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## Introduction

The Image File Format is designed to enable the interchange of images and image sequences, as well as their associated metadata. It forms part of a family of specifications that are box-structured, and is built using tools defined in the ISO base media file format. This document specifies both structural brands that can be used with any codec and brands specific to High Efficiency Video Coding (HEVC). The file format specified in this document is referred to as the High Efficiency Image File Format (HEIF). It is suggested that HEIF be pronounced "heaff" (like heath with an ff ending). When the requirements of the HEVC-specific brands are applied, the file format can be referred to as the HEVC Image File Format.

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This document is organized as follows:

- Clause 5 specifies general requirements on files and file readers conforming to the Image File Format.
- Clause 6 specifies the file structures for the storage of a single image and an image collection.
   Additionally, general requirements that shall be supported in all files using the Image File Format for the storage of a single image or an image collection are specified.
- <u>Clause 7</u> specifies the file structures for the storage of image sequences. Additionally, general
  requirements that shall be supported in all files using the Image File Format for the storage of image
  sequences are specified.
- Clause 8 specifies the metadata structures for a single image, an image collection, and image sequences.
- <u>Clause 9</u> specifies enhancements to the ISO base media file format.
- <u>Clause 10</u> specifies structural brands for a single image and an image collection, as well as image sequences. Requirements on both files and file readers are specified.
- Annex A specifies the format for storing Exif, XMP, and MPEG-7 metadata in files conforming to the Image File Format.
- Annex B specifies the format for encapsulating HEVC-coded images, image collections, and image sequences according to the Image File Format. Annex B also specifies HEVC-specific brands for a single image and an image collection as well as image sequences. Requirements on both files and file readers are specified.
- Annex C and Annex D specify the MIME type registration for a single image or an image collection, and image sequences, respectively, for the structural and HEVC-specific brands.
- Annex E specifies the format for encapsulating AVC-coded images, image collections, and image sequences according to the Image File Format.

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- Annex F and Annex G specify the MIME type registration for a single image or an image collection, and image sequences, respectively, for the AVC-specific brands.
- Annex H specifies the format for encapsulating JPEG-coded images, image collections, and image sequences according to the Image File Format.
- Annex I outlines guidelines on defining new image formats and brands.
- Annex J contains informative examples of single image and image collection file structures conforming to the Image File Format.
- Annex K provides guidelines for a player operation for progressive refinement and file structures enabling progressive refinement.
- Annex L specifies the format for encapsulating VVC-coded images, image collections, and image sequences according to the Image File Format. Annex L also specifies VVC-specific brands for a single image and an image collection as well as image sequences. Requirements on both files and file readers are specified.
- Annex M specifies the format for encapsulating EVC-coded images, image collections, and image sequences according to the Image File Format. Annex M also specifies EVC-specific brands for a single image and an image collection as well as image sequences. Requirements on both files and file readers are specified.
- <u>Annex N</u> contains considerations on privacy and security relating to the use of the Image File Format.