the verification of the signature of the frame using the STA’s certificate has passed and the Frame Count field is present, and the value is less than or equal to the *last seen Frame Count* (if any) from the EBCS non-AP STA.
2. The Frame Tx Time field is present and the difference between the value carried in the field and the time when the EBCS UL frame is received is greater than an acceptable value.

NOTE 1 – The acceptable time difference at an EBCS proxy can be selected based on local policies or based on the relationship with the specified destination. The selection of an acceptable time difference is out of scope of this standard.

NOTE 2 – When Frame Signature Type subfield indicates HLSA, replay protection is performed by a higher layer and is out of scope of this standard.

An EBCS proxy shall save the value in the most recently received Frame Count field of an EBCS UL frame, as *last seen Frame Count*, for a certain transmitter only if the verification of the signature of the frame using the STA’s certificate has passed. In addition, an EBCS proxy may have an expiration time after which the *last seen Frame Count* value for a certain transmitter can be discarded.

**6.3.201.2.2 Semantics of the service primitive**[CID 1268, 1601, 1441, 1334, 1034, 1037, 1354, 1350]

***TGbc Editor: please make changes to this clause as shown below:***

The primitive parameters are as follows:

MLME-EBCSUL.request(

DestinationURI,

HLPPayload,

STACertificate,

FrameTxTime,

FrameCount,

PrivateKey

)

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Name** | **Type** | **Valid range** | **Description** |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| DestinationURI | Destination URI element | As defined in 9.4.2.89  (Destination URI element). | Specifies the destination to which the HLP payload is to be relayed. |
| HLPPayload | Sequence of octets | N/A | Specifies the HLP payload to be relayed to the specified destination. |
| STACertificate | Sequence of octets | N/A | When present, specifies the certificate for the STA. |
| FrameTxTime | Frame Tx Time field as defined in 9.6.7.100 | As defined in 9.6.7.100 | When present, specifies the time when an EBCS UL frame is queued for transmission |
| FrameCount | Frame Count field as defined in 9.6.7.100 | As defined in 9.6.7.100 | When present, specifies a count of the number of EBCS UL frame transmissions. |
| PrivateKey | Sequence of octets | N/A | When present, specifies the private key for signature generation. |

**6.3.201.3.2 Semantics of the service primitive**[CID 1268, 1601, 1441, 1334, 1034, 1037, 1354, 1350]

***TGbc Editor: please make changes to this clause as shown below:***

The primitive parameters are as follows:

MLME-EBCSUL.indication(

DestinationURI,

HLPPayload,

FrameTxTime,

FrameCount

)

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Name** | **Type** | **Valid range** | **Description** |
|  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| DestinationURI | Destination URI element | As defined in  9.4.2.89 (Destination URI element). | Specifies the destination to which the HLP payload is to be relayed. |
| HLPPayload | Sequence of octets | N/A | Specifies the HLP payload to be relayed to the specified destination. |
| FrameTxTime | Frame Tx Time field as defined in 9.6.7.100 | As defined in 9.6.7.100 | When present, specifies the time when an EBCS UL frame is queued for transmission |
| FrameCount | Frame Count field as defined in 9.6.7.100 | As defined in 9.6.7.100 | When present, specifies a count of the number of EBCS UL frame transmissions. |

***TGbc Editor: please insert the following subclause at the end of clause 4.5 [text based on doc 11-21/0568r4]:***

[CID 1087, 1088, 1044, 1554, 1268, 1601, 1441, 1081]

**4.5.xx EBCS relaying service**

**4.5.xx.1 General**

The EBCS relaying service provides a mechanism for an EBCS non-AP STA to send an HLP payload to a specified destination.

**4.5.xx.2 EBCS proxy operation**

An EBCS proxy is a logical component affiliated with an EBCS AP, and which might be collocated with the EBCS AP, that can relay an HLP payload carried in an EBCS UL frame received by an EBCS AP to a destination specified in the frame, typically within an external network.

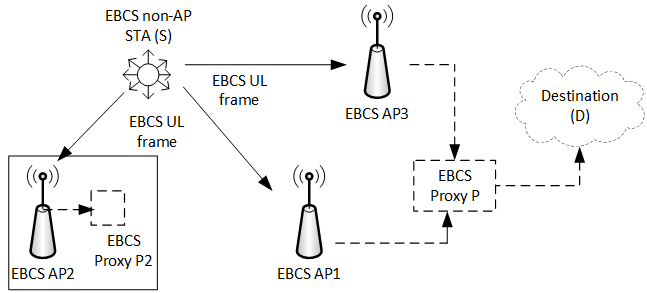
An EBCS proxy that provides the relaying service evaluates certain criteria before relaying the HLP payload carried in an EBCS UL frame to the destination specified in the frame. Such criteria can include, but are not limited to, verifying the STA certificate, if present, to determine whether the STA transmitting the frame is authorized to send an HLP payload to the specified destination, performing replay checking, and limiting the amount or frequency of HLP payload that is relayed to the specified destination. The evaluation of the criteria can be based on local policies installed at the EBCS proxy and/or based on a relationship established with the specified destination. The establishment of such a relationship is out of scope of this standard.

