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- Additional tuning variants have been added to allow referencing of TMC services using the 64 MHz to 88 MHz band.
- The method of encrypting an RDS-TMC service, previously separately specified in ISO 14819-6, has been merged into this document as [Clause 8](#). Consequently, some renumbering of sections has occurred and encryption-specific terms, definitions and abbreviated terms have been added in [Clause 3](#).
- In some places the text has been improved and/or rearranged for greater clarity. Several typographical and grammatical errors have been corrected.

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## Introduction

### 0.1 General

Traffic and traveller information (TTI) can be disseminated through a number of services and means of communication to the end user, including static displays (e.g. variable message signs), broadcast audio to car radios, broadcast data services to in-vehicle equipment (e.g. installed navigation systems) and to nomadic device terminals (e.g. portable navigation device).

For all such services, the data to be disseminated and the message structure involved in the various interfaces require clear definition and standard formats, in order to allow competitive products to operate with any received data.

This document describes the data specification for TTI messages, together with their network layer and their service layer, which shall be conveyed by the RDS-TMC feature, specified in the IEC 62106 series.

The TTI information chain, from event to end-user, is quite complex and the Traveller Information Services Association (TISA) value chain shown in [Figure 1](#) helps to explain the key components.



**Figure 1 — Traveller Information Services Association TTI value chain**

Several entities (e.g. companies, businesses) take part in one or more activities to complete the activities shown in the value chain. These are described below for improved understanding:

**Service provider:** An organization that constructs a data service, by gathering data, processing data and supplying the data service. A service provider negotiates for the use of the necessary data bandwidth with a Broadcaster and/or Transmission Operator. A service provider is responsible for the "quality" of the data to its customers and should provide suitable customer support.

**Broadcaster:** A traditionally incorporated organization responsible for a continuous strand of audio programmes and their quality. A broadcaster may also be responsible for the overall co-ordination of "broadcast transmissions" (often a Broadcaster is the licensee of a national regulator). A Broadcaster may also be a service provider.

TTI services for travellers, using spoken radio reports and in-vision reports, occupy broadcast air-time and whilst valuable to some, they are considered less useful by others. Furthermore, only some are useful for travellers on the move. Due to the widespread adoption of the Radio Data System, in VHF/FM broadcasting on Band II there is the possibility of transmitting coded TTI messages digitally and "silently" using the RDS-TMC feature, which avoids the interruption of planned programmes. This TTI delivery method has several advantages: TTI messages can be decoded into the language of the end user, regardless of location, more messages can be made available and planned broadcast programme interruption is avoided. Thus, using RDS-TMC makes the delivery of TTI messages more timely and topical.

### 0.2 ALERT-C protocol

The ALERT-C protocol defined in this document supports a data broadcasting service for travellers, providing information about many kinds of traffic and travel events. Messages include traffic incident information relating to national and regional routes and some urban roads and other information required by a traveller, such as roadworks and weather information.

The ALERT-C protocol utilizes a standardized Event List of event messages with their code values, which also includes general traffic problems and weather situations. Being transmitted as a series of codes, RDS-TMC messages are language-independent and are presented in the language of the user's choice.

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ALERT-C defines two categories of information within messages: basic and optional items. In principle, basic information is present in all messages. Optional information is added to messages where necessary.

Standard RDS-TMC user messages provide the following five basic items of explicit, broadcast information:

1. **Event description**, giving details of road event situation, general traffic problems and weather situations (e.g. congestion caused by an accident) and where appropriate its severity (e.g. resulting queue length).
2. **Location**, indicating the area, road segment or point location where the source of the problem is situated.
3. **Direction and extent**, identifying the adjacent segments or specific point locations also affected by the incident, and where appropriate the direction of traffic affected.
4. **Duration**, giving an indication of how long the problem is expected to last.
5. **Diversions advice**, showing whether end-users are recommended to find and follow an alternative route.

Optional information may be added to any message using one or more additional RDS data groups. This optional addition may give greater detail or deal with unusual situations. Any number of additional fields can in principle be added to each basic message, subject only to a maximum message length of five RDS data groups.

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### 0.3 Document development and RDS groups

This document is based on the ALERT-C traffic message coding protocol, which was a product of DRIVE Project V1029, "RDS Advice and Problem Location for European Road Traffic". The RDS-ALERT project aimed to define standards for RDS-TMC, working in conjunction with the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) and the European Conference of Ministers of Transport (ECMT).

The document has been implemented in many countries worldwide and, after very extensive implementation experience, it has matured with many changes compared to the earliest version of the ALERT-C proposal of 1990. At that time, CEN TC 278 Working Groups developed the coding protocol described in this document, the Event List described in ISO 14819-2 and the location referencing method described in ISO 14819-3. Subsequently the TMC Forum was responsible for collecting specific additions and improvements intended for inclusion in this document. In 2008, TISA took over all responsibility (including TMC Forum legacy) for maintenance of this document, which now includes an up to date set of industry supported enhancements to RDS-TMC.

The RDS is fully described in IEC 62106 and it contains the 'hooks' to RDS-TMC detailed in this document<sup>1)</sup>; it employs a group-structured data protocol. Terminal Device manufacturers should be aware that service providers broadcast the following RDS groups:

- a) type 3A groups, which carry the TMC Open Data Application (ODA) identification and service and network layer information, identifying TMC services uniquely worldwide;
- b) type 8A groups, which carry RDS-TMC messages and location information, together with TMC service tuning information; and
- c) type 4A groups, which contain the Clock Time (CT) information that is used as the time reference within TMC.

<sup>1)</sup> In this document, many "hooks" have been left for future development and indeed a few status-orientated road end-user information messages are included.



Additionally, where necessary, the following group may also be transmitted:

- d) type 0A groups, which contain Alternative Frequency (AF) information, that is used as an alternative to, or in addition to, tuning information carried in the type 8A group.

It is noted that although the 'message' information carried within the 8A group will be transmitted once with either one or two 'immediate' repeats (see 7.3), the encryption administration information and the tuning information, both also transmitted in type 8A groups, usually will not be transmitted with an 'immediate' repeat: this information is largely 'static' and repeated periodically only every several seconds or minutes. Terminal Devices therefore process every RDS group received that passes their CRC and use the data contained within once it has been verified by the reception of a second identical group, regardless of whether received 'immediately' or after several seconds or minutes.

Broadly speaking, two types of RDS-TMC services are in use: one that is broadcast without access control, and one that is broadcast with access control. The method of 'access control' was designed in 2000 and was published separately in ISO 14819-6. It described how a service provider encrypted their service and the complementary process to be adopted by terminals to decrypt the service by arrangement with the service provider. It also indicated a strategy to be followed to introduce encrypted services between 2001 and 2003, when encryption was expected to become widespread. As encrypted RDS-TMC services are now widespread, the details in ISO 14819-6 have now been merged within this document and consequently ISO 14819-6 has been withdrawn.

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