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- additional rules and guidance on use of certain features;
- addition of MCI and SI FIGs to enhance receiver behaviour;
- removal of some obsolete service information features;
- removal of transmission modes II, III and IV;
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# 1 Scope

The present document establishes a broadcasting standard for the Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB) system designed for delivery of high-quality digital audio and video programmes and data services for mobile, portable and fixed reception from terrestrial transmitters in the Very High Frequency (VHF) frequency bands as well as for distribution through cable networks. The DAB system is designed to provide spectrum and power efficient techniques in terrestrial transmitter network planning, known as the Single Frequency Network (SFN) and the gap-filling technique. The DAB system meets the required sharing criteria with other radiocommunication services.

The present document defines the DAB transmission signal. It includes the coding algorithms for multiplexing of audio and video programmes and data services, channel coding and modulation. Provision is also made for transmission of additional data services which may be programme related or not, within the limit of the total system capacity. The present document provides information on the system configuration which includes information about the ensembles, services, service components and linking of them.

The present document describes the nominal characteristics of the emitted DAB signal. The aspects related to the receiver design are outside the scope of the present document.

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# 2 References

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- [1] ETSI TS 103 466: "Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); DAB audio coding (MPEG Layer II)".
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- [3] ETSI TS 101 756: "Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); Registered Tables".
- [4] ETSI TS 102 367: "Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); Conditional access".
- [5] ETSI TS 103 176: "Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); Rules of implementation; Service information features".
- [6] ETSI EN 301 234: "Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); Multimedia Object Transfer (MOT) protocol".
- [7] ETSI TS 102 980: "Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); Dynamic Label Plus (DL Plus); Application specification".
- [8] ETSI ES 201 980: "Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM); System Specification".
- [9] ETSI TS 102 386: "Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM); AM signalling system (AMSS)".
- [10] IEC 62106: "Specification of the radio data system (RDS) for VHF/FM sound broadcasting in the frequency range from 87,5 to 108,0 MHz".

- [11] Recommendation ITU-T X.25: "Interface between Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) and Data Circuit-terminating Equipment (DCE) for terminals operating in the packet mode and connected to public data networks by dedicated circuit".

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# 3 Definitions, abbreviations, mathematical symbols, C-language mathematical symbols and conventions

## 3.1 Definitions

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

**Access Control System (ACS):** particular set of rules for managing entitlement checking and conditional access messages

**announcement cluster:** group of services which share the same announcement interruption privileges

**Capacity Unit (CU):** smallest addressable unit (64 bits) of the Common Interleaved Frame (CIF)

**Change Event Indication (CEI):** set of FIG fields with particular values to indicate a change of database content for certain service information features

**Common Interleaved Frame (CIF):** serial digital output from the main service multiplexer which is contained in the Main Service Channel part of the transmission frame

**Conditional Access (CA):** mechanism by which the user access to service components can be restricted

**convolutional coding:** coding procedure which generates redundancy in the transmitted data stream in order to provide ruggedness against transmission distortions

**DAB transmission signal:** transmitted radio frequency signal

**database key:** set of FIG fields that sub-divide a database for certain service information features

**data service:** service which comprises a non-audio primary service component and optionally additional secondary service components

**energy dispersal:** operation involving deterministic selective complementing of bits in the logical frame, intended to reduce the possibility that systematic patterns result in unwanted regularity in the transmitted signal

**ensemble:** transmitted signal, comprising a set of regularly and closely-spaced orthogonal carriers

NOTE: The ensemble is the entity which is received and processed. In general, it contains programme and data services.

**Ensemble Identifier (EId):** unique 16-bit code, allocated to an ensemble and intended to allow unambiguous world-wide identification of that ensemble

**Equal Error Protection (EEP):** error protection procedure which ensures a constant protection of the bit stream

**Extended Programme Associated Data (X-PAD):** extended part of the PAD carried towards the end of the DAB audio frame, immediately before the Scale Factor Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

NOTE: Its length is variable.

**Fast Information Block (FIB):** data burst of 256 bits

**Fast Information Channel (FIC):** part of the transmission frame, comprising the Fast Information Blocks, which contains the multiplex configuration information together with optional service Information and data service components

**Fast Information Group (FIG):** package of data used for one feature in the Fast Information Channel. Eight different types are available to provide a classification of the features

**Fixed Programme Associated Data (F-PAD):** fixed part of the PAD contained in the last two bytes of the DAB audio frame

**logical frame:** data burst, contributing to the contents of a sub-channel, during a time interval of 24 ms

EXAMPLE: Data bursts at the output of an audio encoder, a Conditional Access scrambler and a convolutional encoder are referred to as logical frames. The number of bits contained in a specific logical frame depends on the stage in the encoding process and the bit rate associated with the sub-channel.

**logical frame count:** value of the CIF counter corresponding to the first CIF which carries data from the logical frame

**Main Service Channel (MSC):** channel which occupies the major part of the transmission frame and which carries all the digital audio service components, together with possible supporting and additional data service components

**MSC data group:** package of data used for one user application in the Main Service Channel

NOTE: MSC data groups are transported in a series of one or more packets or X-PAD data sub-fields.

