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## 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61937 applies to the digital audio interface using the IEC 60958 series for the conveying of non-linear PCM encoded audio bitstreams.

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### 3.1 Terms and definitions

#### 3.1.1

##### **audio data-burst**

data-burst with an encoded audio frame as burst-payload

#### 3.1.2

##### **audio data-word**

16-bit data word