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Foreword

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ISO/TS 18234 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Traffic and Travel Information (TTI) — TTI via Transport Protocol Expert Group (TPEG) data-streams*:

- *Part 1: Introduction, numbering and versions*
- *Part 2: Syntax, Semantics and Framing Structure (SSF)*
- *Part 3: Service and Network Information (SNI) application*
- *Part 4: Road Traffic Message (RTM) application*
- *Part 5: Public Transport Information (PTI) application*
- *Part 6: Location referencing applications*

Introduction

The TPEG technology uses a byte-oriented stream format, which may be carried on almost any digital bearer with an appropriate adaptation layer. TPEG-messages are delivered from service providers to end-users, and are used to transfer information from the database of a service provider to an end-user's equipment.

The TPEG-Loc methodology has been developed to provide a unified location referencing system for all TPEG applications that require such referencing systems. This CEN ISO Technical Specification describes the TPEG-Loc application in detail.

TPEG-Loc is designed to offer service providers and end-users several large and significant advantages over previous location based services. TPEG-Loc forms the basis of location referencing for any TPEG application that may be specified.

It is very important to remember the original TPEG objectives, which ensure that the TPEG-Loc is designed to meet all needs. It is flexible in use, from both a service provision and end-user viewpoint. TPEG-Loc offers choices for service providers to provide simple single-application services through to multi-application services using the *same* location referencing method. TPEG-Loc offers filtering choices for end-users to provide wide or narrowly focussed information, both urban and inter-urban and for single or multi-modal journeys. TPEG-Loc provides for both large networked service providers and small single area service providers and allows a full range of end-user products to be developed, from thick clients such as navigation systems to thin clients such as small hand held travel assistants.

The Broadcast Management Committee of the European Broadcast Union (EBU) established the B/TPEG project group in autumn 1997 with the mandate to develop, as soon as possible, a new protocol for broadcasting traffic and travel-related information in the multimedia environment. The TPEG technology, its applications and service features are designed to enable travel-related messages to be coded, decoded, filtered and understood by humans (visually and/or audibly in the user's language) and by agent systems.

One year later in December 1998, the B/TPEG group produced its first public specifications. Two documents were released. Part 2 (TPEG-SSF, CEN ISO/TS 18234-2) described the Syntax, Semantics and Framing structure, which will be used for all TPEG applications. Part 4 (TPEG-RTM, CEN ISO/TS 18234-4) described the *first* application, for Road Traffic Messages.

CEN /C 278/WG 4, in conjunction with ISO/TC 204/WG 10, established a project group comprising the members of B/TPEG and they have continued the work concurrently since March 1999. Since then two further parts have been developed to make the initial complete set of four parts, enabling the implementation of a consistent service. Part 3 (TPEG-SNI, CEN ISO/TS 18234-3) describes the Service and Network Information Application, which is likely to be used by all service implementations to ensure appropriate referencing from one service source to another. Part 1 (TPEG-INV, CEN ISO/TS 18234-1), completes the work, by describing the other parts and their relationship; it also contains the application IDs used within the other parts.

In April 2000, the B/TPEG group released revised Parts 1 to 4, all four parts having been reviewed and updated in the light of initial implementation results. Thus a consistent suite of specifications, ready for wide scale implementation, was submitted to the CEN/ISO commenting process.

In November 2001, after extensive response to the comments received and from many internally suggested improvements, all four parts were completed for the next stage: the Parallel Formal Vote in CEN and ISO. But a major step forward has been to develop the so-called TPEG-Loc location referencing method, which enables both map-based TPEG-decoders and non map-based ones to deliver either map-based location referencing or human readable information. Part 6 (TPEG-Loc, CEN ISO/TS 18234-6, this document) is now a separate specification and is used in association with the other parts of CEN ISO/TS 18234 to provide comprehensive location referencing. Additionally Part 5, the Public Transport Information Application (TPEG-PTI, CEN ISO/TS 18234-5), has been developed and been through the commenting process.

This Technical Specification, CEN ISO/TS 18234-6, describes the data structure, the encoding and decoding of “TPEG-Loc”. This document has been prepared by CEN/TC 278 *Road Transport and Traffic Telematics* in co-operation with ISO/TC 204, *Intelligent Transport Systems*.

