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## Foreword

This draft European Telecommunication Standard (ETS) has been produced by the Signalling Protocols and Switching (SPS) Technical Committee of the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI), and is now submitted for the Public Enquiry phase of the ETSI standards approval procedure.

This ETS is part 2 of a multi-part standard covering the Service Specific Connection Oriented Protocol (SSCOP) for the Broadband Integrated Services Digital Network (B-ISDN) as described below:

Part 1: "Protocol specification [ITU-T Recommendation Q.2110, modified]";

**Part 2: "Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS) proforma specification".**

NOTE: Further parts covering conformance testing will be identified later.

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## Introduction

To evaluate conformance of a particular implementation, it is necessary to have a statement of which capabilities and options have been implemented for a given protocol. Such a statement is called a Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS).

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## 1 Scope

This second part of ETS 300 436 provides the Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS) proforma for the Service Specific Connection Oriented Protocol (SSCOP) at the Signalling ATM Adaptation Layer (SAAL) for the Broadband Integrated Services Digital Network (B-ISDN) as specified in ETS 300 436-1 [1] in compliance with the relevant requirements and in accordance with the relevant guidance given in ISO/IEC 9646-7 [3].

The supplier of a protocol implementation that is claimed to conform to ETS 300 436-1 [1] is required to complete a copy of the PICS proforma provided in annex A of this ETS and is required to provide the information necessary to identify both the supplier and the implementation.

## 2 Normative references

This ETS incorporates by dated or undated reference, provisions from other publications. These normative references are cited at the appropriate places in the text and the publications are listed hereafter. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of any of these publications apply to this ETS only when incorporated in it by amendment or revision. For undated references the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

- [1] ETS 300 436-1: "Broadband Integrated Services Digital Network (B-ISDN); Signalling ATM Adaptation Layer (SAAL); Service Specific Connection-Oriented Protocol (SSCOP); Part 1: Protocol specification [ITU-T Recommendation Q.2110 (1995), modified]".
- [2] ISO/IEC 9646-1: "Information technology - Open systems interconnection - Conformance testing methodology and framework - Part 1: General concepts".
- [3] ISO/IEC 9646-7: "Information technology - Open systems interconnection - Conformance testing methodology and framework - Part 7: Implementation Conformance Statements".

## 3 Definitions and abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this ETS, the definitions in ISO/IEC 9646-1 [2] and ISO/IEC 9646-7 [3] apply. In particular, the following terms defined in ISO/IEC 9646-1 [2] apply:

**Implementation Conformance Statement (ICS):** A statement made by the supplier of an implementation or system claimed to conform to a given specification, stating which capabilities have been implemented. The ICS can take several forms: Protocol ICS (PICS), profile ICS, profile specific ICS, and information object ICS.

**Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS):** An ICS for an implementation or system claimed to conform to a given protocol specification.

**PICS proforma:** A document, in the form of a questionnaire, which when completed for an implementation or system becomes a PICS.

### 3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of this ETS, the following abbreviations apply:

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| AAL               | ATM Adaptation Layer  |
| ATM               | Asynchronous Transfer Mode  |
| B-ISDN            | Broadband Integrated Services Digital Network   |
| BGN               | Begin (PDU)   |
| BGREJ             | Begin Reject (PDU)  |
| c                 | Conditional   |
| CC                | Connection Control  |
| END               | End (PDU)   |
| ER                | Error Recovery (PDU)  |
| ICS               | Implementation Conformance Statement  |
| IUT               | Implementation Under Test   |
| M                 | Mandatory   |
| MaxCC             | Maximum value for the Connection Control state variable VT(CC) (count)  |
| MaxPD             | Maximum value for the Poll Data state variable VT(PD) (count)   |
| MaxSTAT           | Maximum number of list elements placed in STAT PDU (count)  |
| N/A               | Not Applicable  |
| O                 | Optional  |
| O.<n>             | Optional, but, if chosen, support is required for either at least one or only one of the options in the group labelled by the same numeral <n>  |
| PDU               | Protocol Data Unit  |
| PICS              | Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement   |
| PIXIT             | Protocol Implementation Extra Information for Testing   |
| POLL              | Poll (PDU)  |
| RS                | Resynchronization (PDU)   |
| SAAL              | Signalling ATM Adaptation Layer   |
| SCS               | System Conformance Statement  |
| SD                | Sequenced Data (PDU)  |
| SDU               | Service Data Unit   |
| SSCF              | Service Specific Co-ordination Function   |
| SSCOP             | Service Specific Connection Oriented Protocol   |
| STAT              | Status (PDU)  |
| SUT               | System Under Test   |
| Timer_CC          | Timer which protects the protocol against loss during establishment (BGN PDU), release (END PDU), resynchronization (RS PDU), or error recovery (ER PDU) of the connection                                    |
| Timer_IDLE        | Timer which assures that the peer receiver is polled with the lowest permissible polling rate via POLL PDUs when there are no outstanding acknowledgements or new data pending receipt of credit (idle phase) |
| Timer_KEEP-ALIVE  | Timer which assures that the peer receiver is polled via POLL PDUs when there are no outstanding acknowledgements or new data pending receipt of credit (transient phase)                                     |
| Timer_NO-RESPONSE | Timer which indicates the maximum time interval during which at least one STAT PDU needs to be received   |
| Timer_POLL        | Timer which assures that the peer receiver is polled often enough in the via POLL PDUs when there are outstanding acknowledgements or new data pending receipt of credit (active phase)                       |
| UU                | User-to-User  |
| X                 | Excluded  |



