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**Summary**

This amendment enables indication of the use of the transfer characteristics of the extended-gamut colour systems of ITU-R Rec. BT.1361 and IEC 61966-2-4 in video bitstreams encoded using ITU-T Rec. H.262 | ISO/IEC 13818-2 (informally known as MPEG-2 Video). It also improves harmonization of colour space support with similar indicators specified in amendments to ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10 and ISO/IEC 14496-2 video coding standards, including the addition of support for a "YCgCo" matrix coefficients indicator as previously specified in ITU-T Rec. H.264 | ISO/IEC 14496-10. Furthermore, it improves and updates the editorial format of the parts of the standard that relate to video colour space indicators.

**Source**

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## Amendment 2

## Support for colour spaces

## 1) Subclause 4.1

Add the following definitions at the end of subclause 4.1:

Floor() the largest integer less than or equal to the argument.

Round()  $\text{Sign}(x) * \text{Floor}(\text{Abs}(x) + 0.5)$ , for an argument  $x$

## 2) Table 6-7

Replace Table 6-7 with:

Table 6-7 – Colour primaries

Value	Primaries			Informative remarks
0	Forbidden			
1	primary	x	y	ITU-R Rec. BT.709-5
	green	0.300	0.600	ITU-R Rec. BT.1361 conventional colour gamut system or extended colour gamut system
	blue	0.150	0.060	IEC 61966-2-4
	red	0.640	0.330	Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers
	white D65	0.3127	0.3290	RP 177 Annex B
2	Unspecified			Image characteristics are unknown or are determined by the application
3	Reserved			For future use by ITU-T   ISO/IEC
4	primary	x	y	ITU-R Rec. BT.470-6 System M (historical)
	green	0.21	0.71	United States National Television System Committee 1953
	blue	0.14	0.08	Recommendation for transmission standards for colour television
	red	0.67	0.33	United States Federal Communications Commission Title 47 Code of
	white C	0.310	0.316	Federal Regulations (2004) 73.682 (a) (20)
5	primary	x	y	ITU-R Rec. BT.1700 625 PAL or 625 SECAM
	green	0.29	0.60	ITU-R Rec. BT.1358 625
	blue	0.15	0.06	ITU-R Rec. BT.470-6 System B, G (historical)
	red	0.64	0.33	ITU-R Rec. BT.601-6 625
	white D65	0.3127	0.3290	
6	primary	x	y	ITU-R Rec. BT.1700 NTSC
	green	0.310	0.595	ITU-R Rec. BT.1358 525
	blue	0.155	0.070	Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers 170M
	red	0.630	0.340	(functionally the same as the value 7)
	white D65	0.3127	0.3290	ITU-R Rec. BT.601-6 525

**Table 6-7 – Colour primaries**

Value	Primaries	Informative remarks															
7	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>primary</td> <td>x</td> <td>y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>green</td> <td>0.310</td> <td>0.595</td> </tr> <tr> <td>blue</td> <td>0.155</td> <td>0.070</td> </tr> <tr> <td>red</td> <td>0.630</td> <td>0.340</td> </tr> <tr> <td>white D65</td> <td>0.3127</td> <td>0.3290</td> </tr> </table>	primary	x	y	green	0.310	0.595	blue	0.155	0.070	red	0.630	0.340	white D65	0.3127	0.3290	Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers 240M (functionally the same as the value 6)
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8-255	Reserved	For future use by ITU-T   ISO/IEC															

**3) Table 6-8**

Replace Table 6-8 with:

