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**Space data and information transfer  
systems — Space link extension (SLE) —  
Forward communications link  
transmission unit (CLTU) service**

*Systèmes de transfert des informations et données spatiales —  
Extension de liaisons spatiales (SLE) — Service de l'unité de  
transmission pour la liaison d'envoi de télécommande (CLTU)*



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# Space data and information transfer systems — Space link extension (SLE) — Forward communications link transmission unit (CLTU) service

## 1 Scope

**1.1** This International Standard defines the Communications Link Transmission Unit (CLTU) service in conformance with the transfer services specified in CCSDS 910.4-B-2 (equivalent to ISO 15396). The Forward CLTU service is a Space Link Extension (SLE) transfer service that enables a mission to send Communications Link Transmission Units (CLTUs) to a spacecraft.

**1.2** This International Standard defines, in an abstract manner, the Forward CLTU service in terms of

- a) the operations necessary to provide the transfer service,
- b) the parameter data associated with each operation,
- c) the behaviors that result from the invocation of each operation, and
- d) the relationship between, and the valid sequence of, the operations and resulting behaviors.

**1.3** It does not specify

- a) individual implementations or products,
- b) the implementation of entities or interfaces within real systems,
- c) the methods or technologies required to radiate data to a spacecraft and to acquire telemetry frames from the signals received from that spacecraft for extraction of the Operational Control Field,
- d) the methods or technologies required for communications, or
- e) the management activities necessary to schedule, configure, and control the Forward CLTU service.

**1.4** The scope and field of application are furthermore detailed in subclause 1.3 of the enclosed CCSDS publication.

## 2 Requirements

Requirements are the technical recommendations made in the following publication (reproduced on the following pages), which is adopted as an International Standard:

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- [1] Document CCSDS 910.4-B-2, October 2005, is equivalent to ISO 15396:2007.
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- [G6] Document CCSDS 202.1-B-2, June 2001, is equivalent to ISO 12173:2003.
- [G7] Document CCSDS 203.0-B-2, June 2001, is equivalent to ISO 12174:2003.

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## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR SLE FCLTU SERVICE

## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 PURPOSE OF THIS RECOMMENDED STANDARD

This Recommended Standard defines the Communications Link Transmission Unit (CLTU) service in conformance with the transfer services specified in reference [1], *Cross Support Reference Model—Part 1: SLE Services*. The Forward CLTU service is a Space Link Extension (SLE) transfer service that enables a mission to send Communications Link Transmission Units (CLTUs) to a spacecraft.

### 1.2 SCOPE

This Recommended Standard defines, in an abstract manner, the Forward CLTU service in terms of:

- a) the operations necessary to provide the transfer service;
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- e) the management activities necessary to schedule, configure, and control the Forward CLTU service.

### 1.3 APPLICABILITY

#### 1.3.1 APPLICABILITY OF THIS RECOMMENDED STANDARD

This Recommended Standard provides a basis for the development of real systems that implement the Forward CLTU service. Implementation of the Forward CLTU service in a real system additionally requires the availability of a communications service to convey invocations and returns of Forward CLTU service operations between service users and