

# Integrated SIM (iSIM) for **Consumer Electronics**



# Connected devices are the innovation hub of the consumer world

## End users want sleek, powerful and power efficient devices

### **Device makers challenges:**

- Lower power consumption
- Optimized BoM<sup>1</sup> and space
- Ease of testing & enablement
- Improved security for new services

<sup>1</sup> Bill of Material



# How many consumer devices will support iSIM

## Counterpoint Research forecasts 488 million iSIM-compliant consumer devices in 2025



Source: Counterpoint Research (January 2021)

(\*) includes laptop, tablets, XR devices and drones

# How many mobile operators have launched or plan to launch consumer eSIM services

iSIM relies on largely deployed eSIM infrastructure



# eSIM is going mainstream

# The eSIM is among the 9 emerging technologies horizon for

mobile connected devices

Figure 1: Emerging Technology Horizon: Devices



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# What an integrated SIM (iSIM) is



It's a new eSIM form factor – built as a trusted area (TRE<sup>2</sup>) – into a **multi-function chip** (SoC<sup>3</sup>)

Just like eSIM, it provides a **secure vault** for storing **mobile** subscription details (e.g. credentials to connect to the mobile network...) into a trustful digital format



It also leverages the SoC advanced capabilities (e.g. computing capacity, speed, power consumption...)

iSIM is standardized and recognized by industries bodies (GSMA, 3GPP, Trusted Connectivity Alliance, ETSI, Eurosmart...)

It is fully compatible with 2G, 3G, 4G and 5G

## iSIM for Consumer Electronics<sup>4</sup> can be used into any cellular consumer device (smartphone, smartwatch, connected PC, tablet...)



2 A Tamper Resistant Element (TRE) is a secure enclave integrated in a SoC (source: Trusted Connectivity Alliance)

3 A System on a Chip (SoC) is an integrated circuit (also known as a 'chip') that integrates all or most components of a computer or other electronic system (source: Wikipedia)

iSIM can also be found in IoT and M2M devices

#### From rSIM to eSIM, to iSIM 6

**Removable SIM** 





Integrated SIM



# The iSIM is fully standardized and endorsed by the industry

	2015	2019	2020	2021
GSMA <sup>®</sup>		Security extensions for iSIM production	Addition of SoC integration specificities in security evaluation guidelines	Release of all approved GSMA's iSIM specifications

## iSIM standardisation focus:

- Integrated eUICC security (leveraging eSIM)
- SoC specificities integration

Started in 2015, the GSMA has finalised the specification and certification of the integrated UICC in 2021

## 8 The iSIM is as interoperable as eSIM



## iSIM is subject to the same interoperability tests as eSIM

- Compliant with Trusted Connectivity Alliance interoperable profile specification
- Tested according to GSMA's eSIM compliance program
- Validated with mobile operators' eSIM infra (profiles, eSIM management platforms)











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