**Table 6-8 – Transfer characteristics**

Value	Transfer characteristic	Informative remarks
0	Forbidden	
1	$V = 1.099 L_c^{0.45} - 0.099$ for $1 \geq L_c \geq 0.018$ $V = 4.500 L_c$ for $0.018 > L_c \geq 0$	ITU-R Rec. BT.709-5 ITU-R Rec. BT.1361 conventional colour gamut system (functionally the same as the value 6)
2	Unspecified	Image characteristics are unknown or are determined by the application.
3	Reserved	For future use by ITU-T   ISO/IEC
4	Assumed display gamma 2.2	ITU-R Rec. BT.470-6 System M (historical) United States National Television System Committee 1953 Recommendation for transmission standards for colour television United States Federal Communications Commission Title 47 Code of Federal Regulations (2004) 73.682 (a) (20)
5	Assumed display gamma 2.8	ITU-R Rec. BT.1700 (2007 Revision) 625 PAL or 625 SECAM ITU-R Rec. BT.470-6 System B, G (historical)
6	$V = 1.099 L_c^{0.45} - 0.099$ for $1 \geq L_c \geq 0.018$ $V = 4.500 L_c$ for $0.018 > L_c \geq 0$	ITU-R Rec. BT.1700 NTSC ITU-R Rec. BT.1358 525 or 625 Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers 170M (functionally the same as the value 1) ITU-R Rec. BT.601-6 525 or 625
7	$V = 1.1115 L_c^{0.45} - 0.1115$ for $L_c \geq 0.0228$ $V = 4.0 L_c$ for $0.0228 > L_c$	Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers 240M
8	$V = L_c$	Linear transfer characteristics
9	$V = 1.0 - \log_{10}(L_c) + 2$ for $1 \geq L_c \geq 0.01$ $V = 0.0$ for $0.01 > L_c \geq 0$	Logarithmic transfer characteristic (100:1 range)
10	$V = 1.0 - \log_{10}(L_c) + 2.5$ for $1 \geq L_c \geq 0.0031622777$ $V = 0.0$ for $0.0031622777 > L_c \geq 0$	Logarithmic transfer characteristic (316.22777:1 range)

**Table 6-8 – Transfer characteristics**

Value	Transfer characteristic	Informative remarks
11	$V = 1.099 L_c^{0.45} - 0.099$ for $L_c \geq 0.018$ $V = 4.500 L_c$ for $0.018 > L_c > -0.018$ $V = -(1.099 (-L_c)^{0.45} - 0.099)$ for $-0.018 \geq L_c$	IEC 61966-2-4
12	$V = 1.099 L_c^{0.45} - 0.099$ for $1.33 > L_c \geq 0.018$ $V = 4.500 L_c$ for $0.018 > L_c \geq -0.0045$ $V = -(1.099 (-4 * L_c)^{0.45} - 0.099) \div 4$ for $-0.0045 > L_c \geq -0.25$	ITU-R Rec. BT.1361 extended colour gamut system
13-255	Reserved	For future use by ITU-T   ISO/IEC

**4) Subclause 6.3.6 semantics of matrix\_coefficients and Table 6-9**

Replace semantics of matrix\_coefficients and Table 6-9 with:

**matrix\_coefficients** – This 8-bit integer describes the matrix coefficients used in deriving luminance and chrominance signals from the green, blue, and red primaries, and is defined in Table 6-9.

**Table 6-9 – Matrix coefficients**

Value	Matrix	Informative remarks
0	Forbidden	
1	$E'_Y = 0.7152 E'_G + 0.0722 E'_B + 0.2126 E'_R$ $E'_{PB} = -0.3854 E'_G + 0.5000 E'_B - 0.1146 E'_R$ $E'_{PR} = -0.4542 E'_G - 0.0458 E'_B + 0.5000 E'_R$	ITU-R Rec. BT.709-5 ITU-R Rec. BT.1361 conventional colour gamut system and extended colour gamut system IEC 61966-2-4 xvYCC <sub>709</sub> Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers RP 177 Annex B
2	Unspecified	Image characteristics are unknown or are determined by the application
3	Reserved	For future use by ITU-T   ISO/IEC
4	$E'_Y = 0.59 E'_G + 0.11 E'_B + 0.30 E'_R$ $E'_{PB} = -0.331 E'_G + 0.500 E'_B - 0.169 E'_R$ $E'_{PR} = -0.421 E'_G - 0.079 E'_B + 0.500 E'_R$	United States National Television System Committee 1953 Recommendation for transmission standards for colour television United States Federal Communications Commission Title 47 Code of Federal Regulations (2004) 73.682 (a) (20)
5	$E'_Y = 0.5870 E'_G + 0.1140 E'_B + 0.2990 E'_R$ $E'_{PB} = -0.3313 E'_G + 0.5000 E'_B - 0.1687 E'_R$ $E'_{PR} = -0.4187 E'_G - 0.0813 E'_B + 0.5000 E'_R$	ITU-R Rec. BT.1700 625 PAL or 625 SECAM ITU-R Rec. BT.1358 625 IEC 61966-2-4 xvYCC <sub>601</sub> ITU-R Rec. BT.470-6 System B, G (historical) (functionally the same as the value 6) ITU-R Rec. BT.601-6 625
6	$E'_Y = 0.5870 E'_G + 0.1140 E'_B + 0.2990 E'_R$ $E'_{PB} = -0.3313 E'_G + 0.5000 E'_B - 0.1687 E'_R$ $E'_{PR} = -0.4187 E'_G - 0.0813 E'_B + 0.5000 E'_R$	ITU-R Rec. BT.1700 NTSC ITU-R Rec. BT.1358 525 Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers 170M IEC 61966-2-4 xvYCC <sub>601</sub> (functionally the same as the value 5) ITU-R Rec. BT.601-6 525

