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**SENSITIVITY OF RADIO RECEIVERS FOR
CLASS OF EMISSIONS F3E**

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Scope

This Recommendation provides the method to measure the sensitivity of receivers for class of emission F3E.

Keywords

Sensitivity, receiver, emission, F3E

The ITU Radiocommunication Assembly,

considering

- a) that knowledge of the performance in terms of sensitivity and selectivity of a receiver is required, both in system planning and operation;
- b) that it would be important to have a single system performance measure; and
- c) that the method used to obtain the reference output for sensitivity and selectivity of a receiver is:
 - the “SINAD method”, which uses the ratio (Signal + Noise + Distortion)/(Noise + Distortion) (SND/ND) as a reference magnitude of receiver performance. The value of both the numerator (SND) and the denominator (ND) is determined in the presence of modulation. The desired signal (S) is removed in the denominator by means of a distortion analyzer notch filter,

recommends

1. that the SINAD method given in *considering* c) should be used to measure the sensitivity of receivers for class of emission F3E for use in the land and maritime mobile services;
2. that the sensitivity of the receivers should be the input signal level that gives:

$$SND/ND \text{ (or SINAD)} = 12 \text{ dB}$$

measured in the presence of modulation with a test signal rejection filter.

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