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PROGRAMME AND OTHER MULTIMEDIA SIGNALS

Digital transmission of sound-programme signals

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Digital transmission of high-quality  
sound-programme signals using one,  
two or three 64 kbit/s channels per mono signal  
(and up to six per stereo signal)

**Amendment 1: New Appendix II – Extracts from  
EBU specification of an ISDN Codec capable of  
delivering high-quality audio**

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## **ITU-T RECOMMENDATION J.52**

### **DIGITAL TRANSMISSION OF HIGH-QUALITY SOUND-PROGRAMME SIGNALS USING ONE, TWO OR THREE 64 kbit/s CHANNELS PER MONO SIGNAL (AND UP TO SIX PER STEREO SIGNAL)**

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#### **Source**

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*(Geneva, 1999)*

*Insert the following Appendix II at the end of the Recommendation:*

**Appendix II**

**Extracts from EBU specification of an ISDN Codec capable of delivering high-quality audio**

The members of the EBU have recognized the need to use ISDN equipment implementing ITU-T Recommendation J.52 for the transmission of audio signals.

It was necessary to verify the interworking of equipment from different suppliers in order to allow international transmission. A series of tests was organized during 1997/1998 and it has shown an interworking capability between four codecs from different suppliers, but not at the bit rate required for contribution-quality transmission.

The following items are extracted from the specification defining the broadcasters' user requirements for an ISDN audio codec which allows for a range of transmission quality up to contribution quality:

- 1) The unit shall be able to work on up to 6 Bearer channels.
- 2) The unit shall comply with ITU-T Recommendation J.52 including error correction procedure.
- 3) It is not required to support Ancillary Data at more than 0.5% of the available bandwidth of a given call.
- 4) The end-to-end coding delay shall not exceed 200 ms when measured via an ISDN simulator or an exchange, in the case of 48 kHz sampling rate.
- 5) Audio input and output shall be by both analogue and by digital interfaces.
- 6) The ability to work at 24 kHz sampling when using just one Bearer channel is an advantage.
- 7) In addition, the ability to work in an asymmetrical configuration using different coding in each direction (MPEG/G.722) in order to optimize the quality and the delay is an advantage.

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