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ITU-T RECOMMENDATION**Information technology – Generic coding of moving pictures and  
associated audio information: Systems****Amendment 1****Delivery of timeline for external data****Corrigendum 2****Clarifications and corrections on pause flag, URL construction and adaptation field syntax**

Replace Annex U with the following modified text:

**Annex U****Carriage of timeline and external media information over MPEG-2 transport streams**

(This annex forms an integral part of this Recommendation | International Standard.)

**U.1 Introduction**

This annex specifies a format for carriage of timeline and location of external media resource that may be used as a synchronized enhancement of an MPEG-2 transport stream. The possible resolving, consumption and rendering of external media indicated in the stream are out of scope of this Recommendation | International Standard.

The format specifies the mapping of the transport stream program clock to an embedded timeline, the signalling of associated external resources, hereafter called add-on(s), and the signalling of prefetching events. The format is designed to be compact in order to fit within one TS packet for common use cases. The mapping of the embedded timeline indicated in the PES packet payload or in the adaptation field descriptor with the PTS value of the PES header of the PES packet provides a stable timeline for media streams in the program, regardless of PCR discontinuities or other timestamps rewriting that may happen in the network.

In the context of this annex, the "timeline and external media information" ~~stream~~ is called TEMI ~~stream~~.

TEMI data may be carried directly in the adaptation field of a media component or carried in a dedicated PES, called TEMI stream.

The TEMI stream describes external data and associated timing for the program in the MPEG-2 Transport Stream with which the TEMI stream is associated through the Program Map Table.

TEMI data carried in adaptation field of a media component describes external data and associated timing for the program in the MPEG-2 Transport Stream carrying this media component.

**U.2 TEMI access unit and TEMI elementary stream**

The format of the TEMI access unit is defined in Table U.1. TEMI access units shall be carried as PES packets using `private_stream_1` streamID and identified in the program map table by the stream type `0x26`. There shall be at most one TEMI elementary stream declared in the program map table.

The payload of a TEMI PES packet is a single complete TEMI\_AU, i.e., there shall be one and only one complete TEMI access unit in a TEMI PES packet.

The TEMI PES packet header shall contain a PTS timestamp, whose value is used to match the current system time clock with the timeline value embedded in the TEMI packet payload, as defined in Table U.1.

A TEMI\_AU is made of one or several AF descriptors. These AF descriptors may be sent in different access units and at different rates, and are independently decodable. All TEMI access units are therefore random access points.

NOTE 1 – In order to avoid interpolation issues when frame-accurate synchronization is required, the indicated PTS should be the same as the PTS of the associated video or audio stream for which frame accurate sync is needed.

NOTE 2 – It is possible to perform timeline interpolation in-between TEMI access units, for example if multiple audio frames are packed in a single PES packet, or when the TEMI AU frequency is less than the media AU frequency. However, receivers detecting PCR discontinuities in-between TEMI AUs should be careful when performing interpolation.

**Table U.1 – TEMI access unit**

| Syntax  | No. of bits                 | Mnemonic                                |
|---|-----------------------------|---|
| <pre> TEMI_AU {     CRC_flag     reserved     for (i=0; i&lt;N; i++) {         af_descriptor();     }     if (CRC_flag) {         CRC_32     } }                     </pre> | <p>1</p> <p>7</p> <p>32</p> | <p>bslbf</p> <p>bslbf</p> <p>rpchof</p> |

Each TEMI AU is composed of an entire number of AF descriptors.

**CRC\_flag** – A 1-bit flag, which when set to '1' indicates that a CRC field is present in the packet.

**CRC\_32** – This is a 32-bit field that contains the CRC value that gives a zero output of the registers in the decoder defined in Annex A after processing the entire payload of the TEMI access unit.

**U.3 AF descriptors**

**U.3.1 Introduction**

AF descriptors are structures used to carry various features of the timeline or other information. All AF descriptors have a format that begins with an 8-bit tag value. The tag value is followed by an 8-bit AF descriptor length and data fields. The following semantics apply to the descriptors defined throughout Annex U.

**af\_descr\_tag** – The af\_descr\_tag is an 8-bit field that identifies each AF descriptor.

Table U.2 provides the Rec. ITU-T H.222.0 | ISO/IEC 13818-1 defined, Rec. ITU-T H.222.0 | ISO/IEC 13818-1 reserved, and user available AF descriptor tag values.

**af\_descr\_length** – The af\_descr\_length is an 8-bit field specifying the number of bytes of the AF descriptor immediately following af\_descr\_length field.

