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Programme of Measurement of Non-Ionising Radiation

Site Survey Report

1. Survey Summary

Address of Transmitter Site Surveyed:	The Westbury Hotel, Clarendon St., Dublin 2.	
Survey Date:	28/03/2023	
Emission Measured:	GSM, UMTS, LTE, NR	

Measurement Location: (at point of maximum non-ionising	On rooftop of Grafton multi-storey carpark, adjacent to antenna
radiation near site)	location.

Measurement Location	LAT	deg	min	sec	LONG	deg	min	sec
Coordinates:	N	53	20	32.7	W	6	15	41.0

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 Exposure Limits [Compliant]
Total Exposure Quotient: (Assessment of cumulative emissions from multiple transmitters)	Below ICNIRP Public Exposure Limits [Compliant]

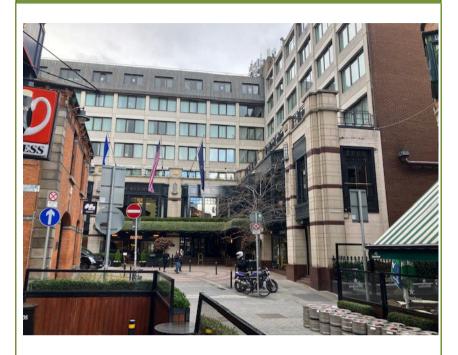
2. Surveyors

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

Designated Transmitter Site Photo



Survey Weather

Sky: Light Cloud

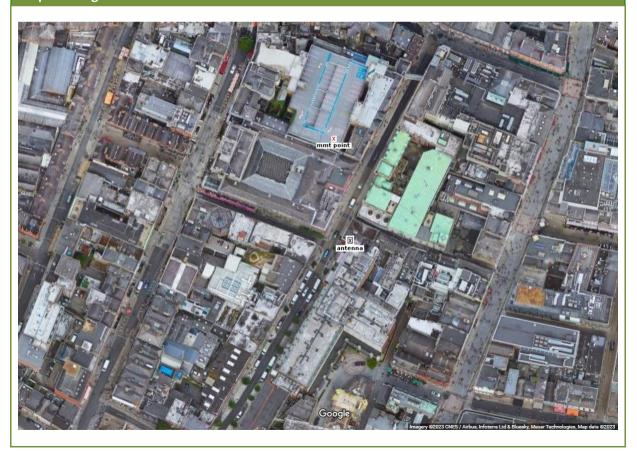
Temperature:

12° C

Relative Humidity:

47 %

Map of Designated Transmitter Site and Measurement Location



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"). 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. Once standardised, these methodologies are to be incorporated. Methodologies used in conducting this site reports are listed below;

- 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

Additional methodologies to be used in conducting this site report are listed below:

 Measurement techniques as published by Dr. Helmut Keller on behalf of Narda Safety Test Solutions.⁶

Note re this Report Version

If you have downloaded this report from ComReg's Siteviewer⁷ or from www.comreg.ie, you are reading an abbreviated version. The full technical version of this report also contains a comprehensive technical record of the measurements and any calculations performed, a list of equipment used, and a technical appendix. A copy of the full report is available upon request from ComReg.

• "Guidelines for Limiting Exposure to Electromagnetic Fields (100 kHz to 300 GHz)", ICNIRP, published in 'Health Physics', March 2020, Volume 118, No. 5: https://www.icnirp.org/cms/upload/publications/ICNIRPrfgdl2020.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: https://www.icnirp.org/cms/upload/publications/ICNIRPLFgdl.pdf

¹ Current ICNIRP guidelines:

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">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">https://www.comreg.ie/publication-download/programme-of-measure-non-ionising-electromagnetic-radiation-from-transmitter-sites-2

³ ECC RECOMMENDATION (02)04, "Measuring Non-lonising 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> .

