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The following TISA specifications were integrated:

- Location Table Exchange Format 24.
- Reuse-of-location-codes.
- Roads-and-Junction-number-translation.
- Coding of isolated areas.
- Language identifiers.
- Backward compatibility.
- Coding of name translations and languages in TMC tables.
- DLR methods for locations in TMC Location.

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Introduction

This document primarily addresses the needs of RDS-TMC ALERT-C messages which are in widespread worldwide use. The modular approach used here is intended to facilitate future extension of the location referencing rules to other traffic and travel messaging systems.

This document sets out ways of specifying places and positions in traffic and travel information messages, including RDS-TMC messages (the Radio Data System-Traffic Message Channel).

It defines the structure and semantics of location tables for Traffic Information Centres (TICs) and receivers.

a) Traffic and travel messages:

- 1) Traffic and travel information is created and updated in an originating database, by human operators or automated systems. Information is transferred to one or more remote systems by means of messages.
- 2) In this context, a message is a collection of data which is exchanged to convey information for an agreed purpose between two or more parties. Traffic and travel messages are digitally-coded sets of data exchanged by interested parties, which convey information about traffic, travel and/or transport networks. Digital coding may be alphanumeric, as in EDIFACT, or binary, as in RDS-TMC.
- 3) The traffic and travel messages developed in programmes of the European Union are open, non-proprietary proposals for standards intended to serve the public interest by facilitating interconnection and interoperability of the relevant information systems.

b) Location referencing.

Location references provide the means of saying *where* in traffic and travel messages.

The location referencing component of a traffic and travel message enables a service provider to indicate the physical location of the event being described. The management of TMC location databases requires on-going maintenance. It is necessary to both manage location database ID allocation for countries implementing TMC services and to validate new and updated location databases when ground features change. These activities are led by service providers who also need to ensure that their end-users are kept up-to-date. The Traveller Information Services Association (www.tisa.org) manages the ID allocation on a worldwide basis. TISA provides location database validation for service providers who generally arrange location database updates on a bi-annual cycle. This certification procedure extends the basic rules mentioned in this standard and also applies a best-practice validation. TISA grants a stamp of quality to those location tables that pass a set of tests.

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Part 3:

Location referencing for Radio Data System-Traffic Message Channel (RDS-TMC) using ALERT-C

1 Scope

This document specifies location referencing rules to address the specific requirements of Traffic Message Channel (TMC) systems, which use abbreviated coding formats to provide traffic and travel information (TTI) messages over mobile bearers (e.g. GSM, DAB) or via exchange protocols like DATEX II. In particular, the rules address the Radio Data System-Traffic Message Channel (RDS-TMC), a means of providing digitally-coded TTI to travellers using a silent data channel on FM radio stations, based on the ALERT-C protocol.

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 639-1, *Codes for the representation of names of languages — Part 1: Alpha-2 code*

ISO 14819-1, *Intelligent transport systems — Traffic and travel information messages via traffic message coding — Part 1: Coding protocol for Radio Data System-Traffic Message Channel (RDS-TMC) using ALERT-C*

ISO 15924, *Information and documentation — Codes for the representation of names of scripts*

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

For the purposes of this document, the following abbreviated terms apply:

ALERT-C	Advice and Problem Location for European Road Traffic, Version C
ASCII	American Standard Code for Information Interchange
CCD	country code
CID	country identifier
CLST	code of location subtype
CNAME	country name
ECC	extended country code
EDIFACT	Electronic data interchange for administration commerce and transport

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GDF	geographic data files (for modelling and exchange of geographic data for transport telematics applications)
LC	location code
LTCC	location table country code
LTN	location table number
POI	point of interest
RDS	radio data system (digital information channel on FM sub carrier)
TIC	traffic information centre
TISA	Traveller Information Services Association
TMC	traffic message channel
TTI	traffic and travel information
WGS84	World Geodetic System 1984

4 Location coding

4.1 General

Location references used by RDS-TMC are covered by the location referencing rules defined in this subclause. The ALERT-C coding protocol for RDS-TMC is defined in ISO 14819-1.

