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Foreword

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ISO/IEC 23008 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology — High efficiency coding and media delivery in heterogeneous environments*:

— *Part 1:* MPEG media transport (MMT)

— *Part 2:* High efficiency video coding

— *Part 3: 3D audio*

— *Part 4: MMT Reference and Conformance Software*

— *Part 5: Reference software for high efficiency video coding*

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— *Part 11: MPEG media transport composition information*

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Introduction

3D sound systems are able to realize a significantly enhanced sound experience relative to current widespread 5.1 channel audio programs and playback systems. These systems demand high quality audio coding and error-free transmission in order to keep the timbre, sound localization and sound envelopment of the original audio program. Presentation over headphones with suitable spatialization are also considered.

This part of ISO/IEC 23008-3 “High Efficiency Coding and Media Delivery in Heterogeneous Environments — Part 3: 3D Audio” provides means for all scenarios where there is a need to compress a multi-channel audio program (e.g. 22.2 channel program) and to render it to the native target number of loudspeakers. In order to reach a wide market, a 3D Audio program is able to be downmixed to a lower hierarchy of loudspeakers, for example 10.1 or 8.1 channels. In addition, all scenarios support a level of random access to facilitate broadcast break-in, and “trick modes” such as fast forward when playing from stored media.

The main focus of this specification are applications such as audio for Home Theatres where the audio presentation is immersive, involving many loudspeakers (e.g. from 10 to more than 20) surrounding the listener and placed below, at and above ear-level. Moreover applications as Personal TV, TV for SmartPhones and Multi-channel Audio-only Programs are envisioned. These require that 3D Audio encoding/decoding systems are able to operate at low bitrates appropriate for efficient transmission over a cellular channel. At the same time the sense of envelopment and accurate sonic localization even for systems having a tablet-sized visual displays with speakers built into the device and headphone listening are maintained.

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1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 23008-3 specifies technology which supports the efficient transmission of 3D audio signals and flexible rendering for the playback of 3D audio in a wide variety of listening scenarios. These include 3D home theater setups, 22.2 loudspeaker systems, automotive entertainment systems and playback over headphones connected to a tablet or smartphone.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensible for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 13818-1:2013, *Information technology — Generic Coding of moving pictures and associated audio information: Systems*

ISO/IEC 14496-3:2009, *Information technology — Coding of audio-visual objects — Part 3: Audio*

ISO/IEC 14496-11, *Information technology — Coding of audio-visual objects — Part 11: Scene description and application engine*

ISO/IEC 23001-8:2013, *Information technology — MPEG systems technologies — Part 8: Coding-independent code-points*

ISO/IEC 23001-8:2013/Amd.1, *Information technology — MPEG systems technologies — Part 8: Coding-independent code-points, AMENDMENT 1: New audio code points*

ISO/IEC 23003-1:2007, *Information technology — MPEG audio technologies — Part 1: MPEG Surround*

ISO/IEC 23003-2:2010, *Information technology — MPEG audio technologies — Part 2: Spatial Audio Object Coding (SAOC)*

ISO/IEC 23003-3:2012, *Information technology — MPEG audio technologies — Part 3: Unified speech and audio coding*

ISO/IEC 23003-4:2015, *Information technology — MPEG audio technologies — Part 4: Dynamic range control*

3 Terms, definitions and mnemonics

3.1 Terms and Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 14496-3:2009, 1.3 (Terms and definitions), in ISO/IEC 14496-3:2009, 1.4 (Symbols and abbreviations) and in ISO/IEC 23003-3:2012, 3.1 (Terms and definitions) apply.

3.2 Mnemonics

The following mnemonics are defined to describe the different data types used in the coded bitstream payload.