IEC 61966-12-1

Edition 1.0 2011-01

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

colour inside

Multimedia systems and equipment – Colour measurement and management – Part 12-1: Metadata for identification of colour gamut (Gamut ID)

IEC 61966-12-1:2011(E)

IEC Central Office
3, rue de Varembé
CH-1211 Geneva 20
Switzerland
Email: inmail@iec.ch
Web: www.iec.ch

About the IEC

The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is the leading global organization that prepares and publishes International Standards for all electrical, electronic and related technologies.

About IEC publications

The technical content of IEC publications is kept under constant review by the IEC. Please make sure that you have the latest edition, a corrigenda or an amendment might have been published.

- Catalogue of IEC publications: www.iec.ch/searchpub
The IEC on-line Catalogue enables you to search by a variety of criteria (reference number, text, technical committee,…). It also gives information on projects, withdrawn and replaced publications.

- IEC Just Published: www.iec.ch/online_news/justpub
Stay up to date on all new IEC publications. Just Published details twice a month all new publications released. Available on-line and also by email.

- Electropedia: www.electropedia.org
The world's leading online dictionary of electronic and electrical terms containing more than 20 000 terms and definitions in English and French, with equivalent terms in additional languages. Also known as the International Electrotechnical Vocabulary online.

- Customer Service Centre: www.iec.ch/webstore/custserv
If you wish to give us your feedback on this publication or need further assistance, please visit the Customer Service Centre FAQ or contact us:

Email: csc@iec.ch
Tel.: +41 22 919 02 11
Fax: +41 22 919 03 00

IEC 61966-12-1

Edition 1.0 2011-01

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

colour inside

Multimedia systems and equipment – Colour measurement and management – Part 12-1: Metadata for identification of colour gamut (Gamut ID)

INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

PRICE CODE

ICS 17.180.20; 33.160

ISBN 978-2-88912-309-4

CONTENTS

INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

MULTIMEDIA SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT – COLOUR MEASUREMENT AND MANAGEMENT –

Part 12-1: Metadata for identification of colour gamut (Gamut ID)

FOREWORD

1) The International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) is a worldwide organization for standardization comprising all national electrotechnical committees (IEC National Committees). The object of IEC is to promote international co-operation on all questions concerning standardization in the electrical and electronic fields. To this end and in addition to other activities, IEC publishes International Standards, Technical Specifications, Technical Reports, Publicly Available Specifications (PAS) and Guides (hereafter referred to as "IEC Publication(s)"). Their preparation is entrusted to technical committees; any IEC National Committee interested in the subject dealt with may participate in this preparatory work. International, governmental and non-governmental organizations liaising with the IEC also participate in this preparation. IEC collaborates closely with the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) in accordance with conditions determined by agreement between the two organizations.
2) The formal decisions or agreements of IEC on technical matters express, as nearly as possible, an international consensus of opinion on the relevant subjects since each technical committee has representation from all interested IEC National Committees.
3) IEC Publications have the form of recommendations for international use and are accepted by IEC National Committees in that sense. While all reasonable efforts are made to ensure that the technical content of IEC Publications is accurate, IEC cannot be held responsible for the way in which they are used or for any misinterpretation by any end user.
4) In order to promote international uniformity, IEC National Committees undertake to apply IEC Publications transparently to the maximum extent possible in their national and regional publications. Any divergence between any IEC Publication and the corresponding national or regional publication shall be clearly indicated in the latter.
5) IEC itself does not provide any attestation of conformity. Independent certification bodies provide conformity assessment services and, in some areas, access to IEC marks of conformity. IEC is not responsible for any services carried out by independent certification bodies.
6) All users should ensure that they have the latest edition of this publication.
7) No liability shall attach to IEC or its directors, employees, servants or agents including individual experts and members of its technical committees and IEC National Committees for any personal injury, property damage or other damage of any nature whatsoever, whether direct or indirect, or for costs (including legal fees) and expenses arising out of the publication, use of, or reliance upon, this IEC Publication or any other IEC Publications.
8) Attention is drawn to the Normative references cited in this publication. Use of the referenced publications is indispensable for the correct application of this publication.
9) Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this IEC Publication may be the subject of patent rights. IEC shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

International Standard IEC 61966-12-1 has been prepared by technical area 2: Colour measurement and management, of IEC technical committee 100: Audio, video and multimedia systems and equipment.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
100/1757/FDIS	100/1776/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

A list of alll parts of the IEC 61966 series, published under the general title *Multimedia systems and equipment – Colour measurement and management*, can be found on the IEC website.

The committee has decided that the contents of this amendment and the base publication will remain unchanged until the stability date indicated on the IEC web site under "http://webstore.iec.ch" in the data related to the specific publication. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

A bilingual version of this document may be issued at a later date.