## 4 Conformance

A PICS proforma that conforms to this PICS proforma specification shall be technically equivalent to annex A, and shall preserve the numbering and ordering of the items in annex A.

A PICS that conforms to this PICS proforma specification shall:

- a) describe an implementation which conforms to ETS 300 436-1 [1];
- b) be a conforming PICS proforma, which has been completed in accordance with the instructions for completion given in clause A.1;
- c) include the information necessary to uniquely identify both the supplier and the implementation.

## Annex A (normative): PICS proforma for ETS 300 436-1

Notwithstanding the provisions of the copyright clause related to the text of this ETS, ETSI grants that users of this ETS may freely reproduce the PICS proforma in this annex so that it can be used for its intended purposes and may further publish the completed PICS.

### A.1 Guidance for completing the PICS proforma

#### A.1.1 Purposes and structure

The purpose of this PICS proforma is to provide a mechanism whereby a supplier of an implementation of the requirements defined in ETS 300 436-1 [1] may provide information about the implementation in a standardized manner.

The PICS proforma is subdivided into subclauses for the following categories of information:

- guidance for completing the PICS proforma;
- identification of the implementation;
- identification of the protocol;
- global statement of conformance;
- SSCOP;
  - protocol capabilities;
  - protocol data units;
  - system parameters.

#### A.1.2 Abbreviations and conventions

The PICS proforma contained in this annex is comprised of information in tabular form in accordance with the guidelines presented in ISO/IEC 9646-7 [3].

##### Item column

The item column contains a number which identifies the item in the table.

##### Item description column

The item description column describes in free text each respective item (e.g. parameters, timers, etc.). It implicitly means "is <item description> supported by the implementation?".

##### Status column

The following notations, defined in ISO/IEC 9646-7 [3], are used for the status column:

|     |  |
|-----|--|
| M   | mandatory - the capability is required to be supported.  |
| O   | optional - the capability may be supported or not.   |
| N/A | not applicable - in the given context, it is impossible to use the capability.   |
| O.i | qualified optional - for mutually exclusive or selectable options from a set. "i" is an integer which identifies a unique group of related optional items and the logic of their selection which is defined immediately following the table.                   |
| ci  | conditional - the requirement on the capability ("m", "o", "x" or "n/a") depends on the support of other optional or conditional items. "i" is an integer identifying a unique conditional status expression which is defined immediately following the table. |

### Reference column

The reference column gives reference to ETS 300 436-1 [1], except where explicitly stated otherwise.

### Support column

The support column shall be filled in by the supplier of the implementation. The following common notations, defined in ISO/IEC 9646-7 [3], are used for the support column:

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| Y or y        | supported by the implementation  |
| N or n        | not supported by the implementation  |
| N/A, n/a or - | no answer required (allowed only if the status is n/a, directly or after evaluation of a conditional status) |

NOTE: As stated in ISO/IEC 9646-7 [3], support for a received PDU requires the ability to parse all valid parameters of that PDU. Supporting a PDU while having no ability to parse a valid parameter is non-conformant. Support for a parameter on a PDU means that the semantics of that parameter are supported.

