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## INTRODUCTION

Modern digital video standards, such as ATSC and DVB, are preparing for next-generation TV broadcast systems. The latest evolutions in audio introduce fundamental changes to the way audio is produced, and may well revolutionize the user experience. The new MPEG-H audio standard offers not only immersive 3D Audio, but it also introduces the concept of audio objects that can be used to personalize the user experience.

The MPEG-H 3D Audio standard is the next generation MPEG audio codec, and it requires a framing format that supports more flexible signalling and delivery mechanisms than were needed for earlier systems. Therefore, the MPEG-H 3D Audio Transport Stream (MHAS) framing format was specified for use with the MPEG-H 3D Audio codec.

In order to be able to pass the MPEG-H 3D Audio bit stream from a set-top box to an A/V receiver connected via the IEC 60958 interface, this part of IEC 61937 employs the MHAS framing format.

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## Part 13: MPEG-H 3D Audio

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61937 specifies the method to convey non-linear PCM bitstreams encoded according to the MPEG-H 3D Audio format.

### 2 Normative references

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

IEC 61937-1, *Digital audio – Interface for non-linear PCM encoded audio bitstreams applying IEC 60958 – Part 1: General*

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