⁶ "On the Assessment of Human Exposure to Electromagnetic Fields Transmitted by 5G NR Base Stations", published in 'Health Physics', November 2019 Volume 117, No.5: https://journals.lww.com/health-physics/fulltext/2019/11000/on the assessment of human exposure to.7.aspx

5. Survey Overview

Survey Stages

In accordance with the methodology outlined in ComReg Document 08/51R4, 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 interdependent⁸ in the **radiating near-field**⁹ and the **far-field**¹⁰, which are located before and beyond a distance of at least the wavelength of the radiated EMF respectively. 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 gives examples of wavelengths for some 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 (2G mobile base station)	925 MHz	0.32 m
LTE 1800 (4G mobile base station)	1805 MHz	0.17 m
UMTS (3G mobile base station)	2110 MHz	0.14 m
5G NR (5G Mobile base station)	3500 MHz	0.09 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**¹¹ region. In this region, located within a distance of at least the wavelength of the radiated EMF, the relationship between E and H becomes very complex and there is no direct correlation between both components of the EMF.

⁸ 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

⁹ Beyond a distance of max(λ , D, D²/4 λ), where λ is the wavelength and D is the antenna's largest dimension

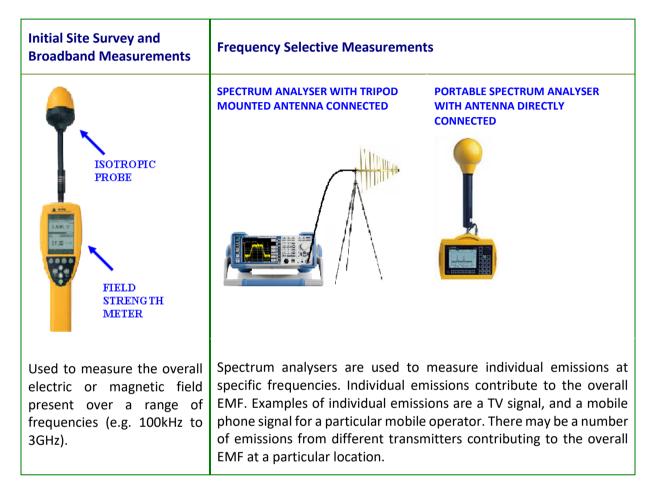
¹⁰ Beyond a distance of max(5λ , 5D, $0.6D^2/\lambda$)

¹¹ Within a distance of max (λ , D, D²/4 λ)

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 those measurements, the various instruments, antennas and probes used were mounted on non-metallic supports.

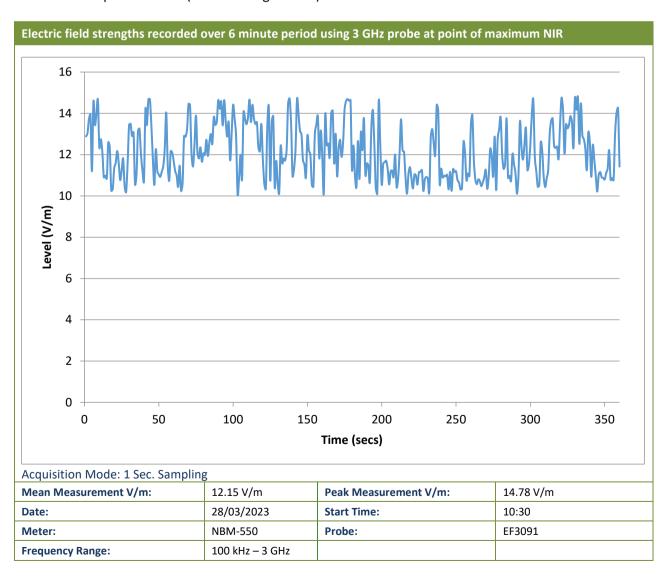
7. Full Survey - Broadband Measurements

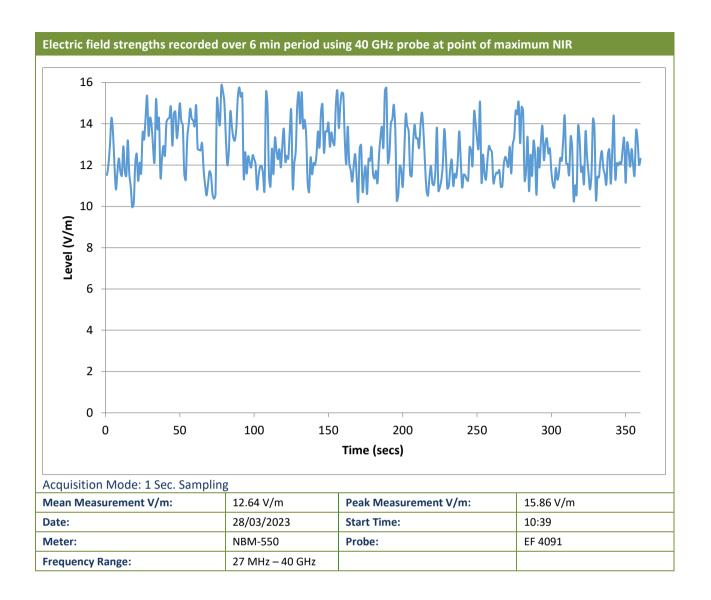
The purpose of these measurements was to get an overview of the intensity of the EMF present at the point of maximum NIR near the Designated Site.