ALERT-C supports a digital, silent data broadcast service for motorists, providing information about many kinds of traffic situations. This includes roadwork, weather and traffic incident information relating to major national and international roads, regional roads and local or urban roads.

4.2 Location tables

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4.2.1 General

Within RDS-TMC, locations are identified and referenced by their location code. A given RDS-TMC service uses a pre-defined location table, containing the pre-stored details of the locations that can be referenced in messages from that service.

A location code in such a message refers and serves as a tabular 'address' of the pre-stored location details in the location table used by the service. A real-world location may have more than one location code within the same location table. However, within a given location table, each location code refers to one and only one location. A location code has a number in the range 1 to 63 487.

In ALERT-C, a further 2048 numbers shall be reserved for INTER-ROAD (see ISO 14819-1) and other forms of referencing.

A table may contain a maximum number of 65 536 codes allocated in the following way:

Location code	Use
0	reserved
1 - 63,487	free for normal location coding
63,488 - 64,511	for special purposes
64,512 - 65,532	for INTER-ROAD
64,533 - 65,535	special functions

NOTE INTER-ROAD is a coding mechanism within ALERT-C to reference in a specific type of ALERT-C message (the INTER-ROAD message) a location belonging to a different location table. The INTER-ROAD location can be a table in the same country as well as a table in another country.

4.2.2 Versions and versioning of location tables

Once a location has been allocated, it cannot easily be re-allocated (in an RDS-TMC/ALERT-C environment). Therefore, all existing locations and their associated location codes in a given location table should be regarded as fixed. However, other attributes of a location may, within certain constraints, sometimes change (e.g. name, positive offset, negative offset).

Within each location table, space (unallocated location codes) shall be left to accommodate future requirements for additional locations (to deal with new construction and location referencing requirements not originally foreseen).

Whenever new locations are added to, or removed from, a location table (for example to extend coverage or to reflect changes to the road network), the resulting table shall be treated as a new version. The creation and tracking of versions of a location table allows the evolution of a location table to be understood and supports the successful use of the table and associated TMC service. A new version of an existing location table shall remain compatible with the previous versions of the same location table – the changes shall not be such that the location of a TMC message could be wrongly interpreted by a receiver. For example, location codes which are deleted should not be re-used for a long period. Also, changing the attributes class and type of a location might cause an incompatible version of the table. It is part of TISA's location certification process to judge if a table is backwards compatible.

The method for identifying and labelling different versions of a location table is shown in [C.3.1](#).

TISA has established an allocation of location tables to show which are in use or available for use in each country. The responsible agency in a country may apply for additional location table numbers in future, to support further applications or more detailed, regional location tables. New tables can also be issued occasionally to allow for complete updates to existing tables. Such major changes will, however, be very disruptive for users, as existing receivers will not recognize TMC messages relating to the new location table unless the same location table is also installed in the receiver. Switches from one location table to a different one (rather than a new version of the same table) should therefore be avoided as far as possible, especially in established markets.

4.2.3 Exchanging location tables

For TMC services to work well, the different organizations involved need to be able to understand the location table number, version and contents. To achieve this, a location table exchange format has been defined.

This format will be used for the exchange of TMC location tables between the various functional areas, e.g. receiver manufactures, map providers, certification of TMC location tables, traffic information centres and service providers.

The location table exchange format specifies the information that shall be provided as part of a location table, and the way in which it is to be presented. The location table exchange format aims to provide a complete and precise description of a TMC location table, that is readable from software programmes without any changes or adaptations.

A location table defined using the location table exchange format consists of a series of text files, each containing a set of records made up of pre-defined fields. The method for using the location table exchange format is defined in [C.3.2](#).

4.2.4 Hierarchical structure

RDS-TMC location tables use a hierarchical structure of pre-defined locations. A system of pointers provides upward references to higher-level locations of which the specified location forms a part.

EXAMPLE Kent would have an upward area reference to South-East England. South-East England can be referenced up to the UK, then the British Isles, then Europe, etc. (see [Figure 1](#)).