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- b) A new additional definition of Pd is specified.
- c) The numbers of times for symbol frequency are changed to refer to each part of IEC 61937.
- d) The requirement for burst spacing is changed.

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Part 1: General

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61937 applies to the digital audio interface using the IEC 60958 series for the conveying of non-linear PCM encoded audio bitstreams.

It describes the way in which this digital interface can be used in consumer applications.

The professional mode (AES/EBU) is not considered within the scope of this standard.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60958 (all parts), *Digital audio interface*

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3 Terms, definitions, abbreviations and presentation

For the purposes of this document, the following terms, definitions, abbreviations and presentation convention apply.

3.1 Definitions

3.1.1

audio data-burst

data-burst with an encoded audio frame as burst-payload

3.1.2

audio data-word

16-bit data word

3.1.3

audio frame

fixed number of audio samples

NOTE The number of samples in an audio frame is dependent on the particular encoding system which is used to encode the audio frame into the encoded audio frame.

3.1.4

audio gap

period in the sequence of baseband audio samples where valid samples of audio are not available