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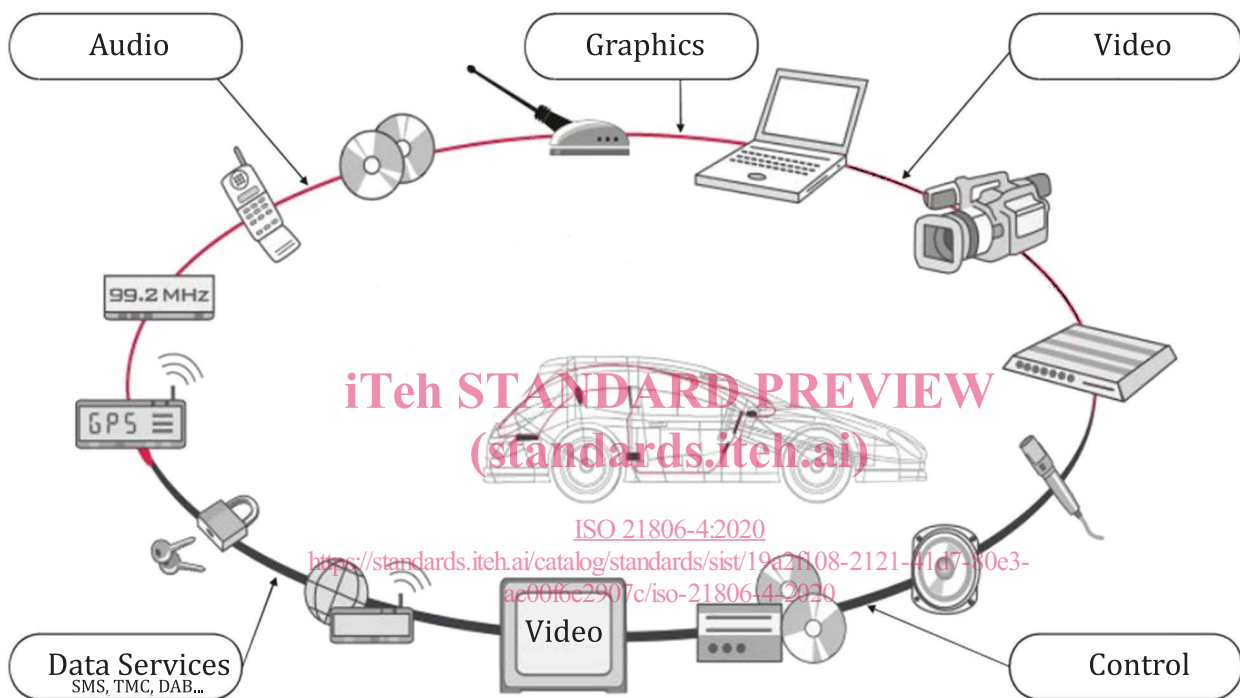
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## Introduction

The Media Oriented Systems Transport (MOST) communication technology was initially developed at the end of the 1990s in order to support complex audio applications in cars. The MOST Cooperation was founded in 1998 with the goal to develop and enable the technology for the automotive industry. Today, MOST<sup>1)</sup> enables the transport of high quality of service (QoS) audio and video together with packet data and real-time control to support modern automotive multimedia and similar applications. MOST is a function-oriented communication technology to network a variety of multimedia devices comprising one or more MOST nodes.

[Figure 1](#) shows a MOST network example.



**Figure 1 — MOST network example**

The MOST communication technology provides:

- synchronous and isochronous streaming,
- small overhead for administrative communication control,
- a functional and hierarchical system model,
- API standardization through a function block (FBlock) framework,
- free partitioning of functionality to real devices,
- service discovery and notification, and
- flexibly scalable automotive-ready Ethernet communication according to ISO/IEC/IEEE 8802-3<sup>[6]</sup>.

MOST is a synchronous time-division-multiplexing (TDM) network that transports different data types on separate channels at low latency. MOST supports different bit rates and physical layers. The network clock is provided with a continuous data signal.

