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IEC 60958-3 edition 1.0 was released in 1999 specifying the consumer applications of the interface for the inter-connection of digital audio equipment defined in IEC 60958-1. The applications have enhanced their quality including multichannel modes, high-precision bit length, and multi-stream modes. These enhancements imply a new part in the IEC 60958 series, appropriately keeping backward compatibility with IEC 60958-3 and providing a new enhanced digital audio interface.

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Part 5: Consumer application enhancement

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60958 enhances the consumer application of the interface for the interconnection of digital audio equipment defined in IEC 60958-1 and IEC 60958-3, introducing:

- multichannel;
- multi-stream;
- high-resolution;
- multimedia extension;
- related applications.

NOTE IEC 60958-3 specifies a consumer application to carry stereophonic programmes with a resolution of up to 24 bits per sample. This part of IEC 60958 enhances the application, allowing programmes with up to 64 channels, 64 bits per sample, and two simultaneous streams.

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IEC 60958-1:20—¹, *Digital audio interface – Part 1: General*

IEC 60958-3:20—², *Digital audio interface – Part 3: Consumer applications*

IEC 62574:2020, *Audio, video and multimedia systems – General channel assignment of multichannel audio*

ISO/IEC 23001-8:2016, *Information technology – MPEG systems technologies – Part 8: Coding-independent code points*³

ITU-R BS.2094-1:2017, *Common definitions for the audio definition model*

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