**Table 6-9 – Matrix coefficients**

Value	Matrix	Informative remarks
7	$E'_Y = 0.701 E'_G + 0.087 E'_B + 0.212 E'_R$ $E'_{PB} = -0.384 E'_G + 0.500 E'_B - 0.116 E'_R$ $E'_{PR} = -0.445 E'_G - 0.055 E'_B + 0.500 E'_R$	Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers 240M
8	YCgCo	Defined as specified below
9-255	Reserved	For future use by ITU-T   ISO/IEC

In Table 6-9:

- When transfer\_characteristics is not equal to 11 or 12,  $E'_R$ ,  $E'_G$  and  $E'_B$  are analog with values between 0 and 1;
- When transfer\_characteristics is equal to 11 (IEC 61966-2-4) or 12 (ITU-R Rec. BT.1361 extended colour gamut system),  $E'_R$ ,  $E'_G$  and  $E'_B$  are analog with a larger range not specified in this Recommendation | International Standard;
- Nominal black is considered to have the property  $E'_R = 0$ ,  $E'_G = 0$  and  $E'_B = 0$ ;
- Nominal white is considered to have the property  $E'_R = 1$ ,  $E'_G = 1$  and  $E'_B = 1$ ;
- If matrix\_coefficients is not equal to 8, the following applies:
  - $E'_Y$  is analog with the value 0 associated with nominal black and the value 1 associated with nominal white;
  - $E'_{PB}$  and  $E'_{PR}$  are analog with the value 0 associated with both nominal black and nominal white;
  - When transfer\_characteristics is not equal to 11 or 12,  $E'_Y$  has values between 0 and 1;
  - When transfer\_characteristics is not equal to 11 or 12,  $E'_{PB}$  and  $E'_{PR}$  have values between  $-0.5$  and  $0.5$ ;
  - When transfer\_characteristics is equal to 11 (IEC 61966-2-4), or 12 (ITU-R Rec. BT.1361 extended colour gamut system),  $E'_Y$ ,  $E'_{PB}$  and  $E'_{PR}$  are analog with a larger range not specified in this Recommendation | International Standard;
  - Y, Cb and Cr are related to  $E'_Y$ ,  $E'_{PB}$  and  $E'_{PR}$  by the following formulae:

$$Y = \max[ 0, \min[ 255, \text{Round}( ( 219 * E'_Y ) ) + 16 ] ]$$

$$Cb = \max[ 0, \min[ 255, \text{Round}( ( 224 * E'_{PB} ) ) + 128 ] ]$$

$$Cr = \max[ 0, \min[ 255, \text{Round}( ( 224 * E'_{PR} ) ) + 128 ] ]$$

- Otherwise (matrix\_coefficients is equal to 8 (YCgCo)), the following applies:

$$R = 219 * E'_R + 16$$

$$G = 219 * E'_G + 16$$

$$B = 219 * E'_B + 16$$

$$Y = \max[ 0, \min[ 255, \text{Round}( 0.5 * G + 0.25 * ( R + B ) ) ] ]$$

$$Cb = \max[ 0, \min[ 255, \text{Round}( 0.5 * G - 0.25 * ( R + B ) ) + 128 ] ]$$

$$Cr = \max[ 0, \min[ 255, \text{Round}( 0.5 * ( R - B ) ) + 128 ] ]$$

NOTE 1 – For purposes of the YCgCo nomenclature used in Table 6-9, Cb and Cr of the above equations may be referred to as Cg and Co, respectively. The inverse conversion for the above three equations should be computed as:

$$t = Y - ( Cb - 128 )$$

$$G = Y + ( Cb - 128 )$$

$$B = t - ( Cr - 128 )$$

$$R = t + ( Cr - 128 )$$

NOTE 2 – The decoding process given by this Recommendation | International Standard limits output sample values for Y, Cr and Cb to the range [0:255]. Thus, sample values outside the range implied by the above equations may occasionally occur at the output of the decoding process. In particular the sample values 0 and 255 may occur.

In the case that `sequence_display_extension()` is not present in the bitstream or `colour_description` is zero the matrix coefficients are assumed to be implicitly defined by the application.

NOTE 3 – In applications which may have signals with more than one set of colour primaries, transfer characteristics, and/or matrix coefficients, it is recommended to transmit a sequence display extension with `colour_description` set to one, and to specify the appropriate values for the colorimetry parameters.





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