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Programme of Measurement of Non-Ionising Radiation

Site Survey Report

1. Survey Summary

Address of Transmitter Site Surveyed:	Trinity Enterprise Centre, Pearse St, Dublin 2
Site Type:	GSM, UMTS, LTE
Survey Date:	24/06/2019

Measurement Location:	
(at point of maximum non-ionising radiation near site)	At junction of Pearse St and Grand Canal Quay.

Measurement Location	LAT	deg	min	sec	LONG	deg	min	sec
Coordinates:	N	53	20	33.2	W	6	14	19.4

Purpose and Conduct of Survey:

The purpose of this survey was to assess compliance with the limits for general public exposure to non-ionising radiation (NIR) set by the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) ("ICNIRP Public Exposure Limits").

Compliance with the ICNIRP Public Exposure Limits is a condition of a General Authorisation for an electronic communications network/service as well as of various Wireless Telegraphy licences issued by the Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg).

The survey was conducted by:

- measuring the overall electromagnetic field (EMF) present at the point of highest exposure in a public area associated with the designated transmitter site;
- identifying the frequency of the principal emissions contributing to the EMF; and
- measuring the intensity (or level) of same.

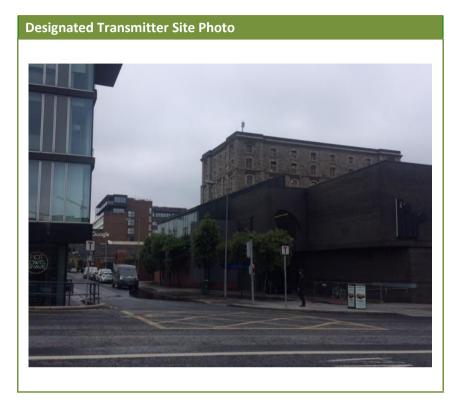
Overall Conclusions of the Survey		
Frequency Selective Measurements: (Individual emissions measured at specific frequencies)	Below ICNIRP Public Limits (Compliant)	
Total Exposure Quotient: (Assessment of cumulative emissions from multiple transmitters)	Below ICNIRP Public Limits (Compliant)	

2. Surveyors

Survey conducted for ComReg by:	Compliance Engineering Ireland Ltd.	COMPLIANCE ENGINEERING RELAND LTD
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3. Survey Location Details



Survey Weather

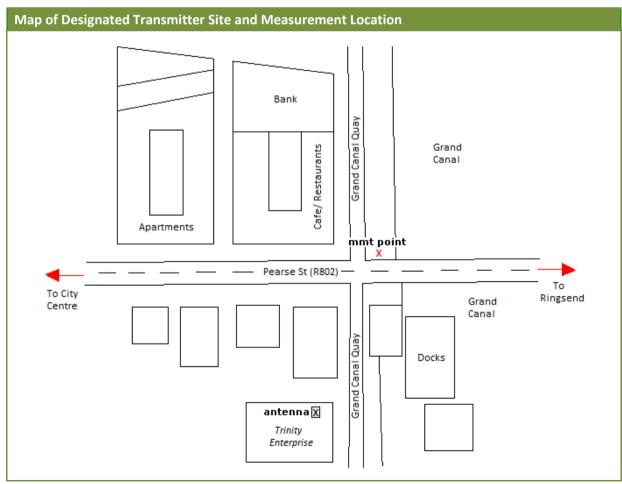
Sky: Overcast, Light Rain

 ${\it Temperature:}$

13° C

Relative Humidity:

47 %



4. Introductory Note

Purpose of Survey

The survey of the designated transmitter site ("Designated Site") was commissioned by ComReg as part of its Programme of Measurement of Non-Ionising Radiation. The purpose of the survey was to assess whether NIR (occurring within the radio frequency part of the electromagnetic spectrum) from the Designated Site complied with the limits for general public exposure specified in the guidelines published by ICNIRP ("ICNIRP Public Exposure Limits").1

Compliance with the ICNIRP Public Exposure Limits is a condition of a General Authorisation for the provision of an electronic communications network/service (e.g. mobile phone and broadcasting networks) as well as of various Wireless Telegraphy licences (in respect of transmitting stations) issued by ComReg.

