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Foreword

This Technical Specification (TS) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Services and Protocols for Advanced Networks (SPAN).

The present document is part 4 of a multi-part deliverable covering the Digital Subscriber Signalling System No. one (DSS1) protocol specification for the Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) Trunk Hunting (TH) supplementary service, as identified below:

- Part 1: "Protocol specification";
- Part 2: "Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS) proforma specification";
- Part 3: "Test Suite Structure and Test Purposes (TSS&TP) specification for the user";
- Part 4: "Abstract Test Suite (ATS) and partial Protocol Implementation eXtra Information for Testing (PIXIT) proforma specification for the user";**
- Part 5: "Test Suite Structure and Test Purposes (TSS&TP) specification for the network";
- Part 6: "Abstract Test Suite (ATS) and partial Protocol Implementation eXtra Information for Testing (PIXIT) proforma specification for the network".

- [12] ITU-T Recommendation X.209: "Specification of Basic Encoding Rules for Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1)".

3 Definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions apply:

Abstract Test Suite (ATS): See ISO/IEC 9646-1 [6].

Implementation Under Test (IUT): See ISO/IEC 9646-1 [6].

Lower Tester (LT): See ISO/IEC 9646-1 [6].

Point of Control and Observation (PCO): See ISO/IEC 9646-1 [6].

Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS): See ISO/IEC 9646-1 [6].

PICS proforma: See ISO/IEC 9646-1 [6].

Protocol Implementation eXtra Information for Testing (PIXIT): See ISO/IEC 9646-1 [6].

PIXIT proforma: See ISO/IEC 9646-1 [6].

System Under Test (SUT): See ISO/IEC 9646-1 [6].

Upper Tester (UT): See ISO/IEC 9646-1 [6].

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3.2 Abbreviations

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For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

ASN.1	Abstract Syntax Notation One
ATM	Abstract Test Method
ATS	Abstract Test Suite
BER	Basic Encoding Rules
ExTS	Executable Test Suite
ISDN	Integrated Services Digital Network
IUT	Implementation Under Test
LT	Lower Tester
MOT	Means Of Testing
PCO	Point of Control and Observation
PCTR	Protocol Conformance Test report
PICS	Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement
PIXIT	Protocol Implementation eXtra Information for Testing
SUT	System Under Test
TCP	Test Co-ordination Procedures
TH	Trunk Hunting
TP	Test Purpose
TTCN	Tree and Tabular Combined Notation
UT	Upper Tester

4 Abstract Test Method (ATM)

The remote test method is applied for the TH user ATS. A Point of Control and Observation (PCO) resides at the service access point between layers 2 and 3. This PCO is named "L" (for Lower). The L PCO is used to control and observe the behaviour of the Implementation Under Test (IUT) and test case verdicts are assigned depending on the behaviour observed at this PCO.

ISO/IEC 9646-2 [7] allows the informal expression of Test Co-ordination Procedures (TCP) between the System Under Test (SUT) upper layer(s) and the Lower Tester (LT). In the ATS contained in annex C, TCP is achieved by use of a second "informal" PCO, called "O" (for Operator). This PCO is used to specify control but not observation above the IUT and consequently, events at this PCO are never used to generate test case verdicts. The use of this O PCO is regarded as a preferred alternative to the use of the implicit send event, in that it allows the ATS to specify in a clear and meaningful way what actions are required to be performed on the IUT.

A second "informal" PCO, called "O" (for Operator) is used to specify control but not observation above the IUT; events at this PCO are never used to generate test case verdicts. Messages sent by the tester at this PCO explicitly indicate to the operator actions which are to be performed on the SUT. This is regarded as a preferred alternative to the use of the implicit send event.

