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Part 2: Mapping MPEG-2 and AVC Streams into MXF**

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## INTRODUCTION

The professional camera recorder has evolved from a traditional tape-based system into a file-based system, taking advantage of recent advances in information technology. Instead of using conventional magnetic tape as the recording medium, video and audio streams can now be stored as files that can be read directly by a personal computer (PC).

Several file format specifications exist, and most broadcasters are using the Material eXchange Format (MXF), which has been standardized by the Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE). As reported in IEC TR 62712:2011, the MXF file format has been adopted for various types of professional tape-less camera recorders. MXF is being used by many broadcast stations around the world. Since the MXF file format provides a multiplicity of functions and options in order to satisfy the needs of various applications in a range of situations, it is important to address interoperability issues between equipment. Therefore, it is essential for interoperability that there is an appropriate Technical Specification that specifies guidelines for MXF implementations and operational usage.

The IEC 62871 series gives encoding guidelines for professional tape-less camera recorders using the MXF file format to ensure interoperability.

The IEC 62871 series currently consists of:

- IEC 62871-1, which gives guidelines for MXF operational patterns for professional tape-less camera recorders and also outlines the general parts of the MXF file format.
- IEC 62871-2, which gives guidelines for mapping MPEG-2 and AVC Streams into MXF files which are used for professional tape-less camera recorders.

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## Part 2: Mapping MPEG-2 and AVC Streams into MXF

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62871, which is a technical specification, specifies implementation guidelines for mapping MPEG-2 video and AVC streams into MXF file format for professional tape-less camera recorders.

The guidelines are applicable to the creation of an MXF file in professional tape-less camera recorders. They are also applicable for content management software and to equipment that supports MXF files generated by professional tape-less camera recorders.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 13818-2:2013, *Information technology – Generic coding of moving pictures and associated audio information – Part 2: Video*

ISO/IEC 14496-10:2014, *Information technology – Coding of audio-visual objects – Part 10: Advanced Video Coding*

SMPTE ST 377-1:2011, *Material Exchange Format (MXF) – File Format Specification*

SMPTE ST 381-2:2018, *Material Exchange Format (MXF) – Mapping MPEG Streams into the MXF Constrained Generic Container*

SMPTE ST 381-3:2017, *Material Exchange Format (MXF) – Mapping AVC Streams into the MXF Constrained Generic Container*