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This eleventh edition cancels and replaces the tenth edition (ISO/IEC 14496-10:2022), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

— the addition of support for neural-network post-filter characteristics, neural-network post-filter activation, phase indication SEI messages specified in Rec. ITU-T H.274 | ISO/IEC 23002-7, and additional colour type identifiers.

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Introduction

0.1 Prologue

As the costs for both processing power and memory have reduced, network support for coded video data has diversified, and advances in video coding technology have progressed, the need has arisen for an industry standard for compressed video representation with substantially increased coding efficiency and enhanced robustness to network environments. Toward these ends the ITU-T Video Coding Experts Group (VCEG) and the ISO/IEC Moving Picture Experts Group (MPEG) formed a Joint Video Team (JVT) in 2001 for development of a new Recommendation | International Standard. The standard has since been maintained and enhanced jointly by VCEG and MPEG.

0.2 Purpose

This Recommendation | International Standard was developed in response to the growing need for higher compression of moving pictures for various applications such as videoconferencing, digital storage media, television broadcasting, internet streaming, and communication. It is also designed to enable the use of the coded video representation in a flexible manner for a wide variety of network environments. The use of this Recommendation | International Standard allows motion video to be manipulated as a form of computer data and to be stored on various storage media, transmitted and received over existing and future networks and distributed on existing and future broadcasting channels.

0.3 Applications

This Recommendation | International Standard is designed to cover a broad range of applications for video content including but not limited to the following:

- CATV: cable TV on optical networks, copper, etc.
- DBS: direct broadcast satellite video services.
- DSL: digital subscriber line video services.
- DTTB: digital terrestrial television broadcasting.
- ISM: interactive storage media (optical disks, etc.).
- MMM: multimedia mailing.
- MSPN: multimedia services over packet networks.
- RTC: real-time conversational services (videoconferencing, videophone, etc.).
- RVS: remote video surveillance.
- SSM: serial storage media (digital VTR, etc.).

0.4 Publication and versions of this document

ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10 version 1 refers to the first approved version of this Recommendation | International Standard.

ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10 version 2 refers to the integrated text containing the corrections specified in the first technical corrigendum.

ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10 version 3 refers to the integrated text containing both the first technical corrigendum (2004) and the first amendment, which is referred to as the "Fidelity range extensions".