**Multiplex Configuration Information (MCI):** information defining the configuration of the multiplex

NOTE: It contains the current (and in the case of an imminent reconfiguration, the forthcoming) details about the services, service components and sub-channels and the linking between these entities. It is carried in the FIC in order that a receiver may interpret this information in advance of the service components carried in the Main Service Channel. It also includes identification of the ensemble itself.

**N:** transform length of Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)

**null symbol:** first Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplex (OFDM) symbol of the transmission frame

**OFDM symbol:** transmitted signal for that portion of time when the modulating phase state is held constant on each of the equi-spaced, equal amplitude carriers in the ensemble

NOTE: Each carrier is four-phase differentially modulated from one symbol to another, giving a gross bit rate of two bits per carrier per symbol.

**packet mode:** mode of data transmission in which data are carried in addressable blocks called packets

NOTE: Packets are used to convey MSC data groups within a sub-channel.

**primary service component:** first and mandatory component of a service

NOTE: It can be used as a default selection in the receiver.

**programme:** time-slice of a programme service, corresponding to an entry in a programme schedule

**Programme Associated Data (PAD):** information which is related to the audio data in terms of contents and synchronization

**programme item:** time-slice of a programme, for example, a piece of music or a news report

**programme service:** service which comprises an audio primary service component and optionally additional secondary service components

**protection level:** level specifying the degree of protection, provided by the convolutional coding, against transmission errors

**protection profile:** defines the scheme of convolutional coding applied

**Reserved for future addition (Rfa):** bits that do not change the meaning of other parts of an information entity and so are not evaluated by receivers

NOTE: Rfa bits are always set to zero. If a new requirement is determined and specified in the future, Rfa bits may be replaced by fields with definite functions, but this will have no effect on any existing parts of the information entity.

**Reserved for future use (Rfu):** bits that change the meaning of other parts of an information entity and so are evaluated by receivers

NOTE: Rfu bits are always set to zero. If a new requirement is determined and specified in the future, Rfu bits may be replaced by fields with definite functions, and associated parts of the information entity may also change meaning.

**secondary service component:** in case a service contains more than the primary service component, the additional service components are secondary service components

**service:** user-selectable output which can be either a programme service or a data service

**service component:** part of a service which carries either audio (including PAD) or data

**Service Identifier (SId):** 16-bit or 32-bit code used to identify a particular service

**Service Information (SI):** auxiliary information about services, such as service labels and programme type codes

**service label:** alphanumeric characters associated with a particular service and intended for display in a receiver

**Single Frequency Network (SFN):** network of DAB transmitters sharing the same radio frequency to achieve a large area coverage

**stream mode:** mode of data transmission within the Main Service Channel in which data are carried transparently from source to destination

**sub-channel:** part of the Main Service Channel which is individually convolutionally encoded and comprises an integral number of Capacity Units per Common Interleaved Frame

**synchronization channel:** part of the transmission frame providing a phase reference

**transmission frame:** actual transmitted frame, conveying the Synchronization Channel, the Fast Information Channel and the Main Service Channel

**transmission mode:** specific set of transmission parameters (e.g. number of carriers, OFDM symbol duration)

**Unequal Error Protection (UEP):** error protection procedure which allows the bit error characteristics to be matched with the bit error sensitivity of the different parts of the bit stream

**User Application (UA):** data application defined in a separate standard

**X-PAD data group:** package of data used for one user application in the Extended Programme Associated Data (X-PAD)

## 3.2 Abbreviations

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

A/D	Audio/Data
ACS	Access Control System
AM	Amplitude Modulation
AMSS	Amplitude Modulation Signalling System
AppTy	Application Type
ASCTy	Audio Service Component Type
ASu	Announcement Support flags
ASw	Announcement Switching flags
AU	Access Unit
C/N	Current/Next
CA	Conditional Access
CAId	Conditional Access Identifier
CAOrg	Conditional Access Organization
CEI	Change Event Indication
CI	Contents Indicator
CIF	Common Interleaved Frame
CRC	Cyclic Redundancy Check
CU	Capacity Unit
d&t	date and time
DAB	Digital Audio Broadcasting
DFT	Discrete Fourier Transform
DG	Data Group
DL	Dynamic Label
D-QPSK	Differential QPSK
DRC	Dynamic Range Control
DRM	Digital Radio Mondiale
DSCTy	Data Service Component Type
EBU	European Broadcasting Union
ECC	Extended Country Code
EEP	Equal Error Protection
EId	Ensemble Identifier
ETS	European Telecommunication Standard
FEC	Forward Error Correction
FFT	Fast Fourier Transform
FI	Frequency Information
FIB	Fast Information Block
FIC	Fast Information Channel
FIG	Fast Information Group
FM	Frequency Modulation
F-PAD	Fixed Programme Associated Data
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
ILS	International Linkage Set indicator
LA	Linkage Actuator
LSb	Least Significant bit
LSB	Least Significant Byte
LSI	Leap Second Indicator
LSN	Linkage Set Number
LTO	Local Time Offset
MainId	Main Identifier of a transmitter
MCI	Multiplex Configuration Information
MJD	Modified Julian Date
MOT	Multimedia Object Transfer
MPEG	Moving Pictures Expert Group
MSb	Most Significant bit
MSB	Most Significant Byte
MSC	Main Service Channel
OE	Other Ensemble