An EBCS proxy can establish more than one relationship, each with a different destination and potentially different criteria. An EBCS proxy can also append additional information before it relays the HLP payload. The format and content of the information appended are based on the agreement with the specified destination. The relaying service is best effort and the EBCS proxy can decide not to relay the HLP payload if any of the implemented criteria for relaying are not satisfied or for any other reason.

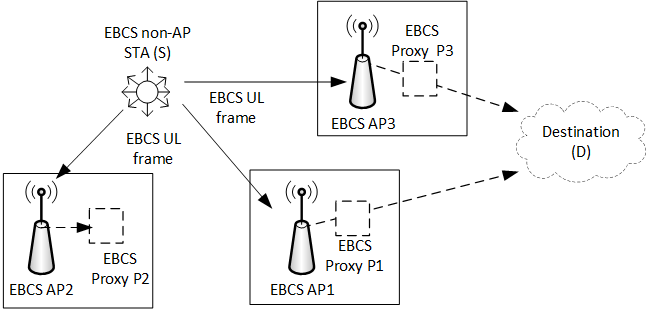
NOTE 1 – The communication between an EBCS AP and an EBCS proxy and the communication between an EBCS proxy and a specified destination are out of scope of this standard.

NOTE 2 – An EBCS proxy evaluating various criteria before it relays an HLP payload helps reduce the likelihood of a DoS attack on the specified destination.

**4.5.xx.3 Example configurations for EBCS proxy**

Figure 4-20a (Illustration of relaying operation at an EBCS AP with collocated EBCS proxy) provides an example of the relaying service based on a relationship with a specified destination. In the figure, EBCS proxy P1 and EBCS proxy P3 have established a relationship with a destination (D). An EBCS non-AP STA (S) transmits an EBCS UL frame that is received by EBCS APs in the neighborhood (i.e., AP1, AP2 and AP3). The EBCS UL frame carries the HLP payload, a field carrying the address of D and other fields for security. P1 and P3 verify the certificate of S based on their agreement with D and perform a replay check, to determine whether the criteria for relaying the HLP payload to D are met. If the local policy or the agreement with D requires limiting the amount or frequency of HLP payloads being sent to D, then each of P1 and P3 does not send an HLP payload to D, if it determines that a limit was reached. If the agreement with D requires the inclusion of additional information, P1 and P3 append appropriate information, before relaying the HLP payload. In the figure, EBCS AP2 discards the EBCS UL frame. This could be for any number of reasons such as it not providing a relaying service, its collocated proxy not having established a relationship with D, or one or more criteria for relaying not having been satisfied.

**Figure 4-20a: Illustration of relaying operation at an EBCS AP with collocated EBCS proxy**

In another example, depicted in Figure 4-20b (Illustration of relaying when EBCS proxy is not collocated within an EBCS AP), the EBCS proxy (P) is not collocated with either EBCS AP1 or EBCS AP3, but resides on an entity in the LAN that AP1 and AP3 belong to. EBCS AP1 and EBCS AP3 send the contents of the EBCS UL frame to P, which evaluates whether the criteria for relaying are met before it relays the HLP payload to the specified destination.

**Figure 4-20b: Illustration of relaying when EBCS proxy is not collocated within an EBCS AP**

The configuration shown in Figure 4-20b (Illustration of relaying when EBCS proxy is not collocated within an EBCS AP) could be prevalent in commercial deployments, such as airports, train stations, malls, or a warehouse, where multiple EBCS APs are likely to be connected to a single entity on a common LAN (such as a network controller) which provides access to destinations outside the LAN. In such a configuration, the EBCS proxy resides on an entity in the LAN. On the other hand, the configuration shown in Figure 4-20a (Illustration of relaying operation at an EBCS AP with collocated EBCS proxy) could be prevalent in residential deployments where an EBCS AP has direct connectivity to destinations outside the LAN.

**C.3 MIB Detail**

***TGbc Editor: please insert a new entry to the following paragraph:***

***Change the end of the “Dot11StationConfigEntry” of the “dot11StationConfig TABLE” as follows:***

…

dot11EBCSTerminationNoticeMaximumInterval, Unsigned32,

dot11EBCSRelayingServiceSupported TruthValue[CID 1087]

}

***TGbc Editor: please insert a new entry to the following paragraph:***

***Insert the following elements at the end of the dot11StationConfigTable element definitions:*** [CID 1087]

dot11EBCSRelayingServiceSupported OBJECT-TYPE

SYNTAX TruthValue

MAX-ACCESS read-only

STATUS current

DESCRIPTION

"This is a capability 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 that the EBCS AP is affiliated with an EBCS proxy that provides relaying service. The capability is disabled otherwise."

::= { dot11StationConfigEntry <ANA> }

***TGbc Editor: please insert a new entry to the following paragraph:***

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