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## Foreword

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## Introduction

This document specifies a Graphic Data Dictionary (GDD) that has been developed with the intent of creating a common basis for transmitting encoded information for existing road traffic signs and pictograms. The coding system has been developed to be language independent, such that data that can be interpreted, irrespective of language or regional differences. It supports Intelligent Transport System (ITS) application such as in-vehicle signage or in-vehicle information.

This document supports

- the efficient IT-centric encoding for ITS messaging to represent specific road traffic signs and pictograms, and
- the consistent decoding of encoded road traffic signs and pictogram data for display in ITS.

This document can support the translation of signs and pictograms with a similar purpose from the representation used in one country to the representation used in another country.

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# Intelligent transport systems — Graphic data dictionary

## 1 Scope

This document specifies a graphic data dictionary, a system of standardised codes for existing road traffic signs and pictograms used to deliver Traffic and Traveller Information (TTI). The coding system can be used in the formation of messages within intelligent transport systems.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 3166-1, *Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions — Part 1: Country codes*

ISO 8601, *Data elements and interchange formats — Information interchange — Representation of dates and times*

ISO/IEC 8824-1, *Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Specification of basic notation*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

### 3.1

#### **attribute**

code attached to the *pictogram* (3.4) in order to clarify the meaning of pictogram

### 3.2

#### **country code**

internationally recognised codes stipulated by ISO 3166-1 when referring to countries and subdivisions of countries

### 3.3

#### **graphic data dictionary**

catalogue of codes for *pictograms* (3.4) organised systematically

### 3.4

#### **pictogram**

sign or icon rendered on a display of IT system such as computer or VMS to inform travellers of information such as traffic regulations or public facilities

### 3.5

#### **pictogram category code**

codes assigned to the more detailed category of a *pictogram* (3.4) type under the service category

### 3.6

#### **qualifier**

parameter for an *attribute* (3.1) used to express the meaning of *pictogram* (3.4) quantitatively

### 3.7

#### **service category code**

codes assigned to distinguish the service category such as a regulation or public facilities

## **4 Conformance**

An implementation is conformant with this document when the following conditions are met.

- The implementation and transmission of graphic data shall comply with requirements listed in this document.
- The pictogram code shall be selected from the categorized codes listed in this document.

## **5 Abbreviated terms**

ASN.1	Abstract Syntax Notation One
ITS	Intelligent Transport Systems
IT	Information Technology
UML	Unified Modelling Language
U.N.	United Nations
VMS	Variable Message Sign

## **6 Requirements**

The intended usage of this document is to support the efficient IT-centric encoding for ITS messaging to represent specific road traffic signs and pictograms and the consistent decoding of encoded road traffic signs and pictogram data for display in ITS.

This document supports the translation of pictograms with similar purpose from the representation used in one country to the representation used in another country. For illustrative purposes, it is foreseen that this document can be used to encode information concerning a specific pictogram that is then embedded into other information to be exchanged; if needed, on receipt of this information, the receiver can use the contents of this document to decode the information concerning the specific pictogram to support display across a range of dissemination systems. Examples of these dissemination systems may include: Traffic Control Centre system user interfaces; Variable Message Signs; Public Access Terminals; mobile personal information systems; and, on-board units.

Requirements for ITS applications which utilize the Graphic Data Dictionary are as follows.

- Graphic data shall consist country code, category code, and optionally Attribute indicator.
- Category code shall be decided based on [Table 1](#).
- Regulatory pictogram code shall be selected from [Table 3](#).
- Guide pictogram code shall be selected from [Table 4](#).
- Public facilities pictogram code shall be selected from [Table 5](#).
- Ambient/road conditions pictogram code shall be selected from [Table 6](#).
- Integer value which indicate the direction shall be determined based on [Table B.3](#).
- If Attribute indicator is on, graphic data shall include attributes listed in [Table B.1](#).



- When transmitting Graphic data, it shall be coded based on the ASN.1 code described in [Annex A](#).

