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## Introduction

Meteorological aids, Radiosondes, are light weight, disposable precision measurement instruments mainly used for *in situ* upper air measurements of meteorological variables (pressure, temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and direction) in the atmosphere up to an altitude of 36 km. The measurements are vital to international weather forecasting capability (and hence severe weather warning services for the public involving protection of life and property). The Radiosonde systems provide simultaneous measurements of the vertical profile of temperature, relative humidity as well as wind speed and direction. The variation of these meteorological variables in the vertical contains the majority of the critical information for weather forecasting. These systems are the only meteorological observing systems able to regularly provide the vertical resolution that meteorologists need for all five variables (i.e. pressure, temperature, relative humidity, wind speed and direction).

Typically the Radiosonde observations are produced by Radiosondes measuring atmosphere for approximately 2 hours and carried by ascending balloons launched from land stations or ships. Radiosonde observations are carried out routinely by almost all countries, two to four times a day. The observation data is then circulated immediately to all other countries within a few hours via the WMO (World Meteorological Organization) Global Telecommunications System (GTS). The observing systems and data dissemination are all organized under the framework of the World Weather Watch Programme of WMO.

The observation stations are required, worldwide, at a horizontal spacing of less than or equal to 250 km with a frequency of observation from one to four times per day.

Remotely sensed measurements from satellites do not have the vertical resolution available from Radiosondes. Successful derivation of vertical temperature structure from these satellite measurements usually requires a computation initialized either directly from Radiosonde statistics or from the numerical weather forecast itself. In the latter case, the Radiosonde measurements ensure that the vertical structure in these forecasts remains accurate and stable with time. In addition, the Radiosonde measurements are used to calibrate satellite observations by a variety of techniques.

Radiosonde observations are thus seen to remain absolutely necessary for meteorological operations for the foreseeable future.

Other applications, independent of the main civilian meteorological organizations include environmental pollution, hydrology, radioactivity in the free atmosphere, significant weather phenomena (e.g. winter storms, thunderstorms, etc.) and investigation of a range of physical and chemical properties of the atmosphere.

About 150 000 Radiosondes are annually used in Europe, about 10 % of them are in 1 680 MHz band. This use is not decreasing with time, since with modern automation it is now much easier to successfully operate systems without highly skilled operators and a large amount of supporting equipment.

The Radiosondes use unidirectional transmission on two frequency bands: 403 MHz band covers primary and co-primary allocations from 400,15 MHz to 406 MHz and 1 680 MHz band from 1 668,4 MHz to 1 690 MHz. The 403 MHz Radiosonde technology applies GNSS (Global Navigation Satellite Systems) for wind measurement, whereas the 1 680 MHz systems may base the wind measurement on balloon tracking with a Radio Direction Finding antenna. Because the 403 MHz wind measurement depends on the availability of the GNSS signals, many operators do not consider this technology secure enough for critical applications (e.g. defence and national security), and consequently prefer 1 680 MHz systems.

According to Recommendation ITU-R SA.1745 [i.5] the Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) is allocated in the band from 1 670 MHz to 1 675 MHz, and the sub band from 1 683 MHz to 1 690 MHz is used for meteorological satellite. Thus all administrations should strive to implement MetAids systems that limit their operations to the band 1 675 - 1 683 MHz for Radiosondes.

National regulatory conditions (channel/frequency separations or the inclusion of an automatic transmitter shut-off feature) for an individual/general license or license exemption may apply.

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# 1 Scope

The present document specifies technical characteristics and methods of measurements for digitally modulated radiosondes operating in the range from 1 668,4 MHz to 1 690 MHz.

NOTE: The present document does not cover radiosondes with an imbedded receiver.

The present document covers the essential requirements of article 3.2 of Directive 2014/53/EU [i.1] under the conditions identified in annex A.

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- [1] CISPR 16-1-1 (Edition 4.0) (09-2015): "Specification for radio disturbance and immunity measuring apparatus and methods - Part 1-1: Radio disturbance and immunity measuring apparatus - Measuring apparatus".
- [2] ETSI TS 103 052 (V1.1.1) (03-2011): "Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Radiated measurement methods and general arrangements for test sites up to 100 GHz".
- [3] ETSI EN 300 440 (V2.1.1) (03-2017): "Short Range Devices (SRD); Radio equipment to be used in the 1 GHz to 40 GHz frequency range; Harmonised Standard covering the essential requirements of article 3.2 of Directive 2014/53/EU".

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- [i.1] Directive 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of radio equipment and repealing Directive 1999/5/EC.
- [i.2] Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 5376 final of 4.8.2015 on a standardisation request to the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardisation and to the European Telecommunications Standards Institute as regards radio equipment in support of Directive 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council.
- [i.3] ETSI TR 100 028 (all parts) (V1.4.1): "Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Uncertainties in the measurement of mobile radio equipment characteristics".



- [i.4] ETSI TR 100 028-2 (V1.4.1): "Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Uncertainties in the measurement of mobile radio equipment characteristics; Part 2".
- [i.5] Recommendation ITU-R SA.1745: "Use of the band 1 668.4-1 710 MHz by the meteorological aids service and meteorological-satellite service (space-to-Earth)".
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