Survey Methodology

Measurements of the NIR from the Designated Site were conducted in accordance with the methodology outlined in ComReg Document 08/51R3². This methodology incorporates many of the measurement methods and procedures outlined in:

- European Electronic Communications Committee (ECC) Recommendation (02)043;
- European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardisation (CENELEC) measurement standard EN 50492:2008⁴, and
- measurement techniques developed by the Institut für Mobil- und Satellitenfunktechnik (IMST) and the EM-Institut on behalf of the German Federal Office for Radiation Protection.⁵

Note re this Report Version

If you have downloaded this report from www.siteviewer.ie or from www.comreg.ie, you are reading an abbreviated version. In addition to sections 1 to 8, the full extended technical version of this report contains a comprehensive technical record of the measurements and any calculations performed, a list of equipment used, as well as a technical appendix. A copy of the extended report is available on request from ComReg.

• "Guidelines for Limiting Exposure to Time-Varying Electric, Magnetic, and Electromagnetic Fields (up to 300 GHz)", ICNIRP, published in 'Health Physics', April 1998, Volume 74, No. 4: http://www.icnirp.org/documents/emfgdl.pdf

• "Guidelines for Limiting Exposure to Time-Varying Electric and Magnetic Fields (1 Hz to 100 kHz)", ICNIRP, published in 'Health Physics', December 2010, Volume 99, No. 6: http://www.icnirp.org/documents/LFgdl.pdf

² https://www.comreg.ie/publication-download/programme-of-measurement-of-non-ionising-radiation-emissions-methodology-for-the-conduct-of-surveys-to-measure-non-ionising-electromagnetic-radiation-from-transmitter-sites-2

³ ECC RECOMMENDATION (02)04, "Measuring Non-Ionising Electromagnetic Radiation (9 kHz – 300 GHz)", ECC, (revised Bratislava 2003, Helsinki 2007): http://www.erodocdb.dk/Docs/doc98/official/pdf/REC0204.PDF

⁴ EN 50492:2008, "Basic standard for the in-situ measurement of electromagnetic field strength related to human exposure in the vicinity of base stations", CENELEC, November 2008: http://www.cenelec.eu

⁵ See: <u>http://www.bfs.de</u> .

¹ Current ICNIRP guidelines:

5. Survey Overview

Survey Stages

In accordance with the methodology outlined in ComReg Document 08/51R3, this survey was conducted in three stages:

- 1 Initial Site Survey
- 2 Full Survey Broadband Measurements
- 3 Full Survey Frequency Selective Measurements

An outline of each stage, along with the results and conclusions of the measurements, are presented in the following three sections.

Measurement of Electromagnetic Fields

Electromagnetic fields (EMFs) can be sub-divided into two components:

- Electric field (E-field) (measured in volts per metre or "V/m"]; and
- Magnetic field (**H-field**) (measured in amperes per metre or "A/m"].

The E-field and the H-field are mathematically interdependent⁶ in the **radiating near-field**⁷ and the **far-field**⁸, which is located beyond a distance of at least the wavelength of the radiated EMF. The measurement locations for most transmitter installations lie well within the far-field, as the wavelengths of the transmitted signals are relatively short and the antennas are typically located many metres from any public area.

The following table identifies wavelengths for commonly transmitted signals:

Transmitter Type	Frequency	Wavelength	
PMR Low Band VHF	68 MHz	4.41 m	
UHF TV	470 MHz	0.64 m	
GSM 900 (mobile phone base)	925 MHz	0.32 m	
GSM 1800 (mobile phone base)	1805 MHz	0.17 m	
UMTS (mobile phone base)	2110 MHz	0.14 m	

In the radiating near-field and far-field, only one component needs to be measured, as the other component can be readily derived from it. Normally, it is the E-field which is measured.