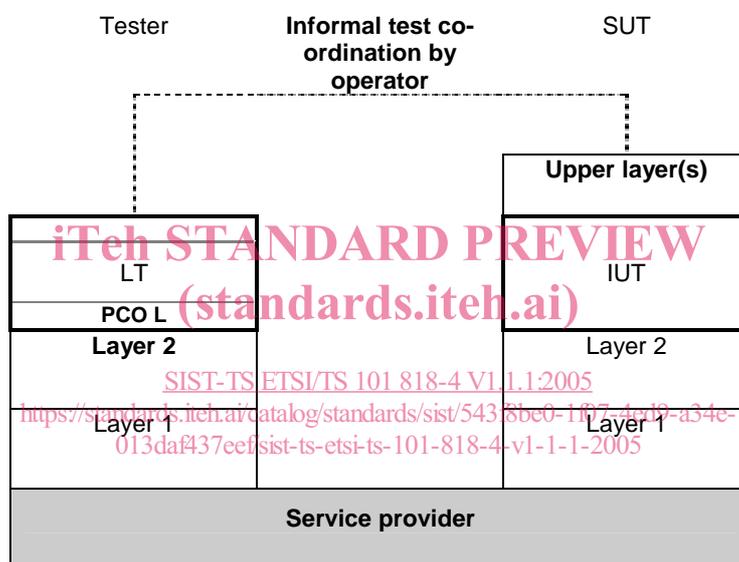


Figure 1: Remote test method with PCO O for test co-ordination

5 Untestable test purposes

There are no untestable test purposes associated with this ATS.

6 ATS conventions

6.1 Version of TTCN used

The version of TTCN used is that defined in ISO/IEC 9646-3 [8].

6.2 Use of ASN.1

6.2.1 Situations where ASN.1 is used

ASN.1 has been used for three major reasons. First, types defined in ASN.1 can model problems that "pure" TTCN cannot. For instance, data structures modelling ordered or unordered sequences of data are preferably defined in ASN.1. Second, ASN.1 provides a better restriction mechanism for type definitions by using sub-type definitions. Third, it is necessary to use ASN.1 to reproduce the type definitions for remote operation components as specified in the base standards.

The possibility to use TTCN and ASN.1 in combination is used, i.e. referring to an ASN.1 type from a TTCN type.

6.2.2 Specification of encoding rules

There is a variation in the encoding rules applied to ASN.1 types and constraints specified in this ATS and therefore a mechanism is needed to differentiate the encoding rules. However the mechanism specified in ISO/IEC 9646-3 [8] does not facilitate definition of the encoding rules as needed for this ATS. A solution is therefore used which is broadly in the spirit of ISO/IEC 9646-3 [8] in which comment fields have been used as a means of encoding rules.

For ASN.1 used in this ATS, two variations of encoding rules are used. One is the commonly known Basic Encoding Rules (BER) as specified in ITU-T Recommendation X.209 [12]. In the second case the encoding is according to ISDN, i.e. the ASN.1 data types are a representation of structures contained within the ISDN specification (basic call, Generic functional protocol or individual supplementary service). For example, if octets of an information element are specified in ASN.1 as a SEQUENCE then this should be encoded in an Executable Test Suite (ExTS) as any other ISDN information element specified using tabular TTCN. This ISDN encoding variation is the default encoding rule for this ATS. This means that all ASN.1 constraint tables are encoded using ISDN (non-BER) encoding unless stated otherwise. BER encoding should never be applied to an ASN.1 constraint where BER encoding has not been specified.

For BER encoding, an indication is given in the comments field of the table header. For this ATS such indications appear in the ASN.1 type constraint declaration tables only. In the first line of the table header comment field, the notation "ASN1_Encoding: *BER*" is used.

Note that within BER, there are a number of variations for the encoding of lengths of fields. According to EN 300 196-1 [1], an IUT should be able to interpret all length forms within BER for received PDUs. When sending PDUs containing BER encoding, EN 300 196-1 [1] gives guidelines but makes no restrictions on the length forms within BER which an IUT may apply.

In this particular ATS all ASN.1 type constraints which are of type "Component" are to be encoded using BER.

Table 1: ASN.1 type constraint declaration showing use of encoding variation

ASN.1 Type Constraint Declaration	
Constraint Name	: CancelWithdrawTHG_Inv_R1
ASN.1 Type	: Component
Derivation Path	:
Comments	: ASN1_Encoding: BER Receive component: CancelWithdrawTHG invoke component
Description	
CancelWithdrawTHG_components cancelWithdrawTHG_InvokeComp { invokeID ?, operation_value globalValue { TSC_tHOID 2 } }	
Detailed comments :	