

COMMUNICATION METHOD AND COMMUNICATION APPARATUS

ABSTRACT

This application discloses a communication method and a communication apparatus. The
5 method includes: A terminal device obtains first subgroup configuration information
corresponding to a first PLMN, and receives paging from a first cell based on the first subgroup
configuration information. The first PLMN is a PLMN associated with the terminal device, the
first PLMN belongs to a PLMN set, and the PLMN set is associated with the first cell. Subgroup
configuration information may be considered as configuration information for grouping terminal
10 devices, and a terminal device may determine, based on the subgroup configuration information,
a terminal device group to which the terminal device belongs. According to the method, different
PLMNs may have corresponding subgroup configuration information, so that terminal device
groups controlled by a plurality of core network devices can be distinguished. Even if subgroup
IDs allocated by different core network devices associated with the first cell to terminal devices
15 are the same, subgroup IDs actually used by the different core network devices to initiate paging
through an access network device are different. Therefore, a probability of causing a paging false
alarm can be reduced.

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