In the case of transmitters of very long wavelength signals, such as long wave radio (1.19 km wavelength), the H-field and E-field must be measured separately as the point of measurement will most likely lie within the **reactive near-field**⁹ region. In this region, located within a distance of at least the wavelength of the

⁶ E \approx H \times Z₀ (Radiating Near Field) and E = H \times Z₀ (Far Field), where Z₀ (characteristic impedance of free space) \approx 377 Ω

⁷ Beyond a distance of max(λ , D, D²/4 λ), where λ is the wavelength and D is the antenna's largest dimension

⁸ Beyond a distance of max(5λ , 5D, $0.6D^2/\lambda$)

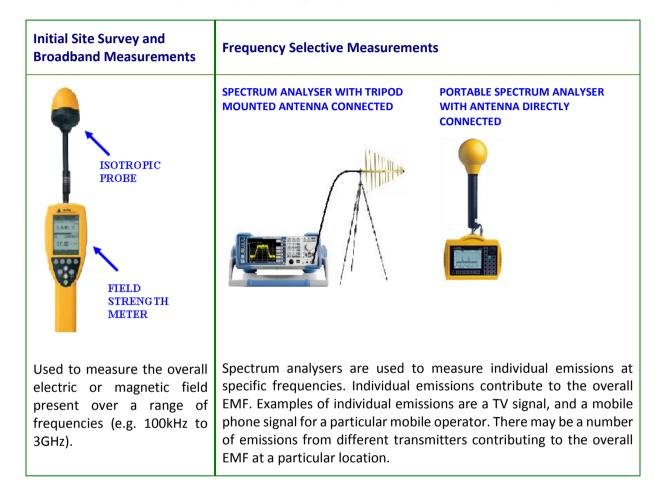
⁹ Within a distance of max(λ , D, D²/4 λ)

radiated EMF, the relationship between E and H becomes very complex and there is no direct correlation between both components of the EMF.

Measurement Equipment

The measurement of EMFs is a complex process which involves the use of various meters, spectrum analysers, probes and antennas, appropriate to the frequencies of the emissions being measured.

The table below shows examples of equipment typically used to measure EMFs in NIR surveys.



6. Initial Site Survey

An initial survey was carried out in the area around the Designated Site in order to determine the point of maximum NIR. This is the location at which the overall E-field strength level measured was somewhat higher than that measured in other areas around the site and represents the highest level of exposure to which a member of the general public might be subjected in the vicinity of the transmitter.

For this initial survey a calibrated **field strength meter** fitted with a **3 GHz isotropic probe** was used. The meter and probe were used to measure the sum of all electrical fields present at **all frequencies from 100 kHz up to 3 GHz**.

Once the point of maximum NIR was determined, broadband and frequency-selective measurements were conducted at that location (see following two sections).

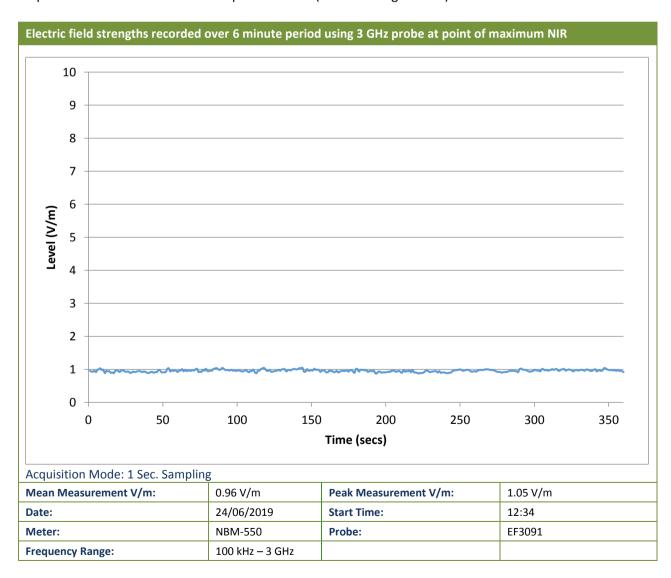
For the duration of all measurements, the various instruments, antennas and probes used were mounted on non-metallic supports.