During the development of the TPEG technology a number of versions have been documented and various trials implemented using various versions of the specifications. At the time of the publication of this Technical Specification, all parts are fully inter-workable and no specific dependencies exist. This Technical Specification has the technical version number TPEG-Loc_3.0/001.

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Part 6: Location referencing applications

1 Scope

This Technical Specification establishes the method of location referencing used by TPEG applications such as TPEG-RTM or TPEG-PTI.

TPEG applications are specified to contain all the information required by a client TPEG decoder (i.e. both location referencing and event information), to present all the information intended for the end-user when it was originated by the service provider.

The term “application” is used in TPEG specifications to describe specific applications, which are at the highest layer of the ISO/OSI protocol stack (ISO/IEC 7498-1). Each TPEG application (e.g. TPEG-RTM) is assigned a unique number that is called the Application IDentification (AID). In this respect TPEG-Loc is not an application, but it is an *essential* constituent part of an application.

Location referencing requires a service provider to give an impression or image to the human end-user of where an event has taken place. This cannot be done easily because the human end-user may or may not be familiar with the location. TPEG-Loc has the added challenge of attempting to be as language independent as possible. This is achieved by the use of TPEG-Loc tables (essentially word oriented data object dictionaries).

TPEG-Loc also provides location data in a machine-readable form that allows a “thick” client such as a navigation system to map-match, on-the-fly, to locate the event being described onto a digital map display.

NOTE Explicit backwards compatibility with the RDS-TMC location referencing method (EN ISO 14819-3) has NOT been attempted, because RDS-TMC locations are finite in number and must be predetermined. TPEG technology does not suffer from this restriction.

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.

ISO/TS 18234-1, *Traffic and Travel Information (TTI) — TTI via Transport Protocol Expert Group (TPEG) data-streams — Part 1: Introduction, Numbering and Versions*

ISO/TS 18234-2, *Traffic and Travel Information (TTI) — TTI via Transport Protocol Expert Group (TPEG) data-streams — Part 2: Syntax, Semantics and Framing Structure (SSF)*

ISO/TS 18234-3, *Traffic and Travel Information (TTI) — TTI via Transport Protocol Expert Group (TPEG) data-streams — Part 3: Service and Network Information (SNI) Application*

ISO/TS 18234-4, *Traffic and Travel Information (TTI) – TTI via Transport Protocol Expert Group (TPEG) data-streams — Part 4: Road Traffic Message (RTM) application*

ISO/TS 18234-5, *Traffic and Travel Information (TTI) — TTI via Transport Protocol Expert Group (TPEG) data-streams — Part 5: Public Transport Information Application*

ISO/IEC 7498-1, *Information technology — Open Systems Interconnection — Basic Reference Model: The Basic Model*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this Technical Specification, the following terms and definitions apply.

NOTE 1 TPEG-Loc is completely focussed on location references for TPEG applications, which are delivering messages to end-users, so for this key operational reason some definitions have a different meaning from that found in other location reference systems.

NOTE 2 Digital map based systems, either on the message generation side or the client end-user side tend to be based upon road mapping rather than, for example, rail track mapping, therefore throughout this specification there is a tendency to use roads as examples. However roads are not necessarily implied, so the use and context of an element must be clarified and this is declared in the coding in 5.3.1.

3.1 additional location descriptions

all information needed to filter, select and process a location in only text-based systems. Information referenced through hierarchically structured text

3.2 connected point

point where several *intersection points* or *non-linked points*, together, make up one connected location. Also the connected points are listed within it

3.3 framed point

a Framed point may be used to describe a point on a network such as a road network or rail network, where the location is not likely to be well known or is a point without a predefined name. The two points either side are used to frame the location with known points

3.4 height

in TPEG-Loc, height is used to describe a point in the vertical plane, relative to the height descriptor as shown in TPEG Table loc04. Height consists of a numerical value, in metres, and descriptor

3.5 intersection point

Point at the intersection of two roads. The given co-ordinate is accompanied by up to three road descriptors to match it exactly on the map

3.6 large area

an area with a large radius of more than one kilometre. The longitude/latitude co-ordinate pair used, does not need to be matched exactly to a road or other object on the map

3.7 location container

in TPEG-Loc, a location container is a concept applied to the location referencing elements, to show how they are grouped together. The TPEG-Loc container comprises a default language code, a location co-ordinates container and an additional location descriptions container