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**Intelligent transport systems —  
Cooperative ITS — Dictionary of  
in-vehicle information (IVI) data  
structures**

*Systèmes intelligents de transport — Coopérative STI — Dictionnaire  
de structures de données d'informations dans les véhicules (IVI)*

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/TS 19321:2015) which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows.

- Several containers have been renamed or newly introduced.
- The abstract syntax notation one (ASN.1) code in [Annex A](#) has been captured separately. This edition is backwards compatible with the previous edition in that it adds information elements (e.g. data elements and data frames) to the IVI Structure by using ASN.1 extensions. The ASN.1 extension feature ensures that implementations of the previous edition can correctly parse IVI Structures compliant with this edition and process the information specified in the previous edition without needing knowledge about the extensions.
- The former Annex B has been replaced with new visual examples.
- C-Roads and Eco-AT documents have been added to the Bibliography.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

## Introduction

In a Cooperative Intelligent Transport System (C-ITS), presenting information related to the traffic situation or regulation of a road to the driver of a vehicle is an important component of road operations. The road operators are responsible for road setup, operation, signage, and maintenance for traffic management and road safety, and in some countries, also for the enforcement of road laws. For road operators, efficient transport of vehicles on roadways ensures a safe and predictable trip for all road users. Road operators, together with equipment manufacturers, be it that they are of vehicles or of roadside equipment, contribute to how road information is properly presented to drivers.

So far, one defined C-ITS method for notifying road users of road and/or traffic situations and events is by transmission of messages such as Cooperative Awareness Messages (CAM), Decentralized Environment Notification Messages (DENM), or Basic Safety Messages (BSM).

This document supports mandatory and advisory road signage such as contextual speeds and road works warnings. In-vehicle information can be sent by an ITS Station (ITS-S) and either corresponds to physical road signs such as static or variable road signs or not correspond to physical road signs (a virtual sign) or correspond to road works. In-vehicle information (IVI) does not include identification of road events as already provided by DENM.

This document provides a toolbox of information elements for IVI. It can be used to fulfil the requirements of the service provider considering the needs of receiving ITS-S. The container concept provides a way for an ITS-S to manage the relevant IVI information, determine where the IVI is relevant, and to provide details for the application of IVI. The description of data elements encompasses the data syntax and semantics, i.e. a definition of data format and content, together with a description of how to use those data elements.

This document is of an enabling nature. It does not specify which information is necessary for a certain service, but it supports those IVI information elements that can be necessary to be transmitted to a receiving ITS-S to carry out a certain service. Usage of the IVI information elements depends on the specific context and application of IVI for a specific service and usage is established as mandatory or optional only for messaging purposes, not for application purposes. The IVI Structure is intended to be profiled to fulfil the requirements of a specific service.

This document refers to ISO 14823 as one system of standardized codes for existing road signs codes.

NOTE ISO 14823 does not contain codes for specific national or regional signs that are not commonly used, and it does not represent a catalogue of road sign pictograms for all applicable nations.

# Intelligent transport systems — Cooperative ITS — Dictionary of in-vehicle information (IVI) data structures

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the in-vehicle information (IVI) data structures that are required by different intelligent transport system (ITS) services for exchanging information between ITS Stations (ITS-S). A general, extensible data structure is specified, which is split into structures called containers to accommodate current-day information. Transmitted information includes IVI such as contextual speed, road works warnings, vehicle restrictions, lane restrictions, road hazard warnings, location-based services, re-routing. The information in the containers is organized in sub-structures called data frames and data elements, which are described in terms of its content and its syntax.

The data structures are specified as communications agnostic. This document does not provide the communication protocols. This document provides scenarios for usage of the data structure, e.g. in case of real time, short-range communications.