If this PICS proforma is completed in order to describe a multiple-profile support in a system, it is necessary to be able to answer that a capability is supported for one profile and not supported for another. In that case, the supplier shall enter the unique reference to a conditional expression, preceded by "?" (e.g. ?3). This expression shall be given in the space for comments provided at the bottom of the table. It uses predicates defined in the System Conformance Statement (SCS), each of which refers to a single profile and which takes the value TRUE if and only if that profile is to be used.

EXAMPLE:               ?3: IF prof1 THEN Y ELSE N

### Values supported column

The values supported column shall be filled in by the supplier of the implementation. In this column, the values or the ranges of values supported by the implementation shall be indicated.

#### A.1.3 Instructions for completing the PICS proforma

The supplier of the implementation shall complete the PICS proforma in each of the spaces provided. In particular, an explicit answer shall be entered, in each of the support or supported column boxes provided, using the notation described in subclause A.1.2.

If necessary, the supplier may provide additional comments in the space at the bottom of the tables or separately.

NOTE: Where an implementation is capable of being configured in more than one way, a single PICS may be able to describe all such configurations. However, the supplier has the choice of providing more than one PICS, each covering some subset of the implementation's configuration capabilities, in case this provides easier or clearer presentation of the information.

More detailed instructions are given at the beginning of the different clauses of the PICS proforma.

## A.2 Identification of the implementation

Identification of the Implementation Under Test (IUT) and the system in which it resides (the System Under Test (SUT)) should be filled in so as to provide as much detail as possible regarding version numbers and configuration options.

The product supplier information and client information should both be filled in if they are different.

A person who can answer queries regarding information supplied in the PICS should be named as the contact person.

### A.2.1 Date of the statement

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### A.2.2 Implementation Under Test (IUT) identification

IUT name:

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IUT version:

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### A.2.3 System Under Test (SUT) identification

SUT name:

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Hardware configuration:

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Operating system:

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### A.2.4 Product supplier

Name:

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Address:

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Telephone number:

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Facsimile number:

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E-mail address:

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Additional information:

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**A.2.5 Client**

Name:

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Address:

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Telephone number:

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Facsimile number:

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E-mail address:

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Additional information:

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**A.2.6 PICS contact person**

Name:

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Telephone number:

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Facsimile number:

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E-mail address:

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Additional information:

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**A.3 Identification of the protocol**

This PICS proforma applies to the following standard:

**ETS 300 436-1 (1995):** "Broadband Integrated Services Digital Network (B-ISDN); Signalling ATM Adaptation Layer (SAAL); Service Specific Connection-Oriented Protocol (SSCOP); Part 1: Protocol specification [ITU-T Recommendation Q.2110 (1995), modified]".

**A.4 Global statement of conformance**

Does the implementation described in this PICS meet all the mandatory requirements of the referenced standard?

**Yes**

**No**

NOTE: Answering "No" to this question indicates non-conformance to the protocol specification. Non-supported mandatory capabilities are to be identified in the PICS, with an explanation of why the implementation is non-conforming.

## A.5 SSCOP

This clause covers the SSCOP Protocol Capabilities (PC), Protocol Data Units (PDUs), and System Parameters (SP).

NOTE: The SSCOP can be combined with different Service Specific Co-ordination Functions (SSCFs) to offer different AAL services. As a result, ITU-T Recommendation Q.2110 as modified by ETS 300 436-1 [1] defines mandatory functions for a general protocol. Some of these functions may not be needed by a particular service and may be masked from the AAL user by a SSCF. It is possible for an implementation not to implement a certain SSCOP function and still meet the mandatory requirements of certain AAL services (e.g. the SSCOP local data retrieval function is not needed to support B-ISDN UNI signalling). Implementors can refer to the PICS proforma for a particular SSCF, if they are only concerned about providing that service. However, the absence of a mandatory SSCOP function may preclude the possibility of combining the SSCOP implementation with other SSCFs to offer different AAL services.

