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## Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) and IEC (the International Electrotechnical Commission) form the specialized system for worldwide standardization. National bodies that are members of ISO or IEC participate in the development of International Standards through technical committees established by the respective organization to deal with particular fields of technical activity. ISO and IEC technical committees collaborate in fields of mutual interest. Other international organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO and IEC, also take part in the work. In the field of information technology, ISO and IEC have established a joint technical committee, ISO/IEC JTC 1.

International Standards are drafted in accordance with the rules given in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

The main task of the joint technical committee is to prepare International Standards. Draft International Standards adopted by the joint technical committee are circulated to national bodies for voting. Publication as an International Standard requires approval by at least 75 % of the national bodies casting a vote.

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) draw attention to the fact that it is claimed that compliance with this document may involve the use of patents, as indicated in Annex D.

ISO/IEC 15444-8 was prepared by Joint Technical Committee ISO/IEC JTC 1, *Information technology*, Subcommittee SC 29, *Coding of audio, picture, multimedia and hypermedia information* in collaboration with ITU-T. The identical text is published as ITU-T Rec. T.807.

ISO/IEC 15444 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology — JPEG 2000 image coding system*:

- *Part 1: Core coding system*
- *Part 2: Extensions*
- *Part 3: Motion JPEG 2000*
- *Part 4: Conformance testing*
- *Part 5: Reference software*
- *Part 6: Compound image file format*
- *Part 8: Secure JPEG 2000*
- *Part 9: Interactivity tools, APIs and protocols*
- *Part 10: Extensions for three-dimensional data*
- *Part 11: Wireless*
- *Part 12: ISO base media file format*
- *Part 13: An entry level JPEG 2000 encoder*

of their work (books, videos, music, images, etc.).

At the same time, new information technology radically simplifies the access of content for the user. This goes hand in hand with the all pervasive problem of pirated digital copies – with the same quality as the originals – and "file-sharing" in peer-to-peer networks, which gives rise to continued complaints about great losses by the content industry.

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and its Member countries (170) have an important role to play in assuring that copyright, and the cultural and intellectual expression it fosters, remains well protected in the 21st century. The new Digital economy and the creative people in every country of the world depend on it. Also in December 1996, WIPO Copyright Treaty (WCT) has been promulgated with two important articles (11 and 12) about technological measures and obligations concerning Right Management Information:

**Article 11**  
**Obligations concerning**  
**Technological Measures**

*Contracting Parties shall provide adequate legal protection and effective legal remedies against the circumvention of effective technological measures that are used by authors in connection with the exercise of their rights under this Treaty or the Berne Convention and that restrict acts, in respect of their works, which are not authorized by the authors concerned or permitted by law.*

**Article 12**  
**Obligations concerning Rights**  
**Management Information**

*(1) Contracting Parties shall provide adequate and effective legal remedies against any person knowingly performing any of the following acts knowing, or with respect to civil remedies having reasonable grounds to know, that it will induce, enable, facilitate or conceal an infringement of any right covered by this Treaty or the Berne Convention:*

*(i) to remove or alter any electronic rights management information without authority;*

*(ii) to distribute, import for distribution, broadcast or communicate to the public, without authority, works or copies of works knowing that electronic rights management information has been removed or altered without authority.*

*(2) As used in this Article, "rights management information" means information which identifies the work, the author of the work, the owner of any right in the work, or information about the terms and conditions of use of the work, and any numbers or codes that represent such information, when any of these items of information is attached to a copy of a work or appears in connection with the communication of a work to the public.*

This treaty provides a solid foundation to protect Intellectual Property. As of 2004, about 50 countries ratified this important treaty. Therefore, it is expected that tools and protective methods that are recommended in JPEG 2000 must ensure the security of transaction, protection of content (IPR), and protection of technologies.

Security issues, such as authentication, data integrity, protection of copyright and Intellectual Property, privacy, conditional access, confidentiality, transaction tracing, to mention a few, are among important features in many imaging applications targeted by JPEG 2000.

The technological means of protecting digital content are described and can be achieved in many ways such as digital watermarking, digital signature, encryption, metadata, authentication, and integrity checking.

Part 8 of the JPEG 2000 standard intends to provide tools and solutions in terms of specifications that allow applications to generate, consume, and exchange Secure JPEG 2000 codestreams. This is referred to as **JPSEC**.

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## Information technology – JPEG 2000 image coding system: Secure JPEG 2000

### 1 Scope

This Recommendation | International Standard specifies the framework, concepts, and methodology for securing JPEG 2000 codestreams. The scope of this Recommendation | International Standard is to define:

- 1) a normative codestream syntax containing information for interpreting secure image data;
- 2) a normative process for registering JPSEC tools with a registration authority delivering a unique identifier;
- 3) informative examples of JPSEC tools in typical use cases;
- 4) informative guidelines on how to implement security services and related metadata.

The scope of this Recommendation | International Standard is not to describe specific secure imaging applications or to limit secure imaging to specific techniques, but to create a framework that enables future extensions as secure imaging techniques evolve.

### 2 Normative references

The following Recommendations and International Standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Recommendation | International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All Recommendations and Standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this Recommendation | International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the Recommendations and Standards listed below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards. The Telecommunication Standardization Bureau of the ITU maintains a list of currently valid ITU-T Recommendations<sup>1</sup>.

- ITU-T Recommendation T.800 (2002) | ISO/IEC 15444-1:2004, *Information technology – JPEG 2000 image coding system: Core coding system*.
- ITU-T Recommendation T.801 (2002) | ISO/IEC 15444-2:2004, *Information technology – JPEG 2000 image coding system: Extensions*.

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this Recommendation | International Standard, the following definitions apply. The definitions defined in ITU-T Rec. T.800 | ISO/IEC 15444-1 clause 3 apply to this Recommendation | International Standard.

**3.1 access control:** Prevention of unauthorized use of a resource, including the prevention of use of a resource in an unauthorized manner.

**3.2 authentication:** Process of verifying an identity claimed by or for a system entity.

**3.2.1 source authentication:** Verification that a source entity (say, user/party) is in fact the claimed source entity.

**3.2.2 fragile/semi-fragile image authentication:** Process for both image source authentication and image data/image content integrity verification that should be able to detect any change in the signal and identify where it has taken place and possibly what the signal was before modification.

NOTE – It serves at proving the authenticity of a document. The difference between fragile and semi-fragile image authentication is that the former is to verify the image data integrity and the latter to verify the image content integrity.

**3.3 confidentiality:** Property that information is not made available or disclosed to unauthorized individuals, entities or processes.