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Summary

This amendment contains, in the form of a list of changes, alterations to ITU-T Rec. $H.264 \mid ISO/IEC 14496-10$ Advanced Video Coding to specify the support of additional colour spaces and to remove the definition of the High 4:4:4 Profile.

NOTE – ITU-T Rec. H.264 is a twin text with ISO/IEC 14496-10 and this amendment is published in two different documents in the ISO/IEC series:

- The removal of the High 4:4:4 profile is found in ISO/IEC 14496-10:2005/Cor.2.
- The specification for support of additional colour space will be found in ISO/IEC 14496-10:2005/Amd.1 (currently under FPDAM stage of the ISO/IEC approval process).

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Amendment 1

Support of additional colour spaces and removal of the High 4:4:4 Profile

1) Clause 0.6 "Overview of the design characteristics"

In clause 0.6, replace the sentence:

With the exception of the transform bypass mode of operation for lossless coding in the High 4:4:4 profile and the I_PCM mode of operation in all profiles, the algorithm is typically not lossless, as the exact source sample values are typically not preserved through the encoding and decoding processes.

with

The algorithm is typically not lossless, as the exact source sample values are typically not preserved through the encoding and decoding processes.

2) Clause 0.7 "How to read this specification"

In clause 0.7, replace the sentence:

Annex A specifies seven profiles (Baseline, Main, Extended, High, High 10, High 4:2:2 and High 4:4:4), each being tailored to certain application domains, and defines the so-called levels of the profiles.

with

Annex A specifies six profiles (Baseline, Main, Extended, High, High 10 and High 4:2:2), each being tailored to certain application domains, and defines the so-called levels of the profiles.

3) Clause A.2.7 "High 4:4:4 profile"

Remove clause A.2.7.

4) Clause A.3.2 "Level limits common to the High, High 10, High 4:2:2, and High 4:4:4 profiles"

a) *Replace the title of clause A.3.2 with:*

Level limits common to the High, High 10, and High 4:2:2 profiles

b) In clause A.3.2, replace the sentence:

Bitstreams conforming to the High, High 10, High 4:2:2, or High 4:4:4 profiles at a specified level shall obey the following constraints:

with

Bitstreams conforming to the High, High 10, or High 4:2:2 profiles at a specified level shall obey the following constraints:

5) Clause A.3.3 "Profile-specific limits"

a) In clause A.3.3 replace all occurrences of:

In bitstreams conforming to the Main, High, High 10, High 4:2:2, or High 4:4:4

with

In bitstreams conforming to the Main, High, High 10, or High 4:2:2

b) In clause A.3.3 replace all occurrences of:

In bitstreams conforming to the High, High 10, High 4:2:2, or High 4:4:4 profiles

with

In bitstreams conforming to the High, High 10, or High 4:2:2 profiles

c) In clause A.3.3 replace all occurrences of:

... in Table A-4 for the Main, High, High 10, High 4:2:2, and High 4:4:4 profiles ...

with

... in Table A-4 for the Main, High, High 10, and High 4:2:2 profiles ...

d) In clause A.3.3, replace Table A-2 with the following:

Profile	cpbBrVclFactor	cpbBrNalFactor
High	1 250	1 500
High 10	3 000	3 600
High 4:2:2	4 000	4 800

6) Clause A.3.3.2 "Main, High, High 10, High 4:2:2, or High 4:4:4 profile limits"

a) Replace the title of clause A.3.3.2 with:

Main, High, High 10, and High 4:2:2 profile limits

b) In clause A.3.3.2, replace the sentence:

Table A-4 specifies limits for each level that are specific to bitstreams conforming to the Main, High, High 10, High 4:2:2, or High 4:4:4 profiles.

with

Table A-4 specifies limits for each level that are specific to bitstreams conforming to the Main, High, High 10, or High 4:2:2 profiles.

c) In clause A.3.3.2, replace the title of Table A-4 with:

Table A-4 - Main, High, High 10, or High 4:2:2 profile level limits

7) Clause E.2

a) In clause E.2, replace Table E-3 with the following:

Value		Prim	aries	Informative Remark
0	Reserved			For future use by ITU-T ISO/IEC
1	primary	Х	у	ITU-R Rec. BT.709-5,
	green	0.300	0.600	ITU-R Rec. BT.1361 conventional colour gamut system and
	blue	0.150	0.060	extended colour gamut system,
	red	0.640	0.330	IEC 61966-2-4
	white D65	0.3127	0.3290	

Table E-3 – Colour primaries

Table E-	- 3 – C	olour	prima	aries
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Value		Prima	ries	Informative Remark
2	Unspecified			Image characteristics are unknown or are determined by the application.
3	Reserved			
4	primary	х	у	ITU-R Rec. BT.470-6 System M
	green	0.21	0.71	
	blue	0.14	0.08	
	red	0.67	0.33	
	white C	0.310	0.316	
5	primary	х	у	ITU-R Rec. BT.470-6 System B, G
	green	0.29	0.60	
	blue	0.15	0.06	
	red	0.64	0.33	
	white D65	0.3127	0.3290	
6	primary	х	у	Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers 170M (1999)
	green	0.310	0.595	
	blue	0.155	0.070	
	red	0.630	0.340	
	white D65	0.3127	0.3290	
7	primary	х	у	Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers 240M (1999)
	green	0.310	0.595	
	blue	0.155	0.070	
	red	0.630	0.340	
	white D65	0.3127	0.3290	
8	primary	х	у	Generic film (colour filters using Illuminant C)
	green	0.243	0.692 (Wratten 58)	
	blue	0.145	0.049 (Wratten 47)	
	red	0.681	0.319 (Wratten 25)	
	white C	0.310	0.316	
9-255	Reserved			For future use by ITU-T ISO/IEC

b) In clause E.2, replace Table E-4 with the following:

Table E-4 –	Transfer	[•] characteristics
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Value	Transfer Chara	Informative Remark	
0	Reserved		For future use by ITU-T ISO/IEC
1	$V = 1.099 * L_c^{0.45} - 0.099 \text{for } 1 \ge L_c \ge$	0.018	ITU-R Rec. BT.709-5,
	$V = 4.500 * L_c$ for $0.018 > I$	$L_c \ge 0$	ITU-R Rec. BT.1361 conventional colour gamut system
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	
5	Assumed display gamma 2.8		ITU-R Rec. BT.470-6 System B, G
6	$V = 1.099 * L_c^{0.45} - 0.099$	for $1 \geq L_c \geq 0.018$	Society of Motion Picture and Television
	$V = 4.500 * L_c$	for $0.018 > L_c \ge 0$	Engineers 170M (1999)
7	$V = 1.1115 * L_c^{0.45} - 0.1115$	for $1 \geq L_c \geq 0.0228$	Society of Motion Picture and Television
	$V = 4.0 * L_c$	for $0.0228 > L_c \ge 0$	Engineers 240M (1999)
8	$V = L_c$	for $1 > L_c \ge 0$	Linear transfer characteristics

Value	Transfer Characte	Informative Remark		
9	$V = 1.0 - Log10(L_c) \div 2$	for $1 \ge L_c \ge 0.01$	Logarithmic transfer characteristic (100:1	
	V = 0.0	for $0.01 > L_c \ge 0$	range)	
10	$V = 1.0 - Log10(L_c) \div 2.5$	for $1 \geq L_c \geq 0.0031622777$	Logarithmic transfer characteristic	
	V = 0.0	for $0.0031622777 > L_c \geq 0$	(316.22777:1 range)	
11	$V = 1.099 * L_c^{0.45} - 0.099$	for $L_c \ge 0.018$	IEC 61966-2-4	
	$V = 4.500 * L_c$	for $0.018 > L_c > -0.018$		
	$V = -1.099 * (-L_c)^{0.45} + 0.099$	for –0.018 \geq L_{c}		
12	$V = 1.099 * L_c^{0.45} - 0.099$	for $1.33 > L_c \ge 0.018$	ITU-R Rec. BT.1361 extended colour	
	$V = 4.500 * L_c$	for $0.018 > L_c \ge -0.0045$	gamut system	
	$V = -(1.099 * (-4 * L_c)^{0.45} - 0.099) \div 4$	for $-0.0045 > L_c \ge -0.25$		
13255	Reserved		For future use by ITU-T ISO/IEC	

Table E-4 – Transfer characteristics

c) In clause E.2, replace the semantics of matrix coefficients and Table E-5 with:

matrix_coefficients describes the matrix coefficients used in deriving luma and chroma signals from the green, blue, and red primaries, as specified in Table E-5.

matrix_coefficients shall not be equal to 0 unless both of the following conditions are true

- $BitDepth_C$ is equal to $BitDepth_Y$
- chroma_format_idc is equal to 3 (4:4:4)

The specification of the use of matrix_coefficients equal to 0 under all other conditions is reserved for future use by ITU-T | ISO/IEC.

matrix_coefficients shall not be equal to 8 unless one or both of the following conditions are true

- BitDepth_C is equal to BitDepth_Y
- BitDepth_C is equal to BitDepth_Y + 1 and chroma_format_idc is equal to 3 (4:4:4)

The specification of the use of matrix_coefficients equal to 8 under all other conditions is reserved for future use by ITU-T | ISO/IEC.

When the matrix_coefficients syntax element is not present, the value of matrix_coefficients shall be inferred to be equal to 2.

The interpretation of matrix_coefficients is defined as follows.

- If transfer_characteristics is not equal to 11 or 12, E'_R, E'_G, and E'_B are analog with values in the range of 0 to 1.
- Otherwise (transfer_characteristics is equal to 11 (IEC 61966-2-4) or 12 (ITU-R BT.1361 extended colour gamut system)), E'_R, E'_G and E'_B are analog with a larger range not specified in this Recommendation.
- Nominal white is specified as having E'_R equal to 1, E'_G equal to 1, and E'_B equal to 1.
- Nominal black is specified as having E'_R equal to 0, E'_G equal to 0, and E'_B equal to 0.
- If video_full_range_flag is equal to 0, the following equations apply.
 - If matrix_coefficients is equal to 1, 4, 5, 6, or 7, the following equations apply.

$$Y = Clip1_{Y}(Round((1 << (BitDepth_{Y} - 8)) * (219 * E'_{Y} + 16)))$$
(E-1)

$$Cb = Clip1_{C}(Round((1 \le (BitDepth_{C} - 8)) * (224 * E'_{PB} + 128)))$$
(E-2)

$$Cr = Clip1_{C}(Round((1 \le (BitDepth_{C} - 8)) * (224 * E'_{PR} + 128))))$$
 (E-3)

- Otherwise, if matrix_coefficients is equal to 0 or 8, the following equations apply.

$$R = Clip1_{C}((1 \le (BitDepth_{Y} - 8)) * (219 * E'_{R} + 16))$$
(E-4)

$$G = Clip1_{Y}((1 \le (BitDepth_{Y} - 8)) * (219 * E'_{G} + 16))$$
(E-5)

$$B = Clip1_{C}((1 \le (BitDepth_{V} - 8)) * (219 * E'_{B} + 16))$$
(E-6)

- Otherwise, if matrix_coefficients is equal to 2, the interpretation of the matrix_coefficients syntax element is unknown or is determined by the application.
- Otherwise (matrix_coefficients is not equal to 0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8), the interpretation of the matrix_coefficients syntax element is reserved for future definition by ITU-T | ISO/IEC.
- Otherwise (video_full_range_flag is equal to 1), the following equations apply.
 - If matrix_coefficients is equal to 1, 4, 5, 6, or 7, the following equations apply.

$$Y = \operatorname{Clip1}_{Y}(\operatorname{Round}(((1 \leq \operatorname{BitDepth}_{Y}) - 1) * E'_{Y}))$$
(E-7)

$$Cb = Clip1_{C}(Round(((1 \le BitDepth_{C}) - 1) * E'_{PB} + (1 \le (BitDepth_{C} - 1))))$$
(E-8)

$$Cr = Clip1_{C}(Round(((1 << BitDepth_{C}) - 1) * E'_{PR} + (1 << (BitDepth_{C} - 1)))$$
(E-9)

- Otherwise, if matrix_coefficients is equal to 0 or 8, the following equations apply.

$$R = Clip1_{Y}(((1 \le BitDepth_{Y}) - 1) * E'_{R})$$
(E-10)

$$G = Clip1_{Y}(((1 \le BitDepth_{Y}) - 1) * E'_{G})$$
 (E-11)

$$B = Clip1_{Y}(((1 \le BitDepth_{Y}) - 1) * E'_{B})$$
(E-12)

- Otherwise, if matrix_coefficients is equal to 2, the interpretation of the matrix_coefficients syntax element is unknown or is determined by the application.
- Otherwise (matrix_coefficients is not equal to 0, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8), the interpretation of the matrix_coefficients syntax element is reserved for future definition by ITU-T | ISO/IEC.
- If matrix_coefficients is not equal to 0 or 8, the following equations apply.

$$E'_{Y} = K_{R} * E'_{R} + (1 - K_{R} - K_{B}) * E'_{G} + K_{B} * E'_{B}$$
(E-13)

$$E'_{PB} = 0.5 * (E'_B - E'_Y) \div (1 - K_B)$$
(E-14)

$$E'_{PR} = 0.5 * (E'_{R} - E'_{Y}) \div (1 - K_{R})$$
(E-15)

NOTE $2 - E'_{Y}$ 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} is analog with values in the range of 0 to 1. When transfer_characteristics is not equal to 11 or 12, E'_{PB} and E'_{PR} are analog with values in the range of -0.5 to 0.5. When transfer_characteristics is equal to 11 (IEC 61966-2-4), or 12 (ITU-R BT.1361 extended colour gamut system), E'_{Y} , E'_{PB} and E'_{PR} are analog with a larger range not specified in this Recommendation.

- Otherwise, if matrix_coefficients is equal to 0, the following equations apply.

$$Y = Round(G)$$
(E-16)

$$Cb = Round(B)$$
 (E-17)

$$Cr = Round(R)$$
 (E-18)

- Otherwise (matrix_coefficients is equal to 8), the following applies.
 - If $BitDepth_C$ is equal to $BitDepth_Y$, the following equations apply.

$$Y = Round(0.5 * G + 0.25 * (R + B))$$
(E-19)

$$Cb = Round(0.5 * G - 0.25 (R + B)) + (1 << (BitDepth_{C} - 1))$$
(E-20)

$$Cr = Round(0.5 * (R - B)) + (1 << (BitDepth_C - 1))$$
 (E-21)

NOTE 3 – For purposes of the YCgCo nomenclature used in Table E-5, Cb and Cr of Equations E-20 and E-21 may be referred to as Cg and Co, respectively. The inverse conversion for the above four equations should be computed as.

$$t = Y - (Cb - (1 \le (BitDepth_C - 1)))$$
(E-22)

$$G = Clip1_{Y}(Y + (Cb - (1 << (BitDepth_{C} - 1))))$$
(E-23)

$$B = Clip1_{Y}(t - (Cr - (1 << (BitDepth_{C} - 1))))$$
(E-24)

$$R = Clip1_{Y}(t + (Cr - (1 << (BitDepth_{C} - 1)))))$$
(E-25)

- Otherwise (BitDepth_C is not equal to $BitDepth_Y$), the following equations apply.

$$Cr = Round(R) - Round(B) + (1 \le (BitDepth_C - 1))$$
(E-26)

$$t = Round(B) + ((Cr - (1 << (BitDepth_{C} - 1))) >> 1)$$
(E-27)

$$Cb = Round(G) - t + (1 << (BitDepth_{C} - 1))$$
 (E-28)

$$Y = t + ((Cb - (1 << (BitDepth_{C} - 1))) >> 1)$$
(E-29)

NOTE 4 – For purposes of the YCgCo nomenclature used in Table E-5, Cb and Cr of Equations E-28 and E-26 may be referred to as Cg and Co, respectively. The inverse conversion for the above four equations should be computed as.

$$t = Y - ((Cb - (1 << (BitDepth_{C} - 1))) >> 1)$$
(E-30)

$$G = Clip1_{Y}(t + (Cb - (1 << (BitDepth_{C} - 1))))$$
(E-31)

$$B = Clip1_{Y}(t - ((Cr - (1 << (BitDepth_{C} - 1))) >> 1))$$
(E-32)

$$R = Clip1_{Y}(B + (Cr - (1 << (BitDepth_{C} - 1))))$$
(E-33)

Table E-5 – Matrix coefficients

Value	Matrix	Informative remark
0	GBR	Typically referred to as RGB; see Equations E-16 to E-18
1	$K_{\rm R} = 0.2126; K_{\rm B} = 0.0722$	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 ₇₀₉ , Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers RP 177 (1993)
2	Unspecified	Image characteristics are unknown or are determined by the application.
3	Reserved	For future use by ITU-T ISO/IEC
4	$K_{\rm R} = 0.30; K_{\rm B} = 0.11$	United States Federal Communications Commission Title 47 Code of Federal Regulations (2003) 73.682 (a) (20)
5	$K_{\rm R} = 0.299; K_{\rm B} = 0.114$	ITU-R Rec. BT.470-6 System B, G, IEC 61966-2-4 xvYCC ₆₀₁
6	$K_{\rm R} = 0.299; K_{\rm B} = 0.114$	Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers 170M (1999)
7	$K_R = 0.212; K_B = 0.087$	Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers 240M (1999)
8	YCgCo	See Equations E-19 to E-33
9-255	Reserved	For future use by ITU-T ISO/IEC

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