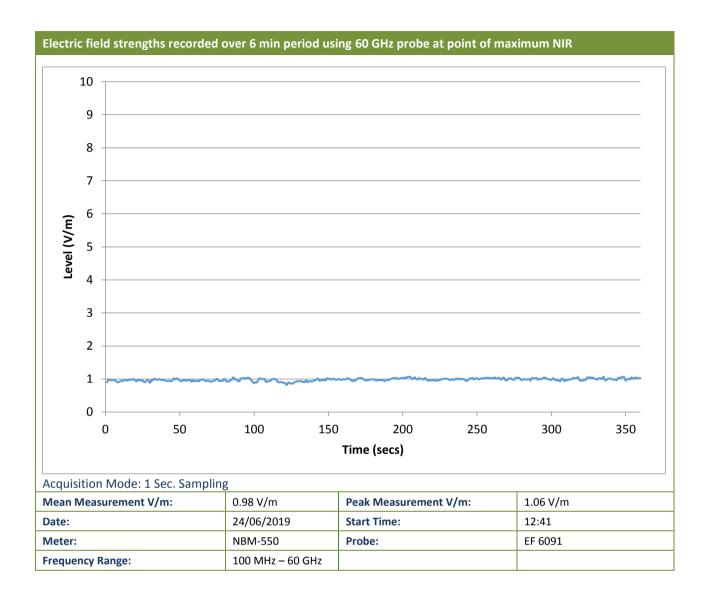
7. Full Survey - Broadband Measurements

The purpose of these measurements was to get an overview of the intensity of the electromagnetic field present at the point of maximum NIR near the site. There, the field strength meter was mounted on a tripod and, fitted with a **3GHz isotropic probe**, was set to record, over a six minute period, simultaneous measurements of the sum of all received signals within the frequency range of the probe. This measurement was then repeated using a **60 GHz isotropic probe**.

The broadband measurement results presented below show the levels in volts per metre (V/m) recorded during the six minute period. The average and maximum levels can be compared to the lowest maximum ICNIRP Public Exposure Limits which is 28 V/m.

If a broadband measurement is higher than 28 V/m, it does not necessarily follow that the ICNIRP Public Exposure Limits have been exceeded because the limits are frequency dependent. For example, if the emissions are in the 2100 MHz (mobile phone) frequency band, then the limit which applies is higher at 61 V/m. A more detailed investigation involving frequency selective measurement is necessary to assess compliance with the ICNIRP Public Exposure Limits (see following section).





Conclusion of the Broadband Measurements

The mean and peak measurements were below the lowest ICNIRP guideline limit of 28 V/m.

8. Full Survey - Frequency Selective Measurements

Basic Measurement Procedure

A more detailed survey was performed at the point of maximum NIR near the Designated Site to identify the individual transmit frequencies and field strengths of each type of emission (e.g. mobile phone (GSM, UMTS and LTE), wireless broadband, TV, radio signals etc.) and their contribution to the total EMF.

The measurements were performed using spectrum analyser equipment and a range of antennas to match the frequency bands in which emissions were measured.

Table of Measurement Results

A list of the measurements made is presented in the table on the following page. For each emission measured, the table shows:

- Emission Type (e.g. GSM or UMTS mobile phone, TV etc);
- Transmission **frequency** of the signal;
- Measured Level (in volts per metre (V/m));
- Adjusted Level (if applicable to account for the characteristics of certain signal types or to compensate for limitations of measurement equipment or to estimate emissions for maximum call or data traffic); and
- ICNIRP Public Limit.

Further details of Adjusted Level/s and ICNIRP Public Exposure Limits are in the explanatory notes which follow the table of measurement results.

Assessment of ICNIRP Compliance of Individual Emissions

The levels for each measure (as adjusted where necessary) are compared to the relevant ICNIRP Public Exposure Limit which applies for the particular frequency of the emission. It should be again noted that the ICNIRP Public Exposure Limit varies according to frequency - the limits for the different measurements presented in the tables will vary as the measurements have been performed at different frequencies.

Assessment of ICNIRP Compliance of Cumulative Emissions

The levels measured for individual emissions are used to calculate **Total Exposure Quotients** to assess the cumulative effect of individual emissions from multiple transmitters. Further details of these quotients are in the explanatory notes which follow the table of measurement results.

The calculated values of the Total Exposure Quotients must be \leq 1 in order for the aggregate of multiple measurements to satisfy the criteria of the ICNIRP Public Exposure Limit.

