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The Eureka Project 147 was established in 1987, with funding from the European Commission, to develop a system for the broadcasting of audio and data to fixed, portable or mobile receivers. Their work resulted in the publication of European Standard, ETSI EN 300 401 [1], for DAB (see note) which now has worldwide acceptance.

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1 Scope

The present document defines rules of implementation for certain service information features. These rules have been developed to provide a reliable and consistent experience for digital radio listeners; they provide implementation details for how the Fast Information Channel (FIC) signalling is used and how receivers will interpret and behave in response to receiving the FIC signalling.

The present document has been brought into line with ETSI EN 300 401 [1] (V2.1.1) and has an additional clause 7 to define the necessary behaviour for announcements.

2 References

2.1 Normative references

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[1] ETSI EN 300 401 (V2.1.1): "Radio Broadcasting Systems; Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB) to mobile, portable and fixed receivers".

[2] ETSI TS 101 756: "Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); Registered Tables".

2.2 Informative references

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[i.1] ISO 10646: "Information technology -- Universal Coded Character Set (UCS)".

3 Definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

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

alarm announcement: announcement of type 'alarm' which has elevated priority

announcement: short audio message containing information categorized by an announcement type

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

database entry: part of the service information addressed by a database key

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

implicit linking: linking of DAB service and FM-RDS service with identical identifiers requiring no FIG 0/6 signalling

key service: DAB service carried in the tuned ensemble and placed as the first Id in the list of all services in a linkage set

linkage set: description of a network configuration consisting of lists of identifiers which carry the same (hard link) or related (soft link) content

part-time service element: service element that cycles between an on-air and an off-air status

pre-tuning memory: information stored in a receiver from previous tuning actions providing details of ensembles, tuning frequencies and services

regular announcement: announcement of any type except 'alarm' with normal priority

service element: smallest addressable part of a service; a service component, either primary or secondary

NOTE: In a service that consists of only the primary service component, the term service element refers to the entire service.

service following: process for maintaining the same audio or data content that the user has selected in spite of the varying reception conditions that occur, for example, when travelling by car or train

service list: feature of a radio receiver where a list of service elements is used for service selection

service list entry: one item in a service list that represents a single service element

user controls: all elements of a user interface of a radio receiver that are used to display service information and provide for user control

3.2 Abbreviations

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

AAC	Advanced Audio Coding
AMSS	Amplitude Modulation Signalling System
ASu	Announcement Support
ASw	Announcement Switching
C/N	Current/Next
CA	Conditional Access
CAId	Conditional Access Identifier
CEI	Change Event Indication
DAB	Digital Audio Broadcasting
DMB	Digital Multimedia Broadcasting
DRM	Digital Radio Mondiale
ECC	Extended Country Code
EId	Ensemble Identifier
F	Frequency
FI	Frequency Information
FIB	Fast Information Block
FIC	Fast Information Channel
FIG	Fast Information Group
FM	Frequency Modulation
Id	Identifier
IdLQ	Identifier List Qualifier
ILS	International Linkage Set
ISO	International Standards Organisation

LA	Linkage Actuator
LSN	Linkage Set Number
MCI	Multiplex Configuration Information
MFN	Multi-Frequency Network
MJD	Modified Julian Date
MPEG	Moving Pictures Expert Group
MSC	Main Service Channel
OE	Other Ensemble
P/D	Programme/Data service flag
PAD	Programme Associated Data
PI	Programme Identification code (RDS)
R&M	Range and Modulation
RDS	Radio Data System
Rfa	Reserved for future addition
S/H	Soft/Hard
SC	Service Component
SCI	Service Component Information
SFN	Single Frequency Network
SI	Service Information
SId	Service Identifier
UCS	Universal Character Set
UTC	Universal Temps Coordindee
UTF	Unicode Transformation Format

4 Overview

Service information (SI) in DAB is carried in the Fast Information Channel (FIC) as a series of Fast Information Groups (FIGs) carried in Fast Information Blocks (FIBs). Different FIGs are used for different service information, and several different FIGs may be needed to implement a particular service information feature, such as service linking or announcements. The present document provides rules of implementation for service information ***features*** and so groups the usage of the required FIGs together. Some FIG types are used by a number of different features and the rules are designed so that the FIG is always coded and decoded consistently.

The present document provides normative rules of behaviour for complex service information features:

- service following, using FIG 0/6, FIG 0/21 and FIG 0/24;
- service lists, using FIG 0/20;
- announcements, using FIG 0/18, FIG 0/19, FIG 0/25 and FIG 0/26 (and also FIG 0/21 and FIG 0/24).

The nominal repetition rate for SI FIGs is once per second. This rate applies to FIG 0/5, FIG 0/9, FIG 0/10, FIG 0/17, FIG 0/18, FIG 0/20, FIG 0/25, FIG 1/x and FIG 2/x. However, for many of the FIGs used for the complex service information features described in the present document, there are several repetition rates for the FIG depending on the usage. Table 1 provides an overview of the repetition rates for these complex SI FIGs.