There, the field strength meter (which was mounted on a tripod and fitted with **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 **40 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 27.7 V/m.

If a broadband measurement is higher than 27.7 V/m, it does not necessarily follow that the ICNIRP Public Exposure Limits have been exceeded because the limits are frequency dependent. 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 27.7 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 (GSM, UMTS, LTE and 5G NR), wireless broadband (BWA), television (DVB-T), FM radio - 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, UMTS, LTE, 5G NR, DVB-T 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 measured emission (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 ≤ 1 in order for the aggregate of multiple measurements to satisfy the criteria of the ICNIRP Public Exposure Limit.

Table of Frequency S	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	100.300	0.02428	0.02428	27.7	1140.857
FM Radio	98.080	0.01966	0.01966	27.7	1408.952
FM Radio	88.500	0.01859	0.01859	27.7	1490.048
FM Radio	94.870	0.01800	0.01800	27.7	1538.889
FM Radio	92.880	0.01526	0.01526	27.7	1815.203
FM Radio	104.370	0.01453	0.01453	27.7	1906.401
FM Radio	102.170	0.01338	0.01338	27.7	2070.254
FM Radio	90.680	0.01321	0.01321	27.7	2096.896
FM Radio	96.690	0.01222	0.01222	27.7	2266.776
FM Radio	103.790	0.01165	0.01165	27.7	2377.682
FM Radio	106.790	0.01147	0.01147	27.7	2414.996
FM Radio	106.010	0.01119	0.01119	27.7	2475.424
FM Radio	93.510	0.00726	0.00726	27.7 27.7	3814.902
FM Radio FM Radio	98.710 89.090	0.00699 0.00660	0.00699 0.00660	27.7	3963.371 4199.515
FM Radio	89.890	0.00657	0.00657	27.7	4218.060
FM Radio	91.330	0.00617	0.00617	27.7	4489.465
FM Radio	100.830	0.00602	0.00602	27.7	4599.037
FM Radio	103.150	0.00529	0.00529	27.7	5235.305
PMR	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	27.7	14293.086
TETRA	REDACTED	0.02571	0.04453	27.7	622.038
TETRA	REDACTED	0.02554	0.04424	27.7	626.179
TETRA	REDACTED	0.02527	0.04377	27.7	632.869
TETRA	REDACTED	0.02019	0.03497	27.7	792.105
TETRA	REDACTED	0.01796	0.03111	27.7	890.457
TETRA	REDACTED	0.01282	0.02220	27.7	1247.473
TETRA	REDACTED	0.01241	0.01755	27.7	1578.312
TETRA	REDACTED	0.01077	0.01865	27.7	1484.921
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00352	0.00610	27.7	4539.484
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00256	0.00363	27.7	7639.180
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00251	0.00435	27.7	6363.948
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00245	0.00425	27.7	6522.269
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00161	0.00279	27.7	9927.128
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00157	0.00272	27.7	10186.371
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00157	0.00271	27.7	10205.873
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00150	0.00260	27.7	10640.454
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00149	0.00258	27.7	10740.499
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00145	0.00251	27.7	11044.615
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00144	0.00250	27.7	11090.570
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00143	0.00248	27.7	11168.018
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00143	0.00247	27.7	11207.150
TETRA	REDACTED	0.00132	0.00187	27.7	14793.699