Table of Frequency	Table of Frequency Selective Measurement Results				
Emission Type	Frequency (MHz)	Measured Level (V/m)	Adjusted Level (V/m)	ICNIRP Exposure Limit (V/m)	Times below Limit [adjusted Values]
FM Radio	88.490	0.01407	0.01407	28.0	1990.050
FM Radio	90.700	0.01274	0.01274	28.0	2197.802
FM Radio	92.900	0.01172	0.01172	28.0	2389.078
FM Radio	94.870	0.01047	0.01047	28.0	2674.308
FM Radio	100.290	0.00853	0.00853	28.0	3281.378
FM Radio	106.780	0.00783	0.00783	28.0	3578.275
FM Radio	96.640	0.00756	0.00756	28.0	3702.235
FM Radio	98.100	0.00720	0.00720	28.0	3886.730
FM Radio	106.010	0.00672	0.00672	28.0	4167.287
FM Radio	104.390	0.00648	0.00648	28.0	4323.657
FM Radio	89.110	0.00604	0.00604	28.0	4635.762
FM Radio	102.170	0.00581	0.00581	28.0	4821.767
FM Radio	93.470	0.00575	0.00575	28.0	4872.955
FM Radio FM Radio	101.760 91.240	0.00564 0.00553	0.00564 0.00553	28.0 28.0	4964.539 5064.207
FM Radio	103.780	0.00533	0.00533	28.0	5284.016
FM Radio	95.440	0.00536	0.00536	28.0	5322.182
T-DAB	227.330	0.00320	0.00320	28.0	2491.103
TETRA	REDACTED	0.01124	0.02283	28.0	1226.541
TETRA	REDACTED	0.01220	0.02113	28.0	1325.066
TETRA	REDACTED	0.01165	0.02018	28.0	1387.623
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00998	0.01729	28.0	1619.658
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00625	0.01083	28.0	2586.529
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00501	0.00868	28.0	3226.064
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00427	0.00740	28.0	3785.017
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00422	0.00731	28.0	3831.668
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00400	0.00693	28.0	4042.462
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00377	0.00653	28.0	4289.150
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00366	0.00634	28.0	4416.887
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00300	0.00519	28.0	5393.997
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00292	0.00505	28.0	5543.830
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00291	0.00505	28.0	5549.539
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00233	0.00404	28.0	6926.224
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00226	0.00392	28.0	7140.374
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00216	0.00374	28.0	7480.707
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00180	0.00311	28.0	9001.006
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00159	0.00275	28.0	10173.573
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00155	0.00219	28.0	12781.788
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00151	0.00261	28.0	10727.145
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00148	0.00256	28.0	10937.624
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00141	0.00244	28.0	11473.249
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00140	0.00197	28.0	14182.658

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TETRA	REDACTED	0.00139	0.00196	28.0	14274.686
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00122	0.00211	28.0	13272.420
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00115	0.00200	28.0	14032.819
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00114	0.00162	28.0	17306.809
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00114	0.00197	28.0	14205.455
PMR	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	13723.854
PMR	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	14324.526
PMR	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	21116.785
PMR	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	33091.499
PMR	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	38200.015
PMR	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	39594.766
PMR	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	41218.274
DVB-T	544.600	0.08417	0.09932	32.1	323.074
DVB-T	571.010	0.05244	0.06188	32.9	530.982
DVB-T	577.500	0.01372	0.01619	33.0	2040.998
DVB-T	739.320	0.01306	0.01541	37.4	2426.016
DVB-T	583.130	0.01261	0.01488	33.2	2231.456
DVB-T	769.810	0.00952	0.01123	38.1	3397.489
LTE	816.000	0.04090	0.11697	39.3	335.783
LTE	806.000	0.09920	0.28371	39.0	137.592
LTE	796.000	0.03050	0.08723	38.8	444.727
GSM	948.771	0.23240	0.46480	42.4	91.121
GSM	955.844	0.15260	0.30520	42.5	139.287
GSM	926.031	0.06157	0.12314	41.8	339.795
UMTS FDD	943.000	0.14110	0.52691	42.2	80.135
UMTS FDD	953.500	0.14080	0.52579	42.5	80.751
UMTS FDD	937.000	0.09312	0.34774	42.1	121.037
UMTS FDD	932.500	0.04898	0.18291	42.0	229.560
GSM	1841.380	0.04019	0.08038	59.0	734.051
LTE	1815.000	0.12840	0.44982	58.6	130.228
LTE	1830.000	0.05970	0.24150	58.8	243.565
LTE	1855.000	0.12100	0.48947	59.2	120.990
LTE	1875.000	0.02460	0.08618	59.5	690.872
UMTS FDD	2127.500	0.28570	0.90347	61.0	67.518
UMTS FDD	2132.500	0.20820	0.65839	61.0	92.650
UMTS FDD	2122.500	0.15940	0.50407	61.0	121.015
UMTS FDD	2117.500	0.15650	0.49490	61.0	123.257
UMTS FDD	2112.500	0.10320	0.32635	61.0	186.916
UMTS FDD	2152.500	0.07044	0.22275	61.0	273.847
UMTS FDD	2137.500	0.04977	0.15739	61.0	387.578
UMTS FDD	2147.500	0.04047	0.12798	61.0	476.643
UMTS FDD	2142.500	0.03004	0.09500	61.0	642.136
UMTS FDD	2157.500	0.01979	0.06258	61.0	974.722
WiFi	2465.000	0.06501	0.10576	61.0	576.752
WiFi	2452.500	0.05460	0.08883	61.0	686.715
WiFi	2427.370	0.04581	0.07453	61.0	818.481
WiFi	2457.500	0.04385	0.07134	61.0	855.065
WiFi	2472.880	0.03312	0.05388	61.0	1132.084

