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- clarification on the signalling of colour information in image items;
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## Introduction

The Image File Format is designed to enable the interchange of images and image sequences, as well as their associated metadata. It forms part of a family of specifications that are box-structured, and is built using tools defined in the ISO base media file format. This document specifies both structural brands that can be used with any codec and brands specific to High Efficiency Video Coding (HEVC). The file format specified in this document is referred to as the High Efficiency Image File Format (HEIF). It is suggested that HEIF be pronounced "heaff" (like heath with an ff ending). When the requirements of the HEVC-specific brands are applied, the file format can be referred to as the HEVC Image File Format.

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~~Clause 6~~[Clause 6](#) specifies the file structures for the storage of a single image and an image collection. Additionally, general requirements that shall be supported in all files using the Image File Format for the storage of a single image or an image collection are specified.

~~Clause 7~~[Clause 7](#) specifies the file structures for the storage of image sequences. Additionally, general requirements that shall be supported in all files using the Image File Format for the storage of image sequences are specified.

~~Clause 8~~[Clause 8](#) specifies the metadata structures for a single image, an image collection, and image sequences.

~~Clause 9~~[Clause 9](#) specifies enhancements to the ISO base media file format.

~~Clause 10~~[Clause 10](#) specifies structural brands for a single image and an image collection, as well as image sequences. Requirements on both files and file readers are specified.

~~Clause 11~~[Clause 11](#) specifies tools to associate annotations, e.g. metadata or images with one or more regions of an image or an image sequence.

~~Annex A~~[Annex A](#) specifies the format for storing Exif, XMP, and MPEG-7 metadata in files conforming to the Image File Format.