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## Introduction

With the advent of new multimedia streaming applications, there are requests from industry parties to add new levels to existing visual profiles in order to establish interoperability points for these applications. Adding alpha channel support to VTC is also included in this amendment.

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# Information technology — Coding of audio-visual objects —

## Part 2: Visual

### AMENDMENT 3: New levels and tools for MPEG-4 visual

Add the following row to the Table N-1 in Annex N:

Simple Scalable	L0	QCIF	1	1 x Simple or Simple Scalable	1	446	124	1856	N.A.	10	10	2048	N. A.	N. A.	128	1 spatial or temporal enhancement layer
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and the following text after item 10 (the note for Simple Profile @ Level L0) in the notes of Annex N:

11. For Simple Scalable Profile @ Level L0, the following restrictions apply:

- a) Base layer compliant to Simple Profile @ Level L0;
- b) The enhancement layer maximum f\_code shall be 1;
- c) The enhancement layer intra\_dc\_vlc\_threshold shall be 0;
- d) For enhancement layer, if AC prediction is used, the following restriction applies: QP value shall not be changed within a VOP (or within a video packet if video packets are used in a VOP). If AC prediction is not used, there are no restrictions to changing QP value;
- e) Spatial scalability shall be limited to a 1:1 scaling ratio.

Add the following row to the Table AMD2-15:

AS	L3b	352x288	4	4x AS or Simple	1	1188	396	11880	100	65	65	4096	1500	N.A.
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Add the following two rows in Table G-1 in AMD2:

Simple Scalable Profile/Level 0	00010000
Advanced Simple Profile/Level 3b	11110111

Change the following two rows in Table G-1 in AMD2 from:

Reserved	00001001- 00010000
Reserved	11110110 - 11110111

to

Reserved	00001001- 00001111
Reserved	11110110

Addition of alpha channel to VTC:

In subclause 6.3.8, change from

**Table 6-33: Texture Object Layer Shape type.**

texture_object_layer_shape	Meaning
00	rectangular
01	binary
10	reserved
11	reserved

to

**Table 6-33: Texture Object Layer Shape type.**

texture_object_layer_shape	Meaning
00	rectangular
01	binary
10	reserved
11	grayscale

In subclause 6.2.8 - Still Texture Object, change

from

Else if (texture_object_layer_shape == "01") {		
<b>Horizontal_ref</b>	15	uimsbf
<b>Marker_bit</b>	1	bslbf
<b>Vertical_ref</b>	15	uimsbf
<b>Marker_bit</b>	1	bslbf
<b>Object_width</b>	15	uimsbf
<b>Marker_bit</b>	1	bslbf
<b>Object_height</b>	15	uimsbf
<b>Marker_bit</b>	1	bslbf

to

Else if (texture_object_layer_shape == "01" or "11") {		
<b>horizontal_ref</b>	15	uimsbf
<b>marker_bit</b>	1	bslbf
<b>vertical_ref</b>	15	uimsbf
<b>marker_bit</b>	1	bslbf
<b>object_width</b>	15	uimsbf
<b>marker_bit</b>	1	bslbf
<b>object_height</b>	15	uimsbf
<b>marker_bit</b>	1	bslbf

from

else { /* !texture_error_resilience_disable */		
if (texture_object_layer_shape == "01"		
&& tiling_disable == "0") {		
if (texture_tile_type == "boundary tile")		
shape_object_decoding()		
}		
for (color = "y", "u", "v") {		
wavelet_dc_decode()		
}		

to

else { /* !texture_error_resilience_disable */		
if (texture_object_layer_shape != "00"		
&& tiling_disable == "0") {		
if (texture_tile_type == "boundary tile")		
shape_object_decoding()		
}		
for (color = "y", "u", "v", "α") {		
wavelet_dc_decode()		
}		

from

else if ( quantisation_type == 3){		
for (color = "y", "u", "v") {		
do{		
<b>quant_byte</b>	8	uimsbf
} while( quant_byte >>7)		
}		

to

else if ( quantisation_type == 3){		
for (color = "y", "u", "v", "α") {		
do{		
<b>quant_byte</b>	8	Uimsbf
} while( quant_byte >>7)		
}		

In subclause 6.2.8 – DecodeStu, change

from

DecodeStu (){		
for (color = "y", "u", "v")		
wavelet_dc_decode ()		

to

DecodeStu (){		
for (color = "y", "u", "v", "α")		
wavelet_dc_decode ()		

from

else if ( quantisation_type == 3){		
for (color = "y", "u", "v") {		
do{		
<b>quant_byte</b>	8	uimsbf
} while( quant_byte >>7)		
}		

to

else if ( quantisation_type == 3){		
for (color = "y", "u", "v", "α") {		
do{		
<b>quant_byte</b>	8	Uimsbf
} while( quant_byte >>7)		
}		