**Table U.2 – AF descriptor tags**

| AF descriptor tag   | Identification                                |
|---|---|
| 0x00-0x03   | Rec. ITU-T H.222.0   ISO/IEC 13818-1 Reserved |
| 0x04  | Timeline descriptor                           |
| 0x05  | Location descriptor                           |
| 0x06  | BaseURL descriptor                            |
| 0x07  | Cets_byte_range_descriptor (see Note)         |
| 0x08-0x7F   | Rec. ITU-T H.222.0   ISO/IEC 13818-1 reserved |
| 0x80-0xFF   | User private                                  |
| NOTE – See clause 6.4 in ISO/IEC 23001-9 (Common encryption of MPEG-2 transport streams) for description and usage. |   |

AF descriptors may be carried in the adaptation field of TS packets of a media elementary stream, as defined in 2.4.3.5.

**U.3.2 Location descriptor**

The location descriptor is used to signal the location of external data that can be synchronized with the program. It conveys several locations and their type (optionally including MIME types), along with the ability to signal upcoming external data association through a countdown until activation of the external data. It is possible to signal splicing of external data, by signalling that the newly associated data is temporary and the previous association will be re-used later on.

Table U.3 – TEMI location descriptor

| Syntax                            | No. of bits | Mnemonic |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| temi_location_descriptor {        |             |          |
| af_descr_tag                      | 8           | uimsbf   |
| af_descr_length                   | 8           | uimsbf   |
| force_reload                      | 1           | bslbf    |
| is_announcement                   | 1           | bslbf    |
| splicing_flag                     | 1           | bslbf    |
| use_base_temi_url                 | 1           | bslbf    |
| reserved                          | 5           | bslbf    |
| timeline_id                       | 7           | uimsbf   |
| if (is_announcement) {            |             |          |
| timescale                         | 32          | uimsbf   |
| time_before_activation            | 32          | uimsbf   |
| }                                 |             |          |
| if (!use_base_temi_url) {         |             |          |
| url_scheme                        | 8           | uimsbf   |
| url_path_length                   | 8           | uimsbf   |
| for (i=0;i<url_path_length;i++) { |             |          |
| url_path                          | 8           | bslbf    |
| }                                 |             |          |
| }                                 |             |          |
| nb_addons                         | 8           | uimsbf   |
| for (i=0;i<nb_addons;i++) {       |             |          |
| service_type                      | 8           | uimsbf   |
| if (service_type==0) {            |             |          |
| mime_length                       | 8           | uimsbf   |
| for (j=0;j<mime_length;j++) {     |             |          |
| mime_type                         | 8           | bslbf    |
| }                                 |             |          |
| }                                 |             |          |
| url_subpath_len                   | 8           | uimsbf   |
| for (j=0;j<url_subpath_len;j++) { |             |          |
| addon_location                    | 8           | bslbf    |
| }                                 |             |          |
| }                                 |             |          |
| }                                 |             |          |

**U.3.3 Semantic definition of fields in the location descriptor**

**force\_reload:** When set to 1, indicates that the add-on description shall be reloaded before attempting to map media times or locate media components. Reloading may typically happen for manifest-based add-on such as MPEG-DASH or MPEG-MMT.

**is\_announcement:** When set to 1, indicates that the add-on described by this descriptor is not yet active.

**splicing\_flag:** When set to 1, indicates that the new add-on indicated by this descriptor temporarily interrupts the last defined add-on for which `splicing_flag` was not set. It is possible to have a sequence of add-ons with `splicing_flag` set. This allows terminal to optimize loading of the add-on when splicing period ends. There shall not be two `temi_location_descriptor` pointing to the same add-on with different values for `splicing_flag`, unless another `temi_location_descriptor` pointing to different add-ons is sent in-between with a `splicing_flag` set to 0.

**url\_scheme:** Indicates the URL scheme to use for the URL. The scheme identified shall be appended to the `url_path`, according to Table U.4.

Table U.4 – TEMI URL scheme types

| TEMI URL scheme type | Scheme value                                  |
|----------------------|---|
| 0                    | Scheme URL is Included in url_path            |
| 1                    | "http://"                                     |
| 2                    | "https://"                                    |
| 3-0x7F               | Rec. ITU-T H.222.0   ISO/IEC 13818-1 Reserved |
| 0x80-0xFF            | User private                                  |

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**timeline\_id:** A unique identifier for this content location. If `force_reload` is set to '0' and another `temi_location_descriptor` with the same `timeline_id` and `splicing_flag` has already been received, the associated descriptions of the two descriptors shall be the same. If the `splicing_flag` differs for the same `timeline_id`, the `timeline_id` is reassigned to the new URL defined in the descriptor (i.e., redefinition of `timeline_id`).

