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FOREWORD

This document is a **Recommended Standard** for use in developing flight and ground systems for space missions and has been prepared by the **Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems** (CCSDS). The Encapsulation Service described herein is intended for missions that are cross-supported between Agencies of the CCSDS.

This **Recommended Standard** specifies a communications service to be used by space missions to transfer protocol data units that are not directly transferred by the Space Data Link Protocols (references [1]-[4]) over a ground-to-space or space-to-space communications link. The data units transferred with this service are encapsulated in either Space Packets, defined in reference [5], or Encapsulation Packets, defined in this document.

This **Recommended Standard** is developed from the Encapsulation Service that was defined in the Advanced Orbiting Systems (AOS) Recommended Standard (reference [B2]). In this **Recommended Standard**, that service is re-defined so that it can be used with any of the Space Data Link Protocols (references [1]-[4]). Also, the Encapsulation Packet that was defined in references [B2]-[B4] is included in this **Recommended Standard** as an alternative packet structure for encapsulation.

In order to define all Space Data Link Protocols in a unified way, a few technical specifications of the Encapsulation Service in reference [B2] have been changed. Also, some technical terms in references [B2]-[B4] have been changed in order to unify the terminology used in all the CCSDS Recommended Standards that define space link protocols. These changes are listed in annex C of this **Recommended Standard**.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Recommended Standard is to specify the Encapsulation Service. This service is to be used by space missions to transfer data units that are not directly transferred by the Space Data Link Protocols (references [1]-[4]) over a ground-to-space or space-to-space communications link.

1.2 SCOPE

This Recommended Standard defines the Encapsulation Service in terms of:

a) the service primitives provided to the users of this service;

b) the protocol data units employed by the service provider; and

c) the procedures performed by the service provider.

It does not specify:

a) individual implementations or products;

b) the implementation of service interfaces within real systems;

c) the methods or technologies required to perform the procedures; or

d) the management activities required to configure and control the service.

1.3 APPLICABILITY

This Recommended Standard applies to the creation of Agency standards and to the future data communications over space links between CCSDS Agencies in cross-support situations. The Recommended Standard includes comprehensive specification of the service for inter-Agency cross support. It is neither a specification of, nor a design for, real systems that may be implemented for existing or future missions.

The Recommended Standard specified in this document is to be invoked through the normal standards programs of each CCSDS Agency, and is applicable to those missions for which cross support based on capabilities described in this Recommended Standard is anticipated. Where mandatory capabilities are clearly indicated in sections of the Recommended Standard, they must be implemented when this document is used as a basis for cross support. Where options are allowed or implied, implementation of these options is subject to specific bilateral cross support agreements between the Agencies involved.

1.4 RATIONALE

The CCSDS believes it is important to document the rationale underlying the recommendations chosen, so that future evaluations of proposed changes or improvements will not lose sight of previous decisions. Concept and rationale behind the decisions that formed the basis for this Recommended Standard is documented in reference [B5].

1.5 DOCUMENT STRUCTURE

This document is divided into five numbered sections and three annexes:

a) Section 1 presents the purpose, scope, applicability and rationale of this Recommended Standard and lists the conventions, definitions, and references used throughout the document;

b) Section 2 provides an overview of the Encapsulation Service;

c) Section 3 defines the service primitives provided for this service;

d) Section 4 specifies the protocol data units and procedures employed by the service provider;

e) Section 5 lists the managed parameters associated with this service;

f) Section 6 is discussion of security considerations pertinent to the specification;

g) Annex A lists all acronyms used within this document;

h) Annex B provides a list of informative references;

i) Annex C lists the changes from older CCSDS Recommendations [B2]-[B4].

1.6 CONVENTIONS AND DEFINITIONS

1.6.1 DEFINITIONS

1.6.1.1 Definitions from the Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) Basic Reference Model

This Recommended Standard makes use of a number of terms defined in reference [6]. The use of those terms in this Recommended Standard shall be understood in a generic sense; i.e., in the sense that those terms are generally applicable to any of a variety of technologies that provide for the exchange of information between real systems. Those terms are:

a) blocking;

b) connection;

c) entity;

d) flow control;

e) protocol data unit;

f) real system;

g) segmenting;

h) service;

i) Service Access Point (SAP);

j) SAP address;

k) service data unit.

1.6.1.2 Definitions from OSI Service Definition Conventions

This Recommended Standard makes use of a number of terms defined in reference [7]. The use of those terms in this Recommended Standard shall be understood in a generic sense; i.e., in the sense that those terms are generally applicable to any of a variety of technologies that provide for the exchange of information between real systems. Those terms are:

a) indication;

b) primitive;

c) request;

d) service provider;

e) service user.

1.6.1.3 Terms Defined in This Recommended Standard

For the purposes of this Recommended Standard, the following definitions also apply. Many other terms that pertain to specific items are defined in the appropriate sections.

asynchronous: not *synchronous* (see below).

delimited: having a known (and finite) length; applies to data in the context of data handling.

Physical Channel: a stream of bits transferred over a space link in a single direction.

space link: a communications link between a spacecraft and its associated ground system, or between two spacecraft. A space link consists of one or more Physical Channels in one or both directions.

synchronous: of or pertaining to a sequence of events occurring in a fixed time relationship (within specified tolerance) to another sequence of events.