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Summary

Amendment 2 to Recommendation ITU-T G.8264/Y.1364 (2008) describes the use of synchronous Ethernet with link aggregation to be included in this Recommendation.

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1 Scope

This amendment contains text to describe the use of synchronous Ethernet with link aggregation and is to be added to Recommendation ITU-T G.8264/Y.1364.

2 References

Add the following reference to clause 2 of Recommendation ITU-T G.8264/Y.1364.

[IEEE 802.1AX] IEEE 802.1AX-2008, IEEE Standard for Local and metropolitan area networks – Link Aggregation.

3 Abbreviations and acronyms

The following abbreviation is to be added to clause 4 of Recommendation ITU-T G.8264/Y.1364:

LAG Link Aggregation

4 Additional material to be added to Recommendation ITU-T G.8264/Y.1364

Make the following changes to the last paragraph of clause 11.1:

For the case of synchronous Ethernet SSM, the message channel is <u>based on IEEE802.3 Link OAM</u> <u>and uses</u> <u>an Ethernet protocol based on an IEEE organizational specific slow protocol (OSSP) to convey the QL of the respective Ethernet Physical signal.</u>

Note, IEEE802.3 defines multiple slow protocols and allows different slow protocols to be used within a single system over a single link segment. With respect to the ESMC, implementations must respect that the QL applies to the physical layer clock and process the ESMC appropriately. For example, LAG (Link Aggregation) [IEEE 802.1AX] is another function that utilizes slow protocols and provides a mechanism for carrying MAC frames over a group of links. As noted in [IEEE 802.3] clause 57.2.2, LAG operates above OAM and hence above the ESMC. Since the ESMC is modelled on Link OAM, processing of ESMC messages is therefore required on each synchronous Ethernet enabled link in the LAG group.

It is also important to note that the use of parallel links, as would be the case with LAG, needs to be carefully considered due to the potential for creation of timing loops (see clauses 5.13.2 and 5.13.3.1 of [ITU-T G.781].

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