**timescale:** Indicates the timescale used to express the `time_before_activation` field in this message.

**use\_base\_temi\_url:** When set to 1, indicates that the URL defined in the last received `temi_base_url_descriptor` shall be used as a base URL; when set to 0, a base URL is provided in the payload of this descriptor for the location described in this descriptor and only this descriptor.

**time\_before\_activation:** Indicates the time in timescale units until the resource identified by `addon_location` becomes active; the ratio `time_before_activation/timescale` indicates a duration in seconds. An implementation may use this information to start prefetching content.

**url\_path\_length:** Indicates the length in bytes of the base URL path; when set to 0, indicates an empty URL path.

**url\_path:** Base URL common to the different add-ons, if any; it shall be encoded without trailing zero character. This URL shall be a valid URL, as defined in clause 3 of IETF RFC 3986, and may contain a Fragment and/or a Query part.

**nb\_addons:** Indicates the number of add-ons that share this timeline. If 0, only one add-on is present at the location indicated by `url_path`, if this string is not empty. If `url_path` is empty and `nb_addons` is 0, this means that no service is associated with the current broadcast. If `url_path` is empty and `nb_addons` is not 0, `url_subpath_len` must be greater than 0.

**service\_type:** Indicates the type of add-on present at the given URL, as described in Table U.5. An implementation can decide to fetch or not the add-on based on this service type indication.

**Table U.5 – TEMI service types**

| TEMI service type | Add-on type   |
|-------------------|---|
| 0                 | Specified with MimeType                               |
| 1                 | MPEG-DASH   |
| 2                 | ISO/IEC 14496-12 file                                 |
| 3                 | Rec. ITU-T H.222.0   ISO/IEC 13818-1 transport stream |
| 0x04-0x7E         | Rec. ITU-T H.222.0   ISO/IEC 13818-1 reserved         |
| 0x7F              | Unknown service type                                  |
| 0x80 – 0xFF       | User private  |

**mime\_type:** Indicates the mime type of the add-on available at the indicated location, as defined in IETF RFC 2046. An implementation can decide to fetch or not the add-on based on this mime type indication.

**url\_subpath\_length:** Indicates the length in bytes of the URL sub path; when set to 0, indicates an empty URL subpath.

**url\_subpath:** Indicates the URL sub path, without trailing zero character; this URL shall be a valid URL, as defined in clause 3 of IETF RFC 3986. The URL for this add-on is obtained by merging `url_subpath` with the base URL path, as defined in clause 5 of IETF RFC 3986.

### U.3.4 Base URL descriptor

The base URL descriptor is used to assign a default base URL to all location descriptors.

Table U.6 – TEMI base URL descriptor

| Syntax                     | No. of bits | Mnemonic |
|----------------------------|-------------|----------|
| temi_base_url_descriptor { |             |          |
| af_descr_tag               | 8           | uimsbf   |
| af_descr_length            | 8           | uimsbf   |
| url_scheme                 | 8           | uimsbf   |
| for (i=0;i< N;i++) {       |             |          |
| base_url_path              | 8           | bslbf    |
| }                          |             |          |
| }                          |             |          |

### U.3.5 Semantic definition of fields in ~~location~~-base URL descriptor

`url_scheme`: Indicates the URL scheme to use for the URL. The scheme identified shall be appended to the `base_url_path`, according to Table U.4.

`base_url_path`: Base URL common to all following location descriptors, if any; it shall be encoded without trailing zero character. This URL shall be a valid path, as defined in clause 3 of IETF RFC 3986, and may contain a Fragment and or a Query part.

### U.3.6 Timeline descriptor

The Timeline descriptor is used to carry timing information that can be used to synchronize external data. When the descriptor is carried within a TEMI access unit, the included timing information is given for the PTS value of the TEMI access unit carrying the descriptor. When the descriptor is carried in the adaptation field of a media component, the included timing information is given for the PTS found in the PES header starting in the payload of this transport stream packet or in the first subsequent transport stream packet with `payload_unit_start_indicator` set to 1 on this component (same PID). This PES header shall have a PTS declared. For a given ~~media access unit~~PES, there shall be at most one `temi_timeline_descriptor` with a timeline\_id in the range [0, 0x7F], a paused flag set to 0 and for which the last `temi_location_descriptor` received had an `is_announcement` flag set to 0. A `temi_timeline_descriptor`, with a timeline\_id in the range [0, 0x7F], for which the last `temi_location_descriptor` received had an `is_announcement` flag set to 1, indicates the media time at which the timeline will start upon activation. This Recommendation | International Standard does not define any restrictions on the number of `temi_timeline_descriptor` using `timeline_id` values in the range [0x80, 0xFF] associated with a given PES.

In this section, this media PES packet is called the associated PES packet and the media PTS value is called the associated PTS.