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- a) It extends the AM824 data format transmission and specifies more details in order to reduce the ambiguities of the first edition.
- b) It introduces new Clauses 4, 10, 11 and 12 as well as Annex D and, in 8.2, specifies new data types for SMPTE time code, sample count, high-precision multi-bit linear audio and ancillary data.
- c) It changes the terminology "raw audio data" to "multi-bit linear audio (MBLA)".
- d) It defines, in Clause 11, sequence multiplexing and MIDI data required to the AM824 adaptation process.

- e) It describes, in Clause 12, application-specific data transmission such as DVD-audio and SACD.
- f) It specifies, in Clause 20, the N-flag that indicates command-based rate control and defines new sampling frequency code (SFC) definition and interpretation.

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Part 6: Audio and music data transmission protocol

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61883 describes a protocol for the transmission of audio and music data employing IEEE 1394 and specifies essential requirements for the application of the protocol.

This protocol can be applied to all modules or devices that have any kind of audio and/or music data processing, generation and conversion function blocks. This document deals only with the transmission of audio and music data; the control, status and machine-readable description of these modules or devices should be defined outside of this document according to each application area.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

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

IEC 61883-1:2003, *Consumer audio/video equipment – Digital interface – Part 1: General*

IEC 61883-6:2002, *Consumer audio/video equipment – Digital interface – Part 6: Audio and music data transmission protocol*

IEEE 754:1985, *Standard for Binary Floating-Point Arithmetic*

IEEE 1394: *Standard for a High Performance Serial Bus*