NOTE For transmission efficiency purposes, compression can be considered. This is outside the scope of this document.

## 7 Structure of Graphic Data Dictionary

### 7.1 General

The Graphic Data Dictionary shall consist of country code, category code. The Graphic Data Dictionary supports the definition of optional attributes.

### 7.2 Country code

Country code stipulated by ISO 3166-1 is used to distinguish the country where Graphic Data Dictionary is provided, as the style of pictograms can be different in each country. For example, if the on-board unit has multiple countries' pictograms, it can render pictogram on the display in accordance to each county code when the traveller driving through adjacent countries.

### 7.3 Category code

#### 7.3.1 Categorization policy

Category code consists of a service category code and a pictogram category code. Service category has following three types of categories: Traffic sign, Public facilities and Ambient/road conditions.

- Traffic signs are officially established pictograms in each country to control traffic using warning, regulatory or informative sign.
- Public facilities indicates the existence of certain public facilities and their service details (e.g. toilets, restaurants, first aid facilities, etc.).
- “Ambient/road condition” is concerned with the ambient condition of a roadway or local condition which may affect the flow of road traffic (such as bad weather and traffic congestion).

Pictograms to be used for information display may vary from country to country, political jurisdiction to political jurisdiction, or system operator to system operator.

Table 1 — Category code

Category code			
Service category code		Pictogram category code	
Category number	Sub category number	Category number	
1: Traffic sign	1: Danger warning	1–9: Danger warning	Serial number (1–99)
	2: Regulatory	1–3: Priority	
		4–6: Prohibition or restriction	
		7–9: Mandatory	
	3: Informative	1–3: Advance direction	
		4: Direction	
		6: Lane guidance	
		7–9: Road/place identification	
2: Public facilities	1: Public facilities	1–9: Public facilities and services	
3: Ambient/ road condition	1: Ambient condition	1–9: Ambient condition and nature	
	2: Road condition	1–9 Road condition and nature	

## 7.4 Data type of Graphic Data Dictionary

Data type of Graphic Data Dictionary shall be as follows:

```

GddStructure ::= SEQUENCE {
    pictogramCode          SEQUENCE {
        countryCode        OCTET STRING (SIZE (2)) OPTIONAL,
        serviceCategoryCode CHOICE {
            trafficSignPictogram    ENUMERATED {dangerWarning, regulatory, informative,...},
            publicFacilitiesPictogram    ENUMERATED {publicFacilities,...},
            ambientOrRoadConditionPictogram    ENUMERATED {ambientCondition, roadCondition,...},
            ...},
    pictogramCategoryCode  SEQUENCE {
        nature              INTEGER (1..9),
        serialNumber        INTEGER (0..99)
    }},
    attributes              GddAttributes OPTIONAL
}

GddAttributes ::= SEQUENCE (SIZE(1..8),...) OF CHOICE {
    dtm International Sign-applicablePeriod, -- Date/Time/Period
    edt International Sign-exemptedApplicablePeriod, -- Exemption status of Date/Time/Period
    dfl International Sign-directionalFlowOfLane, -- Directional Flow of Lane
    ved International Sign-applicableVehicleDimensions, -- Vehicle Dimensions
    spe International Sign-speedLimits, -- Speed
    roi International Sign-rateOfIncline, -- Rate of Incline
    dbv International Sign-distanceBetweenVehicles, -- Distance Between Vehicles
    ddd International Sign-distinationInformation, -- Destination/Direction/Distance
    set International Sign-section, -- Section
    nol International Sign-numberOfLane --Number of Lanes
}

```

Details of GddAttributes are described in [Annex B](#).

## 8 Numbering of category code

### 8.1 General

The Graphic Data Dictionary specifies the Pictogram Category code of each Service Category.

## 8.2 Service category code no. 11111-11999: Traffic sign pictograms (warning)

Pictograms falling under this category shall be used to give the road users advance warning for an adverse road condition, any hazards to safe driving, or any other conditions to which they should take notice.