1) MOST® is the registered trademark of Microchip Technology Inc. This information is given for the convenience of users of this document and does not constitute an endorsement by ISO.

Within the synchronous base data signal, the content of multiple streaming connections and control data is transported. For streaming data connections, bandwidth is reserved to avoid interruptions, collisions, or delays in the transport of the data stream.

MOST specifies mechanisms for sending anisochronous, packet-based data in addition to control data and streaming data. The transmission of packet-based data is separated from the transmission of control data and streaming data. None of them interfere with each other.

A MOST network consists of devices that are connected to one common control channel and packet channel.

In summary, MOST is a network that has mechanisms to transport the various signals and data streams that occur in multimedia and infotainment systems.

The ISO standards maintenance portal (<https://standards.iso.org/iso/>) provides references to MOST specifications implemented in today's road vehicles because easy access via hyperlinks to these specifications is necessary. It references documents that are normative or informative for the MOST versions 4V0, 3V1, 3V0, and 2V5.

The ISO 21806 series has been established in order to specify requirements and recommendations for implementing the MOST communication technology into multimedia devices and to provide conformance test plans for implementing related test tools and test procedures.

To achieve this, the ISO 21806 series is based on the open systems interconnection (OSI) basic reference model in accordance with ISO/IEC 7498-1<sup>[1]</sup> and ISO/IEC 10731<sup>[4]</sup>, which structures communication systems into seven layers as shown in [Figure 2](#). Stream transmission applications use a direct stream data interface (transparent) to the data link layer.

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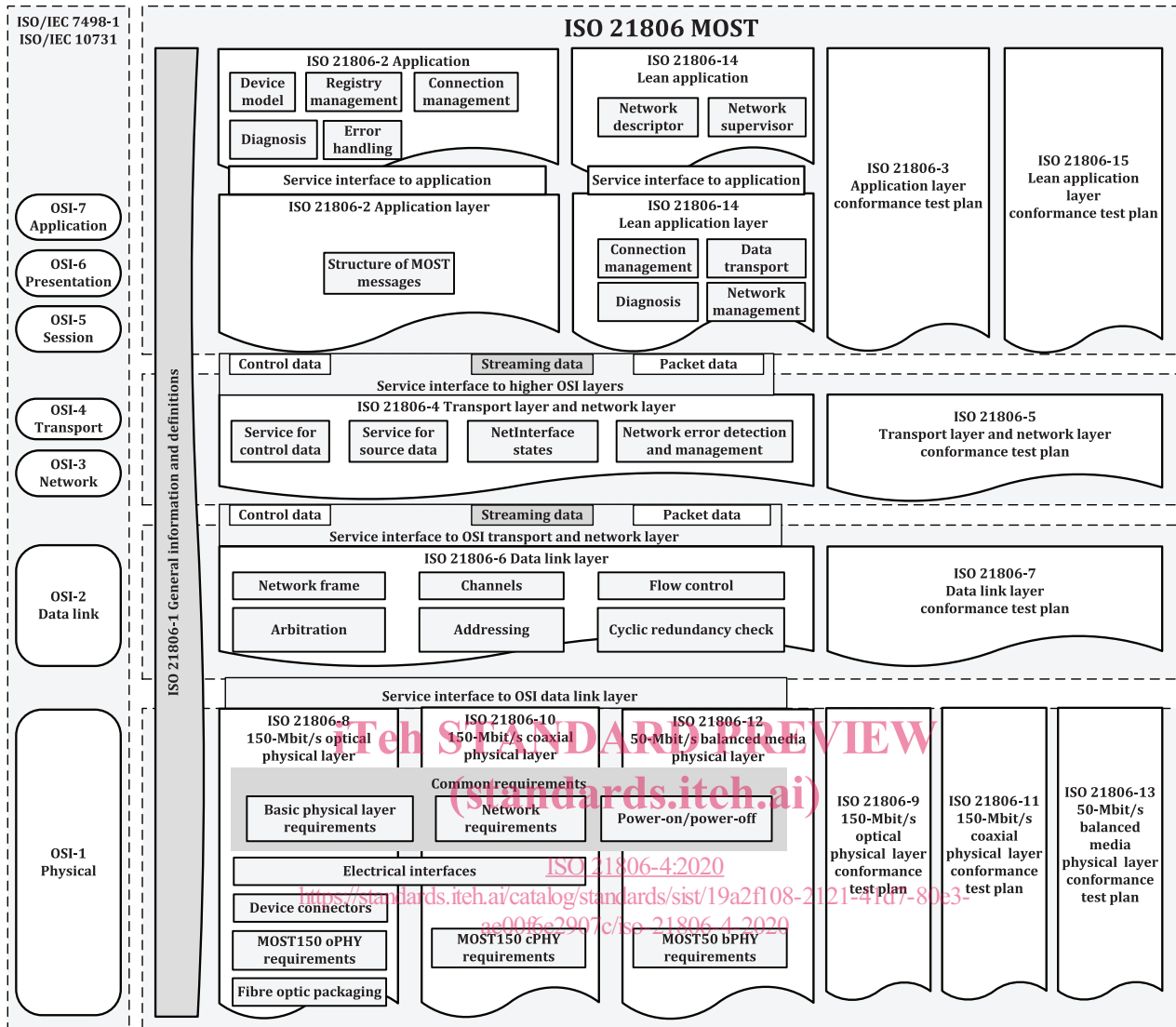