In subclause 6.2.8.1 – TextureLayerSQ, change

from

TextureLayerSQ() {	<b>No. of bits</b>	<b>Mnemonic</b>
if (scan_direction == 0) {		
for ("y", "u", "v") {		

to

TextureLayerSQ() {	<b>No. of bits</b>	<b>Mnemonic</b>
if (scan_direction == 0) {		
for ("y", "u", "v", "α") {		

from

for (i = 0; I < tree_blocks; i++) {		
for (color = "y", "u", "v")		
arith_decode_highbands_td()		
}		

to

for (i = 0; I < tree_blocks; i++) {		
for (color = "y", "u", "v", "α")		
arith_decode_highbands_td()		
}		

In subclause 6.2.8.3 – TextureSpatialLayerSQNSC, change

from

	No. of bits	Mnemonic
TextureSpatialLayerSQNSC() {		
for (color="y","u","v") {		
if ( (first_wavelet_layer && color=="y"    (second_wavelet_layer && color=="u","v") ) {		
do {		
<b>quant_byte</b>	8	uimbsf
} while (quant_byte >> 7)		
}		
if (color=="y")		
<b>max_bitplanes</b>	5	uimbsf
else if (!first_wavelet_layer)		
<b>max_bitplanes</b>	5	uimbsf
}		
for (color="y","u","v")		
if (color="y"    !first_wavelet_layer)		
arith_decode_highbands_bb()		
}		

to

	No. of bits	Mnemonic
TextureSpatialLayerSQNSC() {		
for (color="y","u","v","α") {		
if ( (first_wavelet_layer && color=="y","α"    (second_wavelet_layer && color=="u","v") ) {		
do {		
<b>quant_byte</b>	8	uimbsf
} while (quant_byte >> 7)		
}		
if (color=="y","α")		
<b>max_bitplanes</b>	5	uimbsf
else if (!first_wavelet_layer)		
<b>max_bitplanes</b>	5	uimbsf
}		
for (color="y","u","v","α")		
if (color="y","α"    !first_wavelet_layer)		
arith_decode_highbands_bb()		
}		

In subclause 6.2.8.7 – TextureSNRLayerMQNSC, change

from

	No. of bits	Mnemonic
TextureSNRLayerMQNSC(){		
if (spatial_scalability_levels == wavelet_decomposition_levels && spatial_layer_id == 0) {		
for (color = "y") {		
do {		
<b>quant_byte</b>	8	uimsbf
} while (quant_byte >> 7)		
for (i=0; i<spatial_layers; i++) {		
<b>max_bitplane[i]</b>	5	uimsbf
if ((i+1)%4 == 0)		
<b>marker_bit</b>	1	bslbf
}		
}		
}		
else {		
for (color="y", "u", "v") {		
do {		
<b>quant_byte</b>	8	uimsbf
} while (quant_byte >> 7)		
for (i=0; i<spatial_layers; i++) {		
<b>max_bitplane[i]</b>	5	uimsbf
if ((i+1)%4 == 0)		
<b>marker_bit</b>	1	bslbf
}		
}		
}		
if (scan_direction == 0) {		
for (i = 0; i<tree_blocks; i++) {		
for (color = "y", "u", "v") {		
if (wavelet_decomposition_layer_id != 0    color != "u", "v")		
arith_decode_highbands_td()		
}		
}		
} else {		
for (i = 0; i< spatial_layers; i++) {		
for (color = "y", "u", "v") {		
if (wavelet_decomposition_layer_id != 0    color != "u", "v")		
arith_decode_highbands_bb()		
}		
}		
}		
}		
}		

to

	No. of bits	Mnemonic
TextureSNRLayerMQNSC){		
if (spatial_scalability_levels == wavelet_decomposition_levels && spatial_layer_id == 0) {		
for (color = "y", "u", "v", "a") {		
do {		
<b>quant_byte</b>	8	uimsbf
} while (quant_byte >> 7)		
for (i=0; i<spatial_layers; i++) {		
<b>max_bitplane[i]</b>	5	uimsbf
if ((i+1)%4 == 0)		
<b>marker_bit</b>	1	bslbf
}		
}		
}		
else {		
for (color="y", "u", "v", "a") {		
do {		
<b>quant_byte</b>	8	uimsbf
} while (quant_byte >> 7)		
for (i=0; i<spatial_layers; i++) {		
<b>max_bitplane[i]</b>	5	uimsbf
if ((i+1)%4 == 0)		
<b>marker_bit</b>	1	bslbf
}		
}		
}		
if (scan_direction == 0) {		
for (i = 0; i<tree_blocks; i++) {		
for (color = "y", "u", "v", "a") {		
if (wavelet_decomposition_layer_id != 0    color != "u", "v")		
arith_decode_highbands_td()		
}		
}		
} else {		
for (i = 0; i< spatial_layers; i++) {		
for (color = "y", "u", "v", "a") {		
if (wavelet_decomposition_layer_id != 0    color != "u", "v")		
arith_decode_highbands_bb()		
}		
}		
}		
}		