## 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 14906, *Electronic fee collection — Application interface definition for dedicated short-range communication*

ISO 14823, *Intelligent transport systems — Graphic data dictionary*

ISO/TS 19091, *Intelligent transport systems — Cooperative ITS — Using V2I and I2V communications for applications related to signalized intersections*

ISO 24534-3, *Automatic vehicle and equipment identification — Electronic registration identification (ERI) for vehicles — Part 3: Vehicle data*

ETSI/TS 102 894-2 V1.3.1, *Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS); Users and applications requirements; Part 2: Applications and facilities layer common data dictionary*

## 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:

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

### 3.1

#### application data unit

data unit exchanged between ITS Station applications

**3.2**

**container**

group of *data frames* (3.4) and *data elements* (3.3) semantically belonging together in one place in the *in-vehicle information* (3.8) structure

**3.3**

**data element**

**DE**

data type that contains one single data

[SOURCE: ETSI/TS 102 894-2 V1.3.1]

**3.4**

**data frame**

data type that contains more than one *data element* (3.3) in a predefined order

[SOURCE: ETSI/TS 102 894-2 V1.3.1]

**3.5**

**detection zone**

part of the road network that is passed by a vehicle in approach of the *relevance zone* (3.17)

**3.6**

**digital map database**

structured set of digital and alphanumeric data portraying geographic locations and relationships of spatial features

[SOURCE: ISO 17572-1:2015, 2.1.10, modified — Note to entry has been deleted.]

**3.7**

**driver awareness zone**

parts of the road network on which a message is presented to inform drivers about upcoming situations

**3.8**

**in-vehicle information**

information contained in the in-vehicle information data structure that is required by different intelligent transport system services

**3.9**

**in-vehicle signage**

intelligent transport system service that provides static, as well as dynamic, road sign and message sign information to drivers

**3.10**

**intersection**

crossing and/or connection of two or more *roads* (3.14)

[SOURCE: ISO 17572-1:2015, 2.1.17, modified — Notes to entry have been deleted.]

**3.11**

**link**

direct topological connection between two nodes that has a unique *link ID* (3.12) in a given *digital map database* (3.6)

[SOURCE: ISO 17572-1:2015, 2.1.20, modified — Second term “edge” and Note to entry have been deleted.]



**3.12****link identifier****link ID**

identifier that is uniquely assigned to a *link* (3.11)

[SOURCE: ISO 17572-1:2015, 2.1.21, modified — Note to entry has been deleted.]

**3.13****minimum dissemination area**

parts of the road network where the in-vehicle signage message can be received by the potentially targeted vehicles

**3.14****road**

part of the road network which is generally considered as a whole and which can be addressed by a single identification like a road name or road number throughout

[SOURCE: ISO 17572-1:2015, 2.1.39, modified — Notes to entry have been deleted.]

**3.15****road section**

*road segment* (3.16) that is bounded by two *intersections* (3.10) and has the same attributes throughout

[SOURCE: ISO 17572-1:2015, 2.1.42, modified — Note to entry has been deleted.]

**3.16****road segment**

part of a *road* (3.14), having its start and end along that road

[SOURCE: ISO 17572-1:2015, 2.1.43, modified — Note to entry has been deleted.]

**3.17****relevance zone**

parts of the road network for which the information in an Application Container is valid

**3.18****road works warning**

alerts for routing road users around road construction and/or road repair

**3.19****variable message sign**

electronic sign board presenting text, symbols, or a combination of them

**4 Abbreviated terms**

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| ASN.1 | Abstract Syntax Notation One                     |
| C-ITS | Cooperative Intelligent Transport System         |
| DE    | Data Element                                     |
| DENM  | Decentralized Environmental Notification Message |
| DF    | Data Frame                                       |
| GLC   | Geographic Location Container                    |
| ID    | Identification                                   |
| ITS   | Intelligent Transport Systems                    |

|       |                        |
|-------|------------------------|
| ITS-S | ITS Station            |
| IVI   | In-Vehicle Information |
| IVS   | In-Vehicle Signage     |
| MAP   | Map Data Message       |
| MLC   | Map Location Container |
| RWW   | Road Works Warning     |

## 5 In-vehicle information data structure

### 5.1 Structural model

#### 5.1.1 General model

The in-vehicle information (IVI) structure represents the Application Data Unit to be transmitted and received by an ITS Station (ITS-S). The IVI Structure shall comply with the syntax defined in [Annex A](#) as the data type `IviStructure`. This means that it shall be composed of Containers defined in this document and follow the form depicted in [Figure 1](#).