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# Road vehicles — Media Oriented Systems Transport (MOST) —

## Part 4: Transport layer and network layer

### 1 Scope

This document specifies technical requirements related to the MOST transport layer and network layer functionality:

- the service interface to application layer;
- the network layer services;
- the data transport mechanism;
- the dynamic behaviour of a node;
- the network error management.

### 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 21806-1, *Road vehicles — Media Oriented Systems Transport (MOST) — Part 1: General information and definitions*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 21806-1 and the following apply.

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

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

#### 3.1

##### **active TimingSlave**

TimingSlave that initiates a *network startup* (3.2)

#### 3.2

##### **network startup**

network activity that commences so that all nodes in the MOST network change to `s_NetInterface_Normal_Operation`

#### 3.3

##### **network wake-up**

process of all nodes in the MOST network exiting `s_NetInterface_Sleep`

**3.4 network wake-up event**

network activity or electrical wake-up line activity

**3.5 passive TimingSlave**

node that participates in a *network startup* (3.2), not initiating it

**3.6 qualified local wake-up event**

local trigger (one that does not affect all devices) that causes exiting `s_NetInterface_Sleep`

**3.7 wake-up event**

trigger for exiting `s_NetInterface_Sleep`

**4 Symbols and abbreviated terms**

**4.1 Symbols**

--- empty cell/undefined

$L_{AMSmax}$  maximum payload length for AMS

$L_{CMmax}$  maximum payload length for control data

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**4.2 Abbreviated terms**

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AMS	application message service	
C:	condition	
ev_	prefix event name	
MsgID	message identifier	
NL	network layer	
RBD	ring break diagnosis	
s_	prefix state name	
SegCnt	segment counter	
TelID	telegram identifier	
TelLen	telegram length	
TL	transport layer	

**5 Conventions**

This document is based on OSI service conventions as specified in ISO/IEC 10731<sup>[4]</sup>.

## 6 Transport layer service interface to upper OSI layers

### 6.1 Overview of services

Figure 3 shows the transport layer (TL) service interface, which specifies the interface to the upper OSI layers, see ISO 21806-2[4].

