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### AMENDMENT 2: Harmonization on MPEG-2 TS storage

Replace 6.5 with the following:

#### 6.5 Storage and playback of transport stream

##### 6.5.1 Introduction

A simple storage and playback method of MPEG-2 TS is defined by utilizing a subset of MPEG-2 TS Reception Hint Track functionalities defined in the ISO-FF (more specifically, ISO/IEC 14496-12:2008/Amd.1:2009, *Information technology — Coding of audio-visual objects — Part 12: ISO base media file format — AMENDMENT 1: General improvements including hint tracks, metadata support, and sample groups*). Thus, if otherwise mentioned in this standard, the restrictions in the ISO-FF shall apply.

##### 6.5.2 File structure and track type definition

An MPEG-2 TS is stored sequentially (i.e., untouched) as a sample data. A sample can be the whole TS to be stored or a segment of it. All the sample boundaries shall be aligned with the TS packet boundaries.

A handler type of 'hint' (hint track) is used for the stored MPEG-2 TS and the matching media information header shall be 'hmhd' (hint media header). The `maxPDUsize` and `avgPDUsize` fields in the 'hmhd' of the TS hint track shall take the value of 188 (the TS packet size).

MPEG-2 TS hint tracks can be used in two contexts; one is to guide streaming servers to easily generate a transport stream from the stored MPEG-2 TS and the other is to guide players for local playback or preview of stored (or recorded) MPEG-2 TS. Note that this standard defines the latter one only.

In this standard, an MPEG-2 TS is always stored as 'already-prepared' samples regardless of whether it is from direct reception or from content providers. Thus the MPEG-2 TS hint track defined in this standard does not refer to other media tracks for dynamic composition of MPEG-2 TS from the media data. The track header flags in the `tkhd` (track header box) would normally be set as follows:

- `track_enabled` = 1
- `track_in_movie` = 1
- `track_in_preview` = 1.

### 6.5.3 Sample format

In this standard, the MPEG-2 TS sample format defined in the ISO-FF standard is restricted to be some group of complete MPEG-2 TS packets.

In case *stss* (sync sample box) is absent, a sample is defined as a group of TS packets containing independently decodable group of video or audio access units. More specifically, following rules apply;

- If video exist in the TS to be stored, then TS packets corresponding to a GOP (Group of Pictures) are defined as one sample. The *random\_access\_indicator* inside the *adaptation\_field()* of TS packet can be used to identify the starting TS packet corresponding to a GOP; In this case, a sample starts from a TS packet having *random\_access\_indicator*=1 and ends just before the firstly encountered another TS packet having *random\_access\_indicator*=1.
- If video does not exist in the TS to be stored, then TS packets corresponding to an audio frame are defined as one sample.

In case *stss* box exists, then the *entry\_count* in the *stss* box shall take the value of 0, which means that the sync sample positions are unknown and a sample is defined as the whole TS packets.

Note that the Player should check the existence of *stss* box to determine which sample definition should be applied.

### 6.5.4 Sample description format

The MPEG-2 TS sample description format defined in ISO-FF shall apply except the following restrictions.

- *MPEG2TSServerSampleEntry* is not used and only *MPEG2TSReceptionSampleEntry* with code point of 'rm2t' is used for this standard.
- When using *MPEG2TSReceptionSampleEntry*, the following restrictions apply;
  - *precedingbyteslen* = 0
  - *trailingbyteslen* = 0
  - *precomputed\_only\_flag* = 1
  - Exactly one *PMTBox* and one *TSTimingBox* shall be included in *additionaldata[]*. At most one *ODBox*, *BIFSBox*, and *InitialSampleTimeBox* may be present in *additionaldata[]*. If other box appears in *additionaldata[]*, it may be ignored and discarded.
- The syntax of the *BIFSBox* is defined in this standard as follows:

```
aligned(8) class BIFSBox () extends Box ('tBFS') {
    uint(3) reserved;
    uint(13) PID;
    uint(8) sectiondata[];
```

- For the *ODBox* and *BIFSBox*, the following restrictions shall apply;
  - *PID* is the *PID* of the MPEG-2 TS packets correspond only to the non-dependent OD (BIFS) stream; The non-dependent OD (BIFS) stream is defined as the OD (BIFS) stream whose *streamDependenceFlag* value in the corresponding *ES\_Descriptor/IOD/PMT* is set to 0.