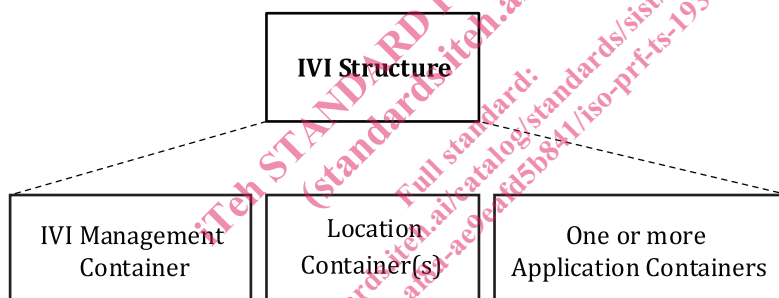


Figure 1 — IVI Structure

The IVI Structure is extensible and other containers can be added in the future.

The IVI Structure is intended to be encapsulated in a message with the appropriate ITS Common Header, for example, the `ItsPduHeader` of ETSI/TS 102 894-2. The header structure and contents are out of the scope of this document and are for example specified in ETSI/TS 103 301.

The IVI Structure shall contain a Management Container. The information in the IVI Management Container is applicable to the entire IVI Structure. This Container is mandatory to be present and provides a receiving ITS-S with enough information to handle the IVI Structure and decide on its further processing.

The IVI Structure can contain one or more Location Container(s). The Location Container describes the essential information for applications in the receiving ITS-S. Applications can use the location information to understand how to apply information provided by IVI Application Containers. Location Containers can carry information relevant for different IVI Application Containers or carry the same content but expressed in different forms (see [5.2](#)). This enables a receiving ITS-S to choose the appropriate location referencing system that the ITS-S supports.

The IVI Structure can contain one or more IVI Application Container(s). The IVI Application Container provides IVI information for use by an application. Application information is self-contained and refers to the location information for its spatial validity. Application information of the same type shall not

refer to overlapping Reference Zones. Each Application Container refers to zones defined in the Location Container identified by their identifications (IDs) for the following usage:

- a) Detection Zone,
- b) Relevance Zone, and
- c) Driver Awareness Zone.

An Application Container may optionally provide information about the minimum awareness time, that is, the minimum time that the IVI should be available before the vehicle enters the Relevance Zone. This MinimumAwarenessTime information can be used by the receiving ITS-S to determine the appropriate Driver Awareness Zone.

### 5.1.2 Conceptual zones

When an ITS-S receives the IVI Structure, the ITS-S can interpret the application information in the context of the appropriate location information. Principally, there are four conceptual zones:

- a) Minimum Dissemination Area;
- b) Detection Zone;
- c) Driver Awareness Zone;
- d) Relevance Zone.