### A.5.1 SSCOP Protocol Capabilities (PC)

Table A.1

| Item      | Protocol feature  | Reference             | Status | Support |
|-----------|---|-----------------------|--------|---------|
| PC1       | Does the IUT support Keep Alive function?   | 5 e)                  | M      |         |
| PC2       | Does the IUT support the Local Data Retrieve function?  | 5 f)                  | M      |         |
| PC3       | Does the IUT support SSCOP initiated error recovery due to protocol error?  | 5 i)                  | M      |         |
| PC4       | Does the IUT recognize all of the Messages regardless of state?   | table 2               | M      |         |
| PC5.1     | In the absence of protocol error, does the IUT support assured data transfer with sequence integrity?                     | 5 a); 5 h);<br>7.1 j) | M      |         |
| PC5.2     | Does the IUT support the sending of the Unassured Data PDU?   | 5 h); 7.1 n)          | M      |         |
| PC5.3     | Does the IUT support the sending of the Management Data PDU?  | 7.1 o)                | M      |         |
| PC6       | Does the IUT support user invoked resynchronization procedures?   | 5 g)                  | M      |         |
| PC7       | Does the IUT support the establishment procedures for a SSCOP connection?   | 5 g)                  | M      |         |
| PC8       | Does the IUT support release procedures for a SSCOP connection?   | 5 g)                  | M      |         |
| PC9       | Does the IUT support polling after retransmission?  | SDL                   | O      |         |
| PC10      | Does the IUT support the segmenting of STAT PDUs?   | 7.2.5                 | M      |         |
| PC11      | Can the IUT initiate SSCOP connection?  | 5 g)                  | M      |         |
| PC12      | Can the IUT reject (BGREJ) the establishment of a SSCOP connection from its peer?   | SDL                   | M      |         |
| PC13      | Does the IUT support error reporting to layer management?   | 5 d)                  | M      |         |
| PC14      | Does the IUT support the Protocol error detection function?   | 5 i)                  | M      |         |
| PC15      | When no SSCOP connection exists, is a connection established only upon receipt of a BGN or a request from the SSCOP user? | SDL                   | M      |         |
| PC16      | Does SSCOP permit the conveyance of SSCOP User-to-User Information between users of the SSCOP?                            | 5 g); 6.1.2 b)        | M      |         |
| Comments: |   |                       |        |         |

**A.5.2 SSCOP PDUs (PD)**

Indicating support for an item in table A.2 states that the SSCOP implementation complies with the definition of the basic structure of SSCOP PDU format such as coding conventions and contents of reserved fields.

**Table A.2**

| Item                        | Protocol feature   | Reference | Status | Support |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------|--------|---------|
| Order of Octet Transmission |  |           |        |         |
| PD1                         | Are octets transmitted in ascending numerical order?     | 7.2.1     | M      |         |
| Field Mapping Convention    |  |           |        |         |
| PD2                         | Does the lowest bit number carry the lowest order value? | 7.2.1     | M      |         |
| PD3                         | Are PDU formats 32 bit aligned?                          | 7.2       | M      |         |
| PD4                         | Are all reserved bits coded as zeroes?                   | 7.2.3     | M      |         |
| Comments:                   |  |           |        |         |

**A.5.3 SSCOP System Parameters (SP)**

Indicating support for an item in table A.3 states that the implementation has a parameter that operates in accordance with the description in ITU-T Recommendation Q.2110 as modified by ETS 300 436-1 [1]. Specific values for the parameters implemented should be stated here, or, where appropriate, in the PIXIT.

**Table A.3**

| Item      | Protocol feature   | Reference       | Status | Support | Supported value |
|-----------|--|-----------------|--------|---------|-----------------|
| SP1       | Is the parameter supported which defines the maximum number of transmissions of a BGN, END, ER, or RS PDU (MaxCC)? | 7.7 a)          | M      |         |                 |
| SP2       | Is the parameter supported which defines the maximum number of SD PDUs before transmission of a POLL PDU (MaxPD)?  | 7.7 b)          | M      |         |                 |
| SP3       | Is the parameter supported which defines the maximum number of List Elements in a STAT (MaxSTAT)?                  | 7.7 c)          | M      |         |                 |
| SP4       | Is the parameter supported which defines the maximum SSCOP SDU size?   | 7.2.4           | M      |         |                 |
| SP5       | Is Timer_POLL supported?   | 7.6 a)          | M      |         |                 |
| SP6       | Is Timer_KEEP-ALIVE supported?   | 7.6 b)          | M      |         |                 |
| SP7       | Is Timer_NO-RESPONSE supported?  | 7.6 c)          | M      |         |                 |
| SP8       | Is Timer_IDLE supported?   | 7.6 c)          | M      |         |                 |
| SP9       | Is Timer_CC supported?   | 7.6 d)          | M      |         |                 |
| SP10      | If PC16 is supported, what is the maximum size of the SSCOP-UU?  | 6.1.2 b); 7.2.4 | M      |         |                 |
| Comments: |  |                 |        |         |                 |



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