TETRA	REDACTED	0.00132	0.00229	27.7	12088.135
PMR	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	29.7	16192.223
PMR	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	29.4	25145.008
PMR	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	29.4	30030.031
DVB-T	545.980	0.03238	0.03821	32.1	840.876
DVB-T	570.010	0.03164	0.03734	32.8	879.276
DVB-T	579.040	0.02345	0.02767	33.1	1195.727
DVB-T	585.100	0.02301	0.02715	33.3	1224.952
LTE	763.000	1.30000	3.71800	38.0	10.215
LTE	773.000	1.10000	3.14600	38.2	12.152
LTE	783.000	0.92930	2.65780	38.5	14.476
LTE	796.000	1.70000	4.86200	38.8	7.979
LTE	806.000	1.10000	3.14600	39.0	12.408
LTE	816.000	1.30000	3.71800	39.3	10.564
GSM	946.582	2.10900	4.21800	42.3	10.029
GSM	928.469	1.72900	3.45800	41.9	12.116
GSM	957.063	0.17000	0.34000	42.5	125.111
UMTS FDD	953.500	0.88920	3.32056	42.5	12.787
UMTS FDD	932.500	0.88010	3.28658	42.0	12.776
UMTS FDD	943.000	0.24400	0.91117	42.2	46.340
UMTS FDD	937.000	0.21870	0.81670	42.1	51.536
GSM	1842.590	0.01084	0.02168	59.0	2722.437
LTE	1815.000	2.80000	9.80909	58.6	5.972
LTE	1830.000	1.70000	6.87684	58.8	8.553
LTE	1855.000	1.50000	6.06780	59.2	9.760
LTE	1875.000	1.40000	4.90454	59.5	12.140
LTE	2120.000	3.70000	15.76200	61.0	3.870
LTE	2140.000	1.60000	6.81600	61.0	8.950
LTE	2160.000	2.10000	8.94600	61.0	6.819
WiFi	2462.560	0.01930	0.03140	61.0	1942.727
WiFi	2444.470	0.01827	0.02972	61.0	2052.251
WiFi	2440.690	0.01724	0.02805	61.0	2174.862
WiFi	2407.730	0.01705	0.02774	61.0	2199.098
LTE	3535.048	0.35665	3.39886	61.0	17.947
5G NR	3653.286	1.07489	9.16883	61.0	6.653
LTE	3739.333	1.55563	14.82520	61.0	4.115
WiFi	5160.159	0.00382	0.01627	61.0	3750.088
WiFi	5183.333	0.01457	0.06205	61.0	983.056
WiFi	5197.937	0.01060	0.04516	61.0	1350.812
WiFi	5235.714	0.00389	0.02878	61.0	2119.301
WiFi	5284.286	0.00389	0.02410	61.0	2531.396
WiFi	5313.175	0.00450	0.02410	61.0	2200.619
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WiFi	5344.603	0.00781	0.03327	61.0	1833.392
WiFi	5511.286	0.00510	0.04069	61.0	1499.133
WiFi	5555.810	0.00857	0.03651	61.0	1670.799
WiFi	5567.952	0.00544	0.02318	61.0	2631.930
WiFi	5585.762	0.00580	0.04286	61.0	1423.172

WiFi	5678.857	0.00548	0.03303	61.0	1846.628
WiFi	5718.119	0.00256	0.01091	61.0	5590.727
BWA/WIMAX	5767.619	0.00522	0.04453	61.0	1369.927
BWA/WIMAX	5848.095	0.00777	0.05235	61.0	1165.304

Total Exposure Quotients [calculated from Adjusted Levels]				
Quotient	Frequency Range	Calculated Quotient Value	Limit	
Electrical Stimulation Effects (as per ICNIRP 2010)	1 Hz to 10 MHz	n/a	1	
Thermal Effects etc. (as per ICNIRP 2020)	100 kHz and above	0.326756	1	

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

Explanatory Notes

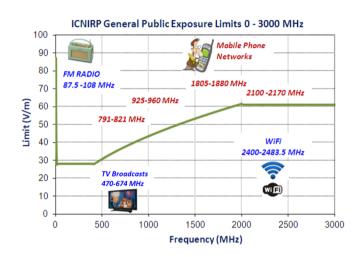
Adjusted Levels

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 etc. (100 kHz and above)

The measurements of any emissions above 100 kHz are used to calculate a quotient to assess any thermal (heat) and other effects as per ICNIRP 2020. This essentially involves summing the squares of the ratios (measured field strength/applicable limit) for each emissio