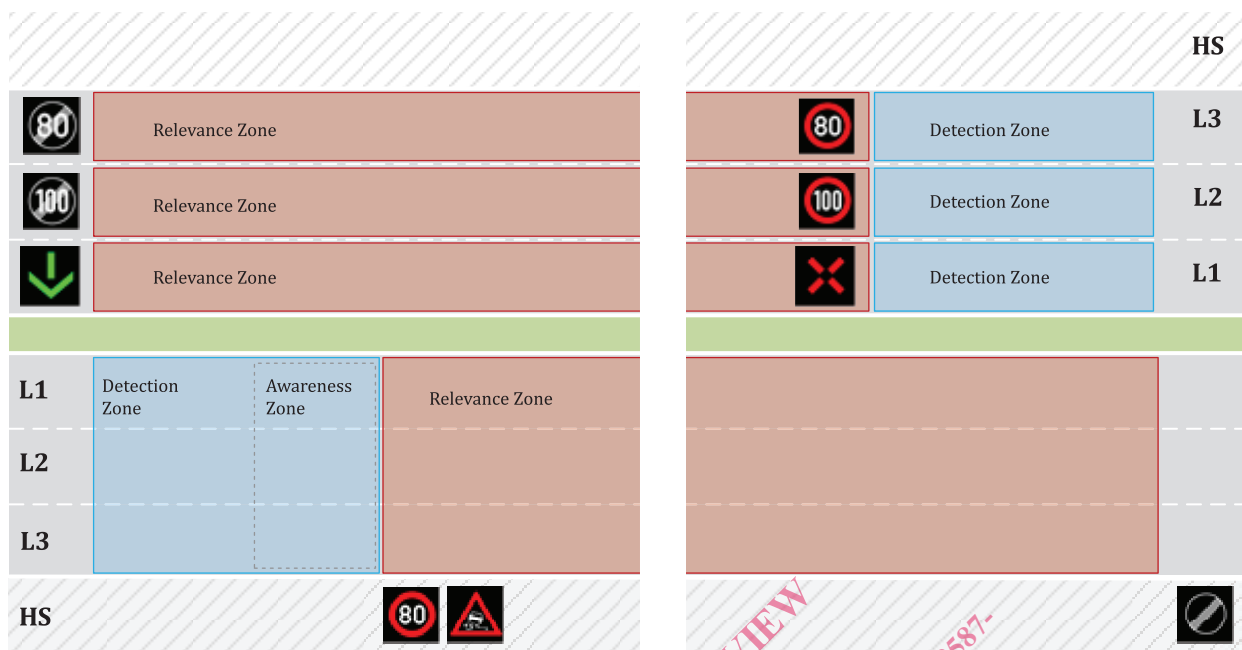
The Minimum Dissemination Area refers to the minimum area where the IVI Structure is disseminated by an ITS-S based on application requirements. The Minimum Dissemination Area is defined in the relevant application standards or specification(s) and is therefore out of scope of this document.

In some situations, a vehicle ITS-S needs to be able to detect whether or not it is approaching a Relevance Zone at a certain minimum time before it enters the Relevance Zone. This is, for example, to guarantee that the Relevance Zone is detected immediately at its entry (e.g. in case of a very small Relevance Zone) or to guarantee that the Relevance Zone is correctly detected (in case it is near to other road segments, e.g. parallel or on different altitude level). Therefore, a Detection Zone occurs in approach to a Relevance Zone. If a receiving ITS-S moves through the Detection Zone, then the received IVI will be enabled for further usage in the receiving ITS-S.

The IVI can be used to inform drivers about upcoming situations in the Driver Awareness Zone. The Driver Awareness Zone can be determined by the receiving ITS-S because the Driver Awareness Zone can be based on the dynamic status of the receiving ITS-S and can depend on the presence of other higher priority information to be presented. Alternatively, the Driver Awareness Zone can be provided by the sending ITS-S for usage by the receiving ITS-S.

The Relevance Zone covers the area where the IVI is applicable.

Examples of the Detection and Relevance Zones for the spatial validity of the IVI Structure are illustrated in [Figure 2](#). In traffic direction East (right-hand traffic), the figure shows a Detection Zone and a Relevance Zone for the entire carriageway. The Driver Awareness Zone can be physically overlapping with the Detection Zone (but is not necessarily equal in size). In traffic direction West, the figure shows lane specific Detection and Relevance Zones.



**Figure 2 — Spatial validity for IVI: Detection and Relevance Zones**

The Location Container always contains a definition of one or more zones which can represent a Detection Zone, a Relevance Zone, or both. In Figure 2 in traffic direction East, from left to right, the first zone represents a Detection Zone and the second zone represents a Relevance Zone.

In Figure 3 in traffic direction East, from left to right, the first zone represents a Detection Zone. The second zone then represents Relevance Zone 1, but this same zone also serves as a Detection Zone for Relevance Zone 2 and so on.