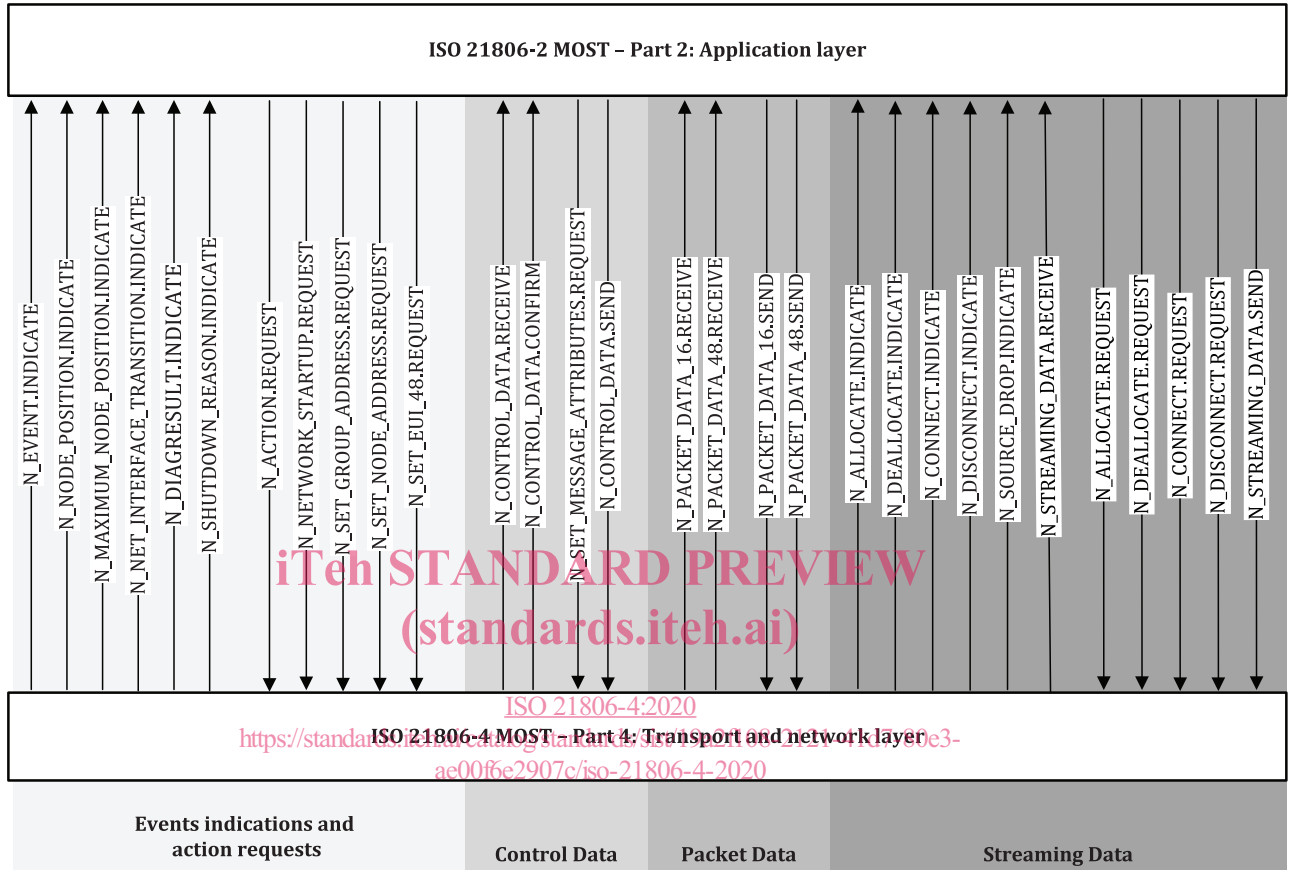


Figure 3 — Service interface to upper OSI layers

### 6.2 Data type definitions

REQ	4.1 Service interface - Data type definitions
	The data types shall be in accordance to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Enum: 8-bit enumeration;</li> <li>— Unsigned Byte: 8-bit unsigned numeric value;</li> <li>— Unsigned Word: 16-bit unsigned numeric value;</li> <li>— Unsigned Long: 32-bit unsigned numeric value;</li> <li>— EUI-48: 48-bit address value;</li> <li>— Byte Array: sequence of 8-bit aligned data.</li> </ul>

6.3 Parameters

6.3.1 Parameters — NL/TL to upper layers

6.3.1.1 Overview

Table 1 specifies the parameters that are used in the service interface and passed from NL/TL to upper layers.