WiFi	2439.980	0.03242	0.05274	61.0	1156.528
WiFi	2403.570	0.02748	0.04471	61.0	1364.433
WiFi	2444.600	0.02498	0.04064	61.0	1500.986
LTE	3481.810	0.00297	0.01265	61.0	4821.542
BWA/WIMAX	3528.238	0.00202	0.01727	61.0	3531.741
LTE	3592.000	0.06734	0.28688	61.0	212.629

Total Exposure Quotients [calculated from Adjusted Levels]				
Quotient	Frequency Range	Calculated Quotient Value	Limit	
Electrical Stimulation Effects	1 Hz to 10 MHz	n/a	1	
Thermal Effects	100 kHz and above	0.001369	1	

Overall Conclusions of the Survey		
Frequency Selective Measurements: (Individual emissions measured at specific frequencies)	Below ICNIRP Public Limits (Compliant)	
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Explanatory Notes

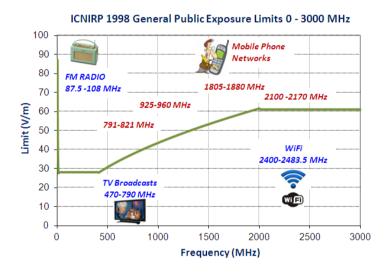
Adjusted Levels

For some emissions, an adjusted level may be required to be derived from the measured level:

- (1) to compensate for the limited measurement resolution of the spectrum analyser. For example, a measurement of a DVB-T (digital TV) signal performed with a resolution of 5 MHz needs to be adjusted upwards using a correction factor to account for the energy present within the full 7.61 MHz bandwidth of the signal; and/or
- (2) to extrapolate to an estimate of the level under maximum traffic or duty cycle from the transmitter. For example, the base stations of mobile phone networks produce emissions which vary according to the changing volume of calls or data traffic over the course of the day.

ICNIRP Public Exposure Limits

These are set out in the ICNIRP Guidelines as reference levels for the practical assessment of exposure to electric and magnetic fields, as experienced by the general public (excluding occupational exposure and exposure during medical procedures). The limits vary according to the frequency of the emissions as illustrated in the adjacent diagram. For example, the limits for Wi-Fi in the 2400-2483.5 MHz frequency band are higher than those for FM Radio transmissions in the much lower 87.5-108 MHz frequency band



Total Exposure Quotients

The Total Exposure Quotients (which must be \leq 1) are calculated in accordance with mathematical formulas specified in the ICNIRP Guidelines to assess the cumulative effect of emissions from multiple transmitters. The quotients in this report are calculated from the Adjusted Levels rather than from the Measured Levels to account for total potential public exposure under maximum traffic conditions.

The two quotients are as follows:

(1) Quotient for Electrical Stimulation Effects (1 Hz to 10 MHz)

This quotient is calculated only in a small number of cases where strong emissions in the frequency range between 1 Hz and 10 MHz are present at the survey location (e.g. near a long wave radio transmitter site). This essentially involves summing the ratios (measured field strength/applicable limit) for each emission.

(2) Quotient for Thermal Effects (100 kHz and above)

The measurements of any emissions above 100 kHz are used to calculate a quotient to assess any thermal (heat) effects. This essentially involves summing the squares of the ratios (measured field strength/applicable limit) for each emission.