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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO/IEC 23001-7:2016), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Amendment ISO/IEC 23001-7:2016/Amd 1:2019.

The main changes are as follows:

Addition of:

- item encryption, which allows image items to use protection schemes defined for media tracks,
- support for multiple keys and IVs per protected sample,
- 'sve1' sensitive encryption scheme, a codec-specific encryption scheme for which the encrypted bitstream remains a valid decodable bitstream,
- improved selective encryption using sample groups

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## Introduction

Common Encryption specifies encryption and key mapping methods that enable decryption of the same file using different Digital Rights Management (DRM) and key management systems. It defines encryption algorithms and encryption related metadata necessary to decrypt the protected streams, yet it leaves the details of rights mappings, key acquisition and storage, DRM content protection compliance rules, etc., up to the DRM system or systems. For instance, DRM systems necessarily support identifying the decryption key via stored key identifiers (KIDs), but how each DRM system protects and locates the KID identified decryption key is left to a DRM-specific method.

DRM specific information such as licenses, rights, and license acquisition information can be stored in an ISO Base Media file using a `ProtectionSystemSpecificHeaderBox`. Each instance of this box stored in the file corresponds to one applicable DRM system identified by a well-known `SystemID`. DRM licenses or license acquisition information need not be stored in the file in order to look up a separately delivered key using a `KID` stored in the file and decrypt media samples using the encryption parameters stored in each track.

The second edition of this document added XML representations of Common Encryption parameters for delivery in XML documents, such as an MPEG DASH Media Presentation Description Documents (MPD). The second edition also defined the `'cbc1'` protection scheme using AES-CBC mode encryption.

The third edition added `'cbcs'` and `'cens'` protection schemes for pattern encryption, which encrypt only a fraction of the data blocks within each video subsample protected. Pattern encryption reduces the computational power required by devices to decrypt video tracks.

The additions in this fourth edition are listed in the Foreword.