**Table 2 — List of warning sign codes**

Category code		Category code name	Definition
Service category	Picto-gram category		
<b>11</b>	<b>111</b>	Intersection where the priority is prescribed by the general priority rule (Crossroads)	Warning of the existence of a cross-shaped intersection ahead.
	<b>112</b>	Intersection where the priority is prescribed by the general priority rule (Side road right)	Warning of the existence of a side road ahead.
	<b>113</b>	Intersection where the priority is prescribed by the general priority rule (Side road left)	Warning of a side road ahead (Reverse type of code no. 112).
	<b>114</b>	Forked (off to upper right) intersection where the priority is prescribed by the general priority rule	Warning of the existence of a side road. Fork (off to upper right) type of code no. 112.
	<b>115</b>	Forked (off to upper left) intersection where the priority is prescribed by the general priority rule	Warning of the existence of a side road. Fork (off to upper left) type of code no. 113.
	<b>116</b>	Intersection where the priority is prescribed by the general priority rule (T junction)	Warning of a T-shaped level junction at the end of the road.
	<b>117</b>	Intersection where the priority is prescribed by the general priority rule (Y intersection)	Warning of a Y-shaped level intersection ahead.
	<b>118</b>	Intersection where the priority is prescribed by the general priority rule (Staggered intersection)	Warning of a staggered level intersection ahead.
	<b>119~131</b>	Reserved for future use.	
	<b>132</b>	Intersection with a road the users of which must give way	Warning of a priority road at intersection.
	<b>133</b>	Intersection with a road the users of which must give way T-shaped crossing left	Warning of a priority road at T-shaped crossing.

Table 2 (continued)

Category code		Category code name	Definition
Service category	Picto-gram category		
	<b>134</b>	Intersection with a road the users of which must give way T-shaped crossing right	Warning of a priority road at reversed T-shaped crossing.
	<b>135</b>	Intersection with a road the users of which must give way T-shaped crossing of fork type Lower left	Warning of a priority road at T-shaped crossing of fork type (lower left) ahead.
	<b>136</b>	Intersection with a road the users of which must give way T-shaped crossing of fork type Lower right	Warning of a priority road at reversed T-shaped crossing of fork type (lower right) ahead.
	<b>137~147</b>	Reserved for future use.	
	<b>148</b>	Warning of roundabout (Clockwise)	Warning of a clockwise roundabout ahead.
	<b>149</b>	Warning of roundabout (Anti-clockwise)	Warning of an anti-clockwise roundabout ahead.
	<b>150~160</b>	Reserved for future use.	
	<b>161</b>	Dangerous bend (right bend)	Warning of a dangerous single curve to the right ahead.
	<b>162</b>	Dangerous bend (left bend)	Warning of a dangerous single curve to the left ahead.
	<b>163~173</b>	Reserved for future use.	
	<b>174</b>	Right turn	Warning of a single sharp curve (turn) to the right. A turn is differentiated from a curve by combining all elements of speed, radius of curve, road rate of incline, intersection angle and visible distance.
	<b>175</b>	Left turn	Notice of a single sharp curve (turn) to the left. A turn is differentiated from a curve by combining all elements of speed, radius of curve, road rate of incline, intersection angle and visible distance.
	<b>176~186</b>	Reserved for future use.	
	<b>187</b>	Reverse curve (right and left)	Warning of a combination of two curves (right and left) ahead (S-bend).
	<b>188</b>	Reverse curve (left and right)	Warning of a combination of two curves (left and right) ahead (S-bend).
	<b>189~210</b>	Reserved for future use.	
	<b>211</b>	Dangerous bend (Double bend, right)	Warning of dangerous double or multiple bends which start with a right curve.
	<b>212</b>	Dangerous bend (Double bend, left)	Warning of dangerous double or multiple bends which start with a left curve.
	<b>213~223</b>	Reserved for future use.	
	<b>224</b>	Winding road (first to the right)	Warning of a winding section, which start with a right curve.
	<b>225</b>	Winding road (first to the left)	Warning of a winding section, which start with a left curve.