IMPORTANT – The "colour inside" logo on the cover page of this publication indicates that it contains colours which are considered to be useful for the correct understanding of its contents. Users should therefore print this publication using a colour printer.

INTRODUCTION

New technologies in capturing and displaying wide-gamut colour images enable a new market of wide-gamut video colour content creation. Recent video standards for wide gamut colour space encoding such as IEC 61966-2-4 (xvYCC) were established in order to be able to distribute content with a colour gamut that is extended with respect to classical colour gamuts such as defined by colorimetry standards ITU-R BT.601 (standard definition television) and ITU-R BT.709 (high definition television). With the increasing popularity of wide gamut and high dynamic range content and displays, the variety of colour gamuts of displays is expected to increase. This issue can be an obstacle for adopting wide-gamut video colour content in professional content creation since the compatibility of the content to the employed displays as well as the compatibility among different displays is not ensured. The term display includes here any video colour reproduction equipment, such as direct view displays and projectors. Thanks to improvements of technology, the variety of colour gamut and colour reproduction capacities of displays increases while the colour gamut and the colour encoding rules of existing colour space encoding standards are fixed.

To address this issue, the IEC standard Gamut ID (IEC 61966-12-1) specifies a colour gamut metadata scheme for video systems including information for colour reproduction. This metadata can amend a video content or a display. More specifically, improvements can be achieved if the wide-gamut colour content is created with the knowledge of the display colour gamut as well as if the colour reproduction in the display is done with the knowledge of the colour gamut of the pictorial content.

This standard enables video systems defining their own colour gamut. This standard defines necessary metadata that allows managing inhomogeneous video systems with different colour gamuts. This standard generalizes existing colour space encoding standards having a fixed colour gamut.

MULTIMEDIA SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT – COLOUR MEASUREMENT AND MANAGEMENT –

Part 12-1: Metadata for identification of colour gamut (Gamut ID)

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61966 defines the colour gamut metadata scheme for video systems and similar applications.

The metadata can be associated with wide gamut video colour content or to a piece of equipment to display the content.

When associated with content, the colour gamut metadata defines the gamut for which the content was created. It can be used by the display for controlled colour reproduction even if the display's colour gamut is different from that of the content.

When associated with a display, the colour gamut metadata defines the display colour gamut. It can be used during content creation to enable improved colour reproduction.

The colour gamut metadata may cover associated colour encoding information, which includes all information required for a controlled colour reproduction, when such information is not provided by the colour encoding specification.

The colour gamut metadata scheme provides scalable solutions. For example, more flexible solutions will be used for the professional use, while much simpler solutions will be used for consumer use with easier product implementation.

This part of IEC 61966 only defines the colour gamut metadata scheme. Vendor-specific solutions for creation and end-use of this metadata are allowed.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60050(845):1987, *International electrochnical vocabulary – Chapter 845: Lighting*

IEC 61966-2-4:2006, *Multimedia systems and equipment – Colour measurement and management – Part 2-4: Colour management – Extended-gamut YCC colour space for video applications – xvYCC*

ISO 15076-1:2005 *Image technology colour management – Architecture, profile format and data structure – Part 1: Based on ICC.1:2004-10*

ISO 22028-1:2004, *Photography and graphic technology – Extended colour encodings for digital image storage, manipulation and interchange – Part 1: Architecture and requirements*

ITU-R BT.709-5:2002, *Parameter values for the HDTV standards for production and international programme exchange*

CIE 15:2004, Colorimetry

SMPTE 274M:2005, *SMPTE Standard for Television - 1920 x 1080 Image Sample Structure, Digital Representation and Digital Timing Reference Sequences for Multiple Picture Rates*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions as well as the terms and definitions of colour space, illuminance, luminance, tristimulus, and other related lighting terms of IEC 60050(845) apply.

3.1
content
video content in production, post-production or consumption

3.2
gamut
a solid in a colour space

3.3
gamut boundary description
description of the boundary of a colour gamut

3.4
radiometrically-linear colour space coordinates
colour space coordinates that are linear with respect to image radiance

4 Abbreviations

GBD	Gamut Boundary Description
LSB	Least Significant Bit
MSB	Most Significant Bit
GI	Gamut Instance
GH	Gamut Hull
GC	Gamut Component

5 Overview

This standard specifies metadata called “Gamut ID metadata” providing information on an actual colour gamut.

The Gamut ID metadata contains four parts and its format is summarized in Table 1.

Table 1 – Format of Gamut ID metadata

Byte # hex	**Metadata content**
0h0000	Header of Gamut ID metadata
ID_G	Description of gamut geometry
ID_E	Description of colour reproduction

Clause 6 specifies the header of Gamut ID metadata.

Clauses 7 and 8 specify the description of gamut geometry that corresponds to one of three profiles as listed below: