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#### Summary

An automotive emergency response system (AERS) for aftermarket devices defined in Recommendation ITU-T Y.4119 is designed to bring rapid assistance to driver and passengers involved in accidents.

For a normal operation purpose of the AERS, an accident related data (so-called minimum set of data, MSD) needs to be sent from an automotive emergency detection device (AEDD) to an automotive emergency response centre (AERC).

Recommendation ITU-T Y.4468 specifies an MSD transfer protocol to provide the rules of MSD transfer operations between an AEDD and an AERC in an AERS.

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## Minimum set of data transfer protocol for automotive emergency response system

### 1 Scope

This Recommendation specifies a minimum set of data (MSD) transfer protocol for automotive emergency response system (AERS).

In particular, the scope of this Recommendation includes:

- MSD transfer protocol parameters
- Message types of MSD transfer protocol
- Sequence of MSD transfer protocol operation

### 2 References

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[ITU-T Y.4119] Recommendation ITU-T Y.4119 (2018), *Requirements and capability framework for IoT-based automotive emergency response system*.

[ITU-T Y.4467] Recommendation ITU-T Y.4467 (2020), *Minimum set of data structure for automotive emergency response system*.

[IETF RFC 7252] IETF RFC 7252 (2014), *The Constrained Application Protocol (CoAP)*.

### 3 Definitions

#### 3.1 Terms defined elsewhere

This Recommendation uses the following terms defined elsewhere:

**3.1.1 automotive emergency detection device (AEDD)** [ITU-T Y.4119]: A unit (or a set of units) expected to perform at least the following functions:

- receiving sensing data, from internal sensors and/or vehicle sensors, for determining whether or not the accident occurred needs emergency recovery or receiving manual triggering signals,
- determining whether or not the accident occurred needs emergency recovery,
- receiving information about, or determining, the vehicle location,
- sending minimum set of data (MSD) which is related to the accident, and
- providing bidirectional voice communication.

**3.1.2 automotive emergency response centre (AERC)** [ITU-T Y.4119]: A centre managed by a public authority or a private organization, responsible for:

- answering each automotive emergency response request,
- confirming whether or not the accident occurred, and

- notifying the emergency authority (EA) if EA dispatch is necessary.

NOTE – Considering the features of aftermarket devices, AERC is equipped with false alarms filtering functions.

**3.1.3 minimum set of data (MSD)** [ITU-T Y.4119]: Data related to the accident sent from an automotive emergency detection device (AEDD) to an automotive emergency response centre (AERC).

## **3.2 Terms defined in this Recommendation**

None.

## **4 Abbreviations and acronyms**

This Recommendation uses the following abbreviations and acronyms:

ACK	Acknowledgement
AEDD	Automotive Emergency Detection Device
AERC	Automotive Emergency Response Centre
AERS	Automotive Emergency Response System
CoAP	Constrained Application Protocol
CON	Confirmable
EA	Emergency Authority
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite System
MSD	Minimum Set of Data

## **5 Conventions**

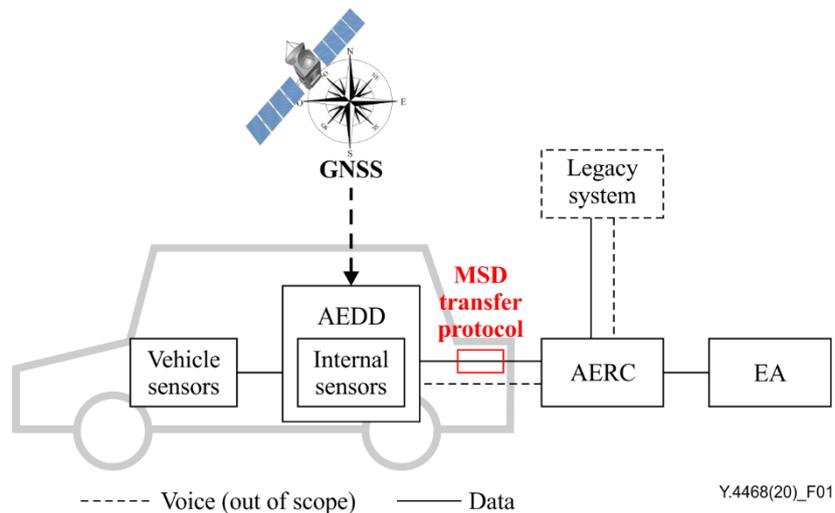
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## **6 Overview of MSD transfer protocol**

### **6.1 Overview of automotive emergency response system**

An automotive emergency response system (AERS) reports automobile accidents to an automotive emergency response centre (AERC) by an automotive emergency detection device (AEDD) using vehicle sensors of the automobile and/or internal sensors installed on aftermarket devices such as the navigation system, dash cam, smartphone, etc. In the event of a serious road accident, the AEDD in the vehicle automatically connects to the AERC and transmits a minimum set of data (MSD), which is a set of information relating to the accident, to the emergency authority (EA) [ITU-T Y.4119].

MSD transfer protocol defines the operations for sending an MSD from an AEDD to an AERC in order to request or cancel EA dispatch. Figure 1 shows the scope of MSD transfer protocol.

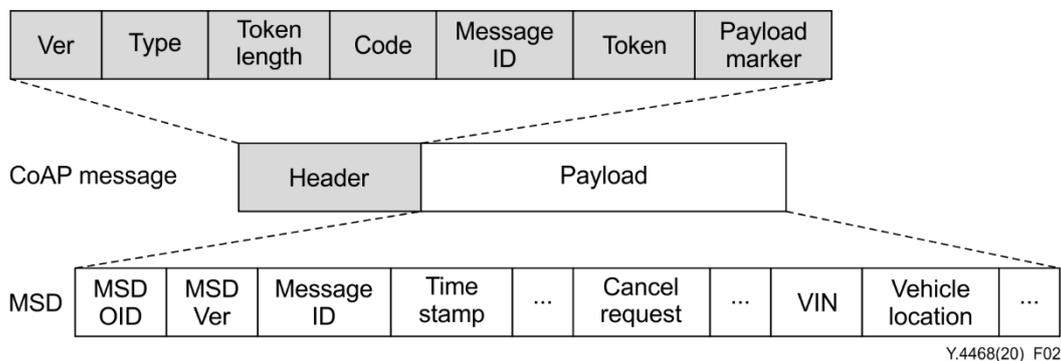


**Figure 1 – Scope of MSD transfer protocol**

## 6.2 Overview of message structure

MSD transfer operates over the constrained application layer protocol (CoAP) [IETF RFC 7252]. CoAP provides a request-response interaction between an AEDD and an AERC in order to report or cancel automobile accidents. Since CoAP is designed to support constrained devices with relatively small amounts of header size and low power consumption, it is suitable for AEDD operations such as the navigation system, dash cam, etc.

Figure 2 represents a message structure for an MSD in CoAP message.



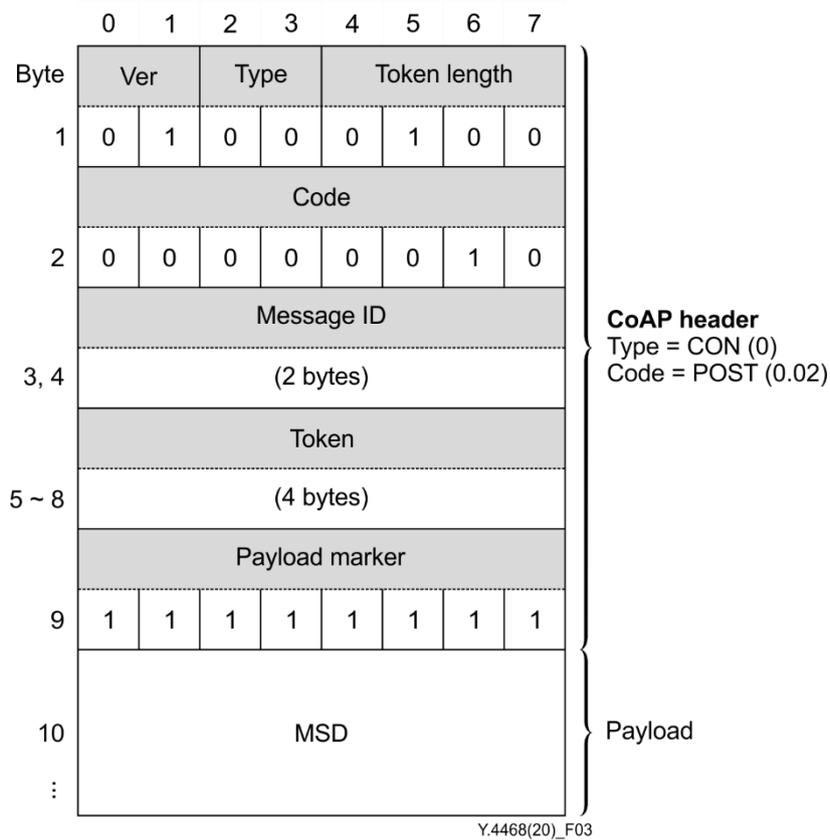
**Figure 2 – MSD over CoAP message structure**

## 7 MSD transfer message types

### 7.1 Request messages

#### 7.1.1 MSD notification message

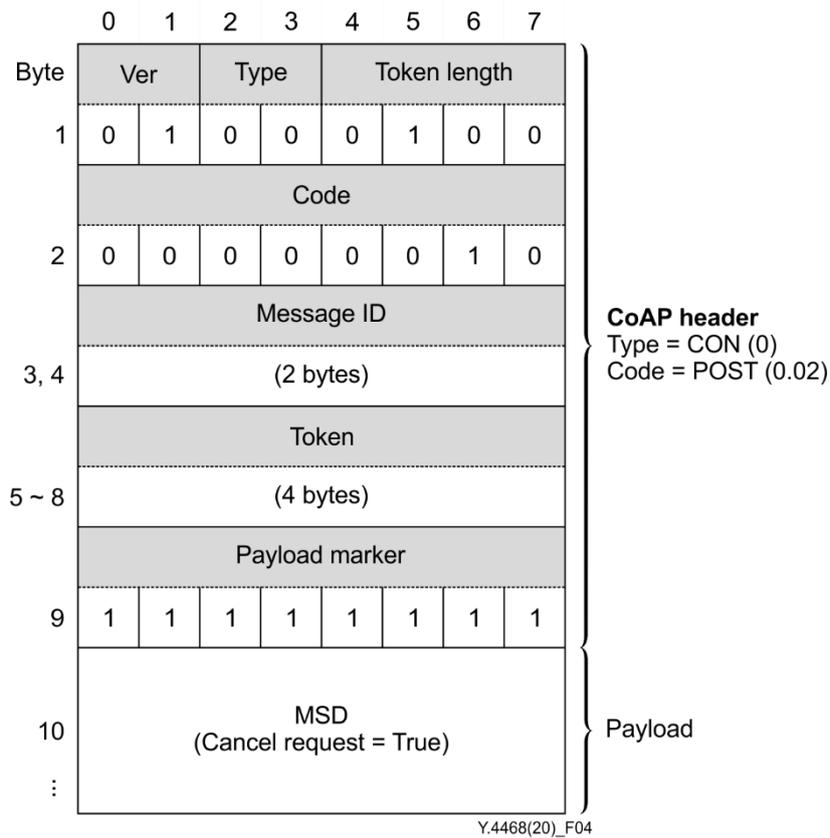
Figure 3 shows the *MSD notification message*. The message starts with a fixed-size 9-byte CoAP header including a 2-bit confirmable (CON) message type for transmission reliability, a 1-byte POST code, a 2-byte message ID for detecting message duplication, and an arbitrary 4-byte token used to match with response messages returned by AERC. The header is followed by an MSD as a message payload.



**Figure 3 – MSD notification message**

### 7.1.2 MSD cancellation message

Figure 4 shows the *MSD cancellation message*. The message starts with a fixed-size 9-byte CoAP header including a 2-bit CON message type for transmission reliability, a 1-byte POST code, a 2-byte message ID for detecting message duplication, and an arbitrary 4-byte token used to match with response messages returned by AERC. The header is followed by an MSD with *Cancel Request* [ITU-T Y.4467] changed to *True* as a message payload.

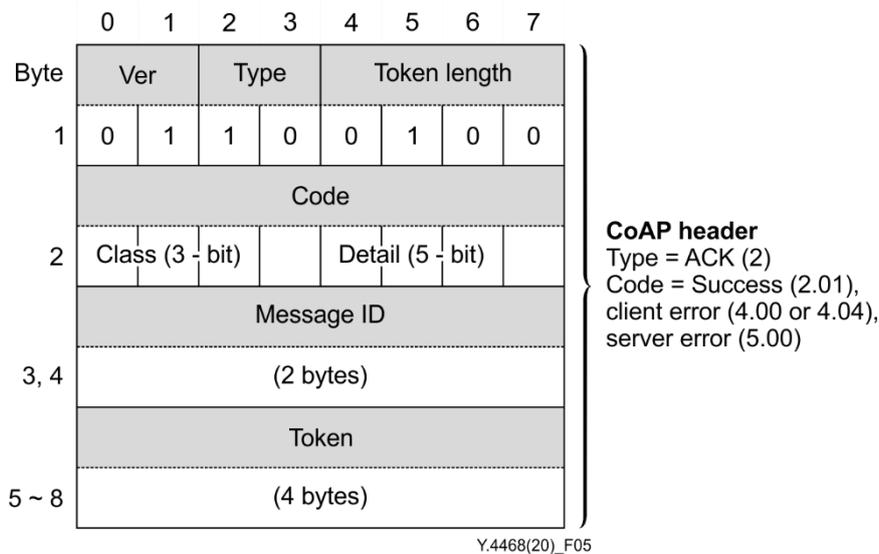


**Figure 4 – MSD cancellation message**

## 7.2 Response messages

### 7.2.1 Acknowledgement (ACK) response message

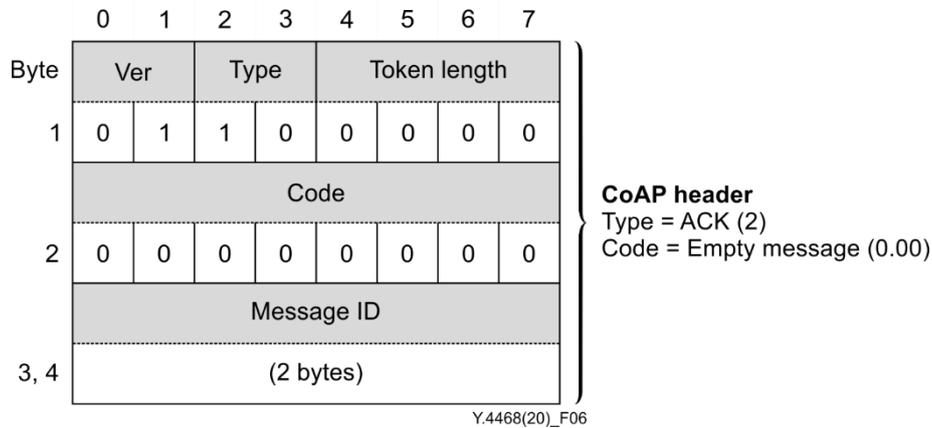
Figure 5 shows the *ACK response message*. The message has a fixed-size 8-byte CoAP header including a 2-bit ACK type for notifying the successful reception of the message, a 1-byte response code for indicating success or failure of MSD processing result, and a 4-byte token used to match with request messages from AEDD.



**Figure 5 – ACK response message**

### 7.2.2 Empty ACK message

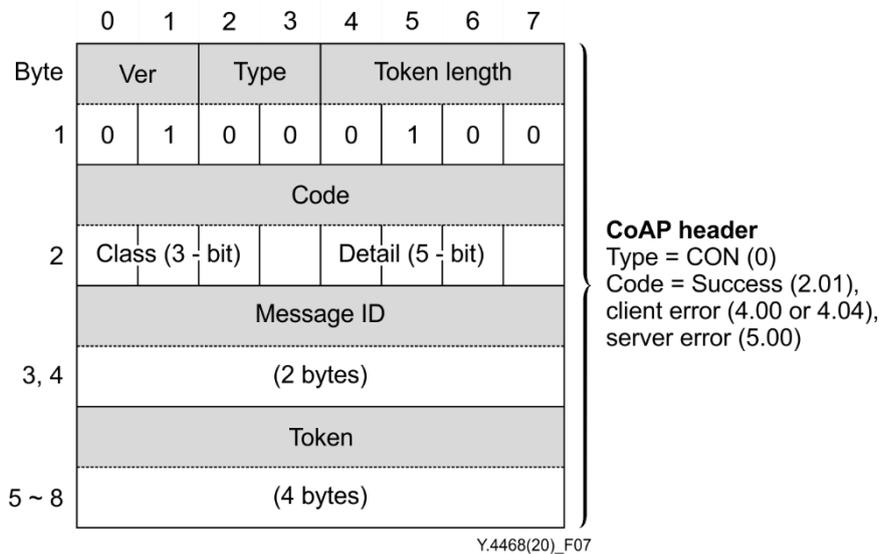
Figure 6 shows the *Empty ACK message*. The message has a fixed-size 4-byte CoAP header including a 2-bit ACK type for notifying the successful reception of the message, and an empty message code without any token.



**Figure 6 – Empty ACK message**

### 7.2.3 Confirmable response message

Figure 7 shows the *Confirmable response message*. The message has a fixed-size 8-byte CoAP header including a 2-bit confirmable message type for transmission reliability, a 1-byte response code for indicating success or failure of MSD processing result, and a 4-byte token used to match with request messages from AEDD.



**Figure 7 – Confirmable response message**

### 7.2.4 AERC response code

Table 1 describes the AERC response codes used when a message is received.

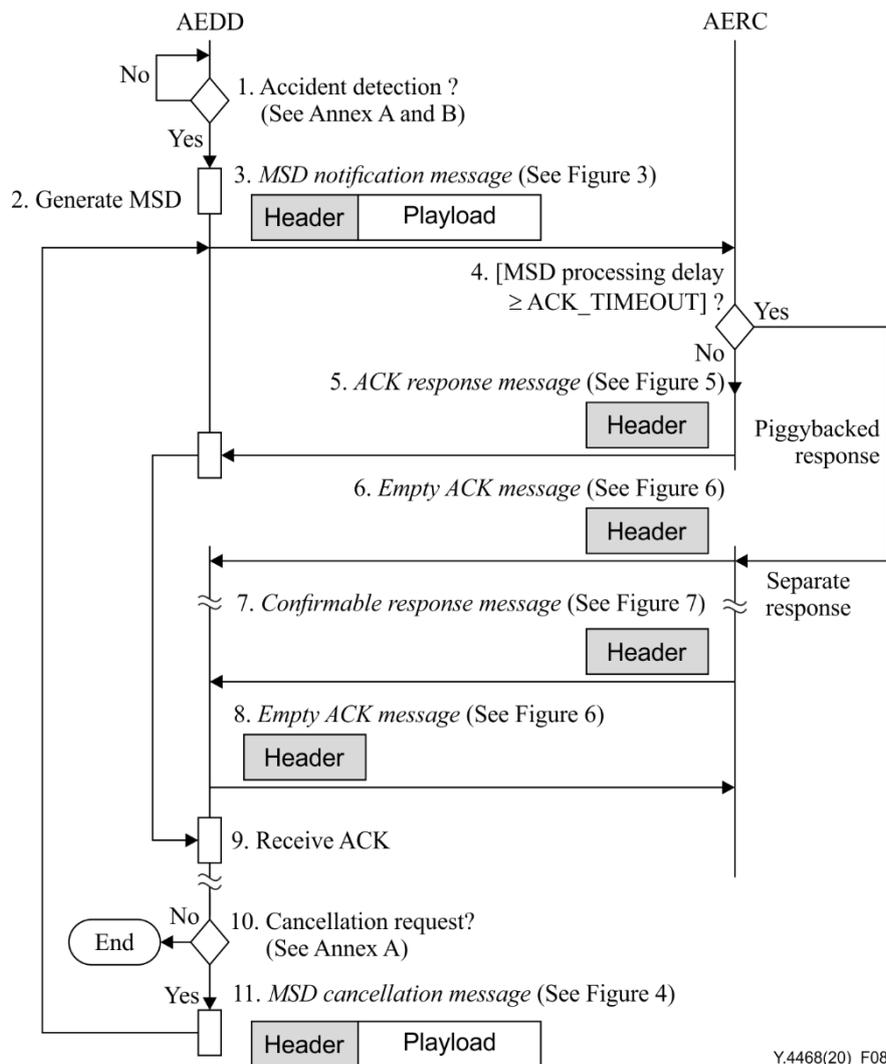
**Table 1 – AERC response code in CoAP**

Code		Description
Class	Detail	
2	01	Created Successfully received <i>MSD send message</i> or <i>cancellation request message</i>
4	00	Bad request An unrecognized message type, an error in the message structure or exceeding the maximum message length of receiving messages
	04	Not found Non-existence of <i>MSD send message</i> corresponding to receiving <i>cancellation request message</i>
5	00	Internal server error Unable to process receiving message due to unexpected AERC internal problems

## **8 MSD transfer protocol operation**

### **8.1 Request-response operation**

Figure 8 describes the sequence of *MSD notification message* and *MSD cancellation message* transfer.



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**Figure 8 – Sequence of request-response operation between AEDD and AERC**

(Steps 1 – 3) In case of accident detection, an AEDD generates an MSD and repeatedly transmits an *MSD notification message* including an arbitrary token to an AERC until an *ACK response message* or an *Empty ACK message* is received.

(Step 4) The AERC decides the piggybacked response when it does not need longer time to obtain the response code of the AEDD request than *ACK\_TIMEOUT* predefined by the AERC (Step 5). Otherwise, the AERC chooses the separate response (Step 6 – 8).

(Steps 5 – 9) The AERC sends back an *ACK response message* with both the response code issued by the AERC and the received token to the AEDD.

(Steps 6 – 9) Once the AERC immediately sends back an *Empty ACK message*. When the AERC finally has issued the response code, it transmits a *Confirmable response message* with received token to the AEDD. And then, the AEDD sends back an *Empty ACK message* to the AERC.

(Steps 10 – 11) In case of cancellation request is triggered, the AEDD transmits an *MSD cancellation message* to the AERC repeatedly until an *ACK response message* or an *Empty ACK message* is received (Go to Step 4). Otherwise, the AEDD terminates this operation.

NOTE – The AEDD could consider that transmits the MSD to another AERC if there is no response from the AERC.

## 8.2 Retransmission

Every `ACK_TIMEOUT` [IETF RFC 7252] seconds, the AEDD is required to repeatedly retransmit the *MSD notification message* or the *MSD cancellation message* to the AERC until the *ACK response message* or the *Empty ACK message* is received.

Table 2 shows the parameters for retransmitting messages.

**Table 2 – Retransmission parameters in CoAP**

Name	Value	Description
<code>ACK_TIMEOUT</code>	1	MSD retransmission time interval
<code>ACK_RANDOM_FACTOR</code>	1.0	MSD retransmission random counter increment factor
<code>MAX_RETRANSMIT</code>	Infinity	Maximum number of retransmitted MSDs

## 9 Security considerations

As the MSD transfer protocol realizes a subset of the features in CoAP [IETF RFC 7252], the security mechanism should support the security considerations in clause 11 of [IETF RFC 7252].

## Annex A

### AEDD operation procedure

(This annex forms an integral part of this Recommendation.)

#### A.1 AEDD operation procedure

Figure A.1 shows the flow of the AEDD operation procedure. In case of accident detection, an AEDD sends an *MSD notification message* to an AERC. If the accident detection event frequency, which means the number of accident detection events during  $T$  (s), is equal to or smaller than  $F$  (Hz), then the AEDD goes to the automatic cancellation determination procedure described in Figure A.2.

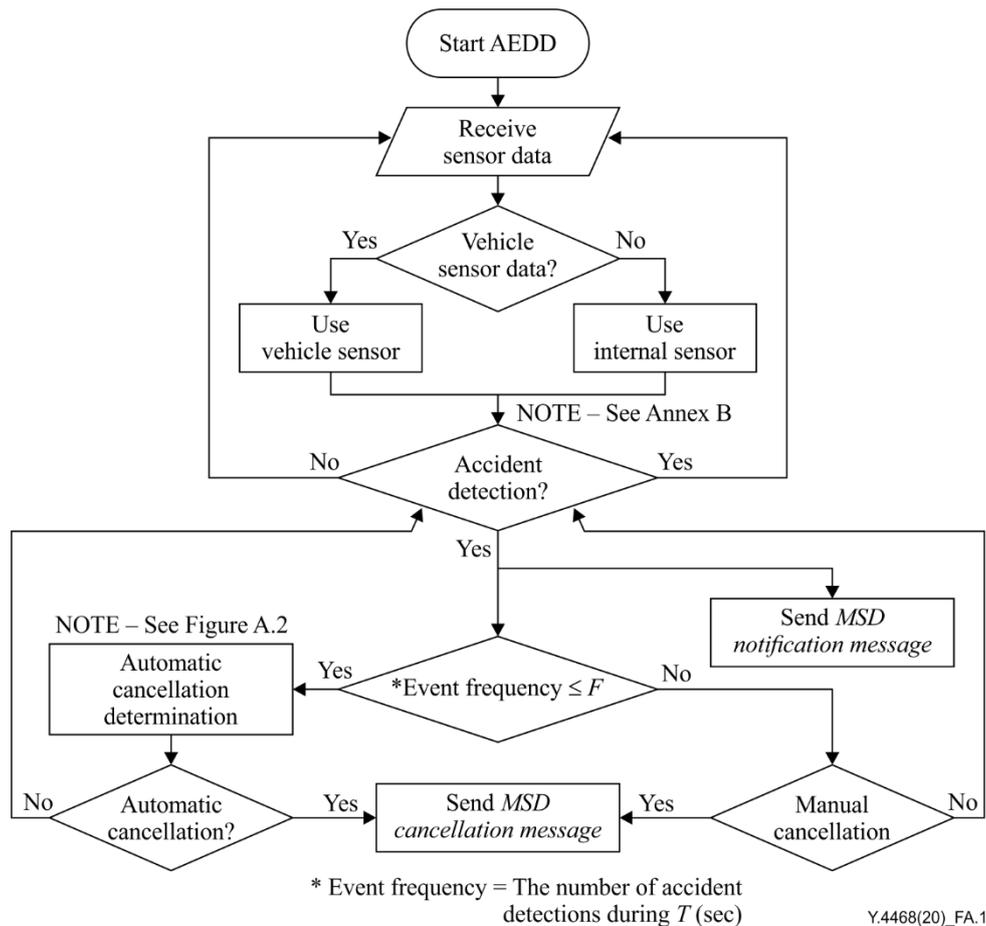
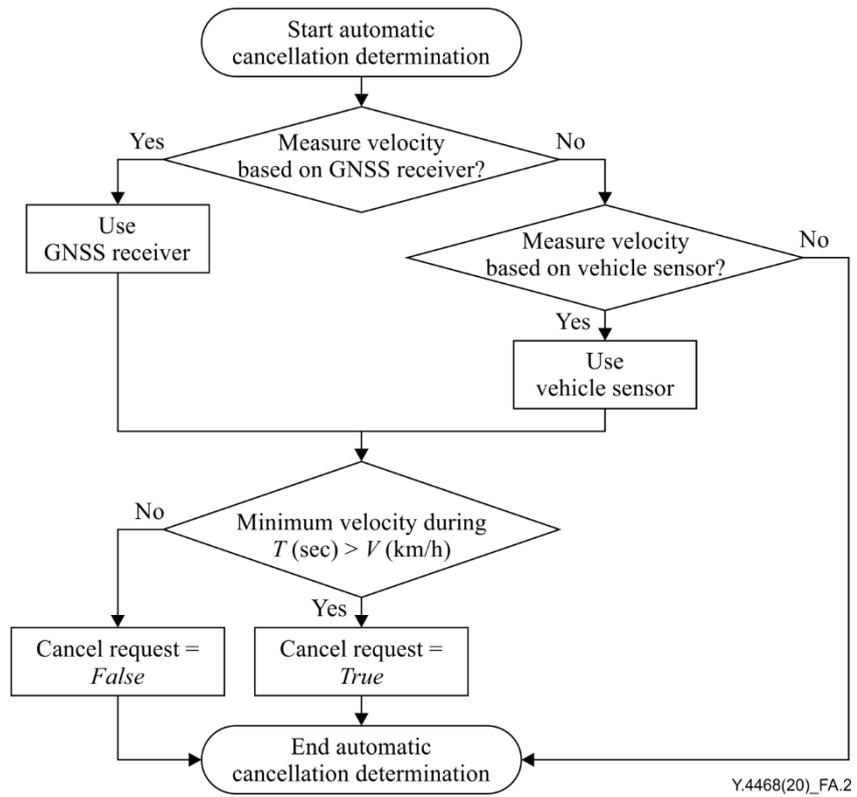


Figure A.1 – Flow of AEDD operation procedure

#### A.2 Automatic cancellation determination procedure

Figure A.2 shows the flow of an automatic cancellation determination procedure. In the process, an AEDD measures automotive velocity during  $T$  (sec) based on the global navigation satellite system (GNSS) or vehicle sensors in an automobile. If the minimum velocity during  $T$  (s) is larger than the predetermined  $V$  (km/h), the AEDD automatically transmits an *MSD cancellation message* to the AERC.



**Figure A.2 – Flow of automatic cancellation determination procedure**

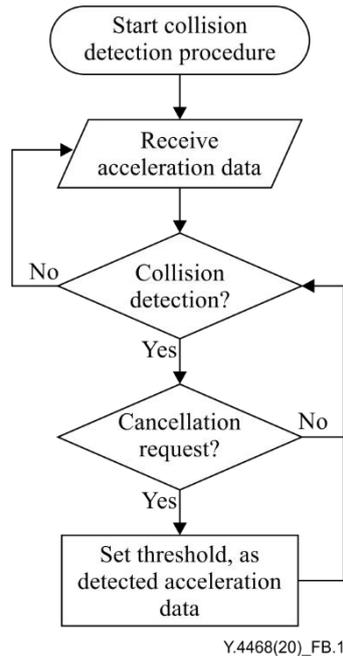
## Annex B

### Accident detection procedures

(This annex forms an integral part of this Recommendation.)

#### B.1 Collision detection

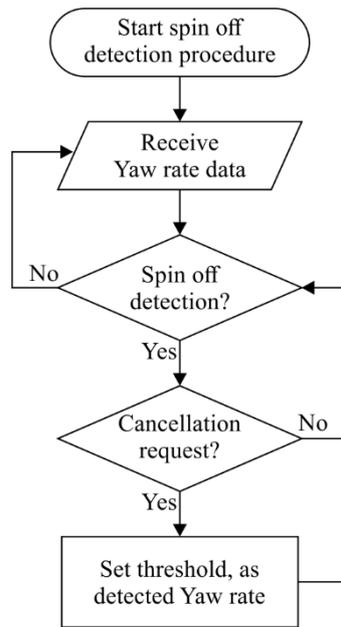
Figure B.1 shows the flow of a collision detection procedure. An AEDD determines collision detection according to the received acceleration data as well as a collision detection threshold predefined by itself. If a cancellation request is triggered on condition of collision detection, then the AEDD sets the threshold as the detected acceleration data.



**Figure B.1 – Flow of collision detection procedure**

#### B.2 Spin off detection

Figure B.2 shows the flow of a spin off detection procedure. An AEDD determines spin off detection according to the received Yaw rate as well as a spin off detection threshold predefined by itself. If a cancellation request is triggered on condition of spin off detection, then the AEDD set the threshold as the detected Yaw rate.

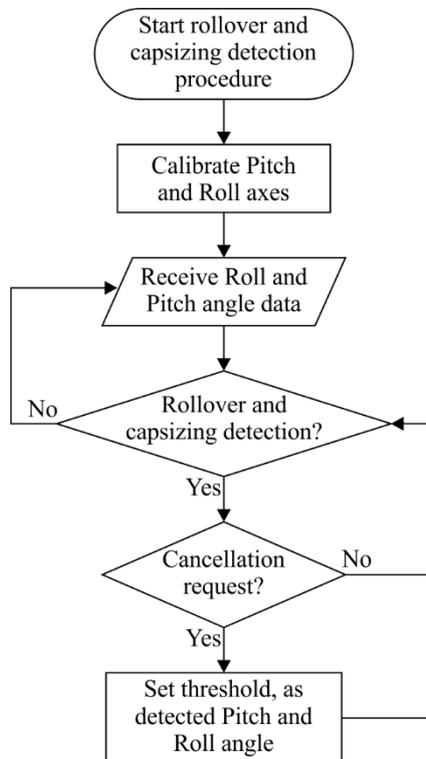


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**Figure B.2 – Flow of spin off detection procedure**

**B.3 Rollover or capsizing detection**

Figure B.3 shows the flow of a rollover or capsizing detection procedure. An AEDD determines rollover or capsizing detection according to the received roll and pitch angles as well as a rollover or capsizing detection threshold predefined by itself. If a cancellation request is triggered on condition of rollover or capsizing detection, then the AEDD sets the threshold as the detected roll and pitch angles.

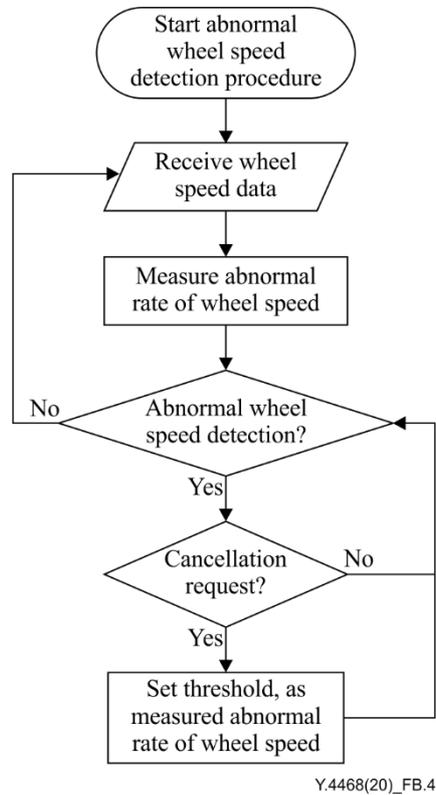


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**Figure B.3 – Flow of rollover or capsizing detection procedure**

#### B.4 Abnormal wheel speed detection

Figure B.4 shows the flow of an abnormal wheel speed detection procedure. An abnormal wheel speed is found by comparing a target wheel's speed with an average wheel speed of other wheels. An AEDD determines abnormal wheel speed detection according to the received abnormal rate of wheel speed as well as an abnormal wheel speed detection threshold predefined by itself. If a cancellation request is triggered on condition of abnormal wheel speed detection, then the AEDD set the threshold as the detected abnormal rate of wheel speed.



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Figure B.4 – Flow of abnormal wheel speed detection procedure



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