Table 1 — Parameters passed from NL/TL to upper layers

Parameter	Data type	Description
Application_Event	Enum { Unlock, Stable_Lock, Lock_Flag, Network_Change_Event, Shutdown_Flag, MOST_Output_Off, Network_Activity }	An event that is reported to the application.
NetInterface_Transition	Enum { ev_Wake_Up, ev_Sleep, ev_Start_Up, ev_Diagnosis_Start, ev_Init_Error_Shutdown, ev_Init_Diagnosis_Start, ev_Init_Ready, ev_Error_Shutdown, ev_Normal_Shutdown, ev_Diagnosis_Ready, ev_Diagnosis_End }	A transition between NetInterface states
DiagResult	Enum { No_Error, Ring_Break, Weak_Signal, Diagnosis_Inconclusive }	DiagResult of the ring break diagnosis
Relative_Position	Unsigned Byte	Relative position of a node to a ring break
Shutdown_Reason	Enum { No_Result_Available, No_Fault_Saved, Sudden_Signal_Off, Critical_Unlock }	Shutdown reason
Node_Position	Unsigned Byte	Position of the node
Maximum_Position	Unsigned Byte	Maximum position information
Transmission_Status	Enum { Success, Buffer_Full, CRC_Error, Wrong_Target }	Transmission status that is reported back to the sender.

### 6.3.1.2 Application\_Event

Application\_Event corresponds to events that are used to notify the application about changes in lower layers, which require no additional information.

<b>REQ</b>	<b>4.2 Service interface - Parameters - NL/TL to upper layers - Application_Event</b>
The Application_Event parameter shall be of data type Enum and shall contain the value specified according to <a href="#">Table 2</a> .	

**Table 2 — Application\_Event values**

Enum value	Description
Unlock	Unlock event occurred.
Stable_Lock	Stable lock reached.
Lock_Flag	Lock flag detected.
Network_Change_Event	Network change event (NCE) occurred.
Shutdown_Flag	Shutdown flag detected.
Network_Activity_End	Network activity ends.
Network_Activity	Network activity detected.

### 6.3.1.3 NetInterface\_Transition

NetInterface\_Transition corresponds to events that are used to notify the application about transitions from one NetInterface state to another.

<b>REQ</b>	<b>4.3 Service interface - Parameters - NL/TL to upper layers - NetInterface_Transition</b>
The NetInterface_Transition values shall be of data type Enum and shall contain the value specified according to <a href="https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/19a2f108-2121-41d7-80e3-ae00f6e2907c/iso-21806-4-2020">Table 3</a> .	

**Table 3 — NetInterface\_Transition values**

Enum value	Description
ev_Wake_Up	The ev_Wake_Up transition from s_NetInterface_Sleep to s_NetInterface_Off is taken.
ev_Sleep	The ev_Sleep transition from s_NetInterface_Off to s_NetInterface_Sleep is taken.
ev_Start_Up	The ev_Start_Up transition from s_NetInterface_Off to s_NetInterface_Init is taken.
ev_Diagnosis_Start	The ev_Diagnosis_Start transition from s_NetInterface_Off to s_NetInterface_Diagnosis is taken.
ev_Init_Error_Shutdown	The ev_Init_Error_Shutdown transition from s_NetInterface_Init to s_NetInterface_Off is taken.
ev_Init_Diagnosis_Start	The ev_Init_Diagnosis_Start transition from s_NetInterface_Init to s_NetInterface_Diagnosis is taken.
ev_Init_Ready	The ev_Init_Ready transition from s_NetInterface_Init to s_NetInterface_Normal_Operation is taken.
ev_Error_Shutdown	The ev_Error_Shutdown transition from s_NetInterface_Normal_Operation to s_NetInterface_Off is taken.
ev_Normal_Shutdown	The ev_Normal_Shutdown transition from s_NetInterface_Normal_Operation to s_NetInterface_Off is taken.
ev_Diagnosis_Ready	The ev_Diagnosis_Ready transition from s_NetInterface_Diagnosis to s_NetInterface_Normal_Operation is taken.