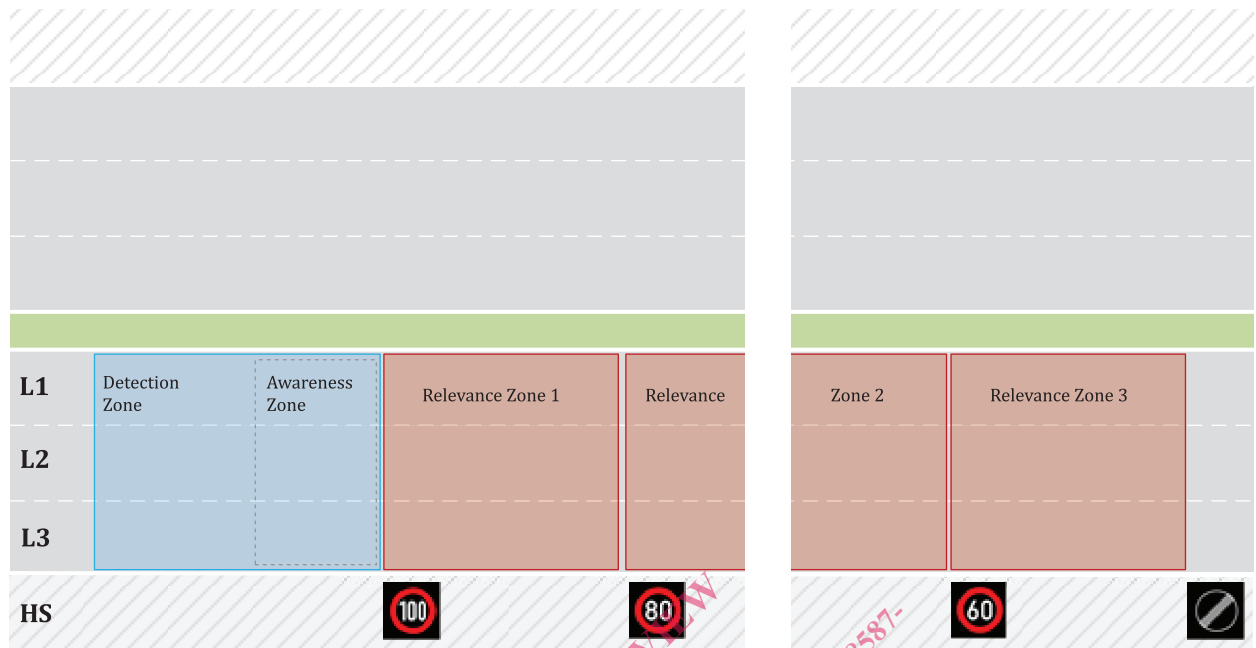


Figure 3 — Concatenated Relevance Zones

## 5.2 Location referencing

### 5.2.1 General

There are essentially two different ways of referencing road locations (refer to ISO 17572-1):

- map-based location referencing, when referencing attributes of the road network itself;
- geographic location referencing, when referencing a regular or irregular division of space which exists independent of the representation of the road network.

### 5.2.2 Geographic positioning

Geographic location systems or coordinate systems are location maps composed of imaginary, intersecting lines forming a grid. Coordinate values of the grid, expressed as numeric or alphanumeric characters, are used to describe a position.

To translate position data expressed in longitude, latitude, and height to the corresponding real position on earth or vice-versa, the earth-centred, earth-fixed, polar-coordinate geodetic datum WGS84 (G1150) shall be used (see NIMA TR8350.2, ed.3). Alternatively, any earth-centred, earth-fixed polar coordinate geodetic datum can be used as long as the maximum datum displacement relative to the geodetic datum agreed on, or relative to WGS84 (G1150) in case of no agreement, is acceptable to the application.

**NOTE** A suggested tolerance of 0,3 m in datum displacement (also called datum shift) is intended, for example, to allow for using the International Terrestrial Reference Frame (ITRF) or the European Terrestrial Reference Frame (ETRF) geodetic datum as alternative to the WGS84. Datum displacements can be calculated according to the definitions in ASME Y14.5-2009.

An ITS-S sending an IVI Structure provides one or more Reference Point(s). The Reference Point can be the reference for the description of a static zone or a dynamic (moving) zone. The zone can be described by a polygonal line which delineates a segment or an area or can be described by a distance value