Table 3 (continued)

Enum value	Description
ev_Diagnosis_End	The ev_Diagnosis_End transition from s_NetInterface_Diagnosis to s_NetInterface_Off is taken.

#### 6.3.1.4 DiagResult

DiagResult corresponds to the possible diagnosis to be provided to the application. The structure of DiagResult depends on the kind of diagnosis that is performed and should be adopted from the corresponding specification.

REQ	4.4 Service interface - Parameters - NL/TL to upper layers - DiagResult
	The DiagResult values for ring break diagnosis, as specified in Annex A (informative), shall be of data type Enum and shall contain the value specified according to Table 4.

Table 4 — DiagResult values for ring break diagnosis

Enum value	Description
No_Error	No error detected.
Ring_Break	Ring break detected. The result indicates the relative position of ring break in the Relative_Position parameter.
Weak_Signal	Excessive attenuation detected at the input.
Diagnosis_Inconclusive	The ring break diagnosis inconclusive.

#### 6.3.1.5 Relative\_Position

The content of the Relative\_Position parameter is relevant if the DiagResult parameter contains the value Ring\_Break.

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REQ	4.5 Service interface - Parameters - NL/TL to upper layers - Relative_Position
	The Relative_Position parameter shall be of data type Unsigned Byte and shall contain the relative position of the node to a ring break.

#### 6.3.1.6 Shutdown\_Reason

Shutdown\_Reason corresponds to the possible causes of a shutdown to be provided to the application.

REQ	4.6 Service interface - Parameters - NL/TL to upper layers - Shutdown_Reason
	The Shutdown_Reason parameter shall be of data type Enum and shall contain the value specified according to Table 5.

Table 5 — Shutdown\_Reason values

Enum value	Description
No_Result_Available	Initial value of the shutdown reason.
No_Fault_Saved	Shutdown flag detected before network activity ceased.
Sudden_Signal_Off	Shutdown caused by a sudden signal off (SSO).
Critical_Unlock	Shutdown caused by a critical unlock.

### 6.3.1.7 Node\_Position

Node\_Position provides the current node position to the application.

<b>REQ</b>	<b>4.7 Service interface – Parameters – NL/TL to upper layers – Node_Position</b>
The Node_Position parameter shall be of data type <code>Unsigned Byte</code> and shall contain the current node position.	

### 6.3.1.8 Maximum\_Position

Maximum\_Position provides the maximum node position information to the application.

<b>REQ</b>	<b>4.8 Service interface – Parameters – NL/TL to upper layers – Maximum_Position</b>
The Maximum_Position parameter shall be of data type <code>Unsigned Byte</code> and shall contain the maximum node position information.	

### 6.3.1.9 Transmission\_Status

Transmission\_Status corresponds to the possible outcomes of a message transmission to be provided to the application.

<b>REQ</b>	<b>4.9 Service interface – Parameters – NL/TL to upper layers – Transmission_Status</b>
The Transmission_Status parameter shall be of data type <code>Enum</code> and shall contain the value specified according to <a href="#">Table 6</a> .	

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Enum value	Description
Success	The message is transmitted successfully.
Buffer_Full	The receiver buffer is full.
CRC_Error	A CRC error occurred.
Wrong_Target	There is no such target.
Segmentation_Error_01	First segment missing, that is, the first telegram of a segmented transfer is not received.
Segmentation_Error_02	Target node does not provide enough buffers to handle a message of this size.
Segmentation_Error_03	Unexpected segment number
Segmentation_Error_04	Too many unfinished segmentation messages pending.
Segmentation_Error_05	Timeout while waiting for next segment.
Segmentation_Error_06	Node not capable of handling segmented transfers.
Segmentation_Error_07	Segmented transfer has not been finished before the arrival of another message with identical <code>MsgID</code> sent by the same node.

## 6.3.2 Parameters — Upper layers to TL/NL

### 6.3.2.1 Overview

[Table 7](#) specifies the parameters that are used in the service interface and received from upper layers.