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Foreword

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International Standard ISO/IEC 9548-2 was prepared by Joint Technical Committee ISO/IEC JTC 1, *Information technology*, Subcommittee SC 21, *Open systems interconnection, data management and open distributed processing*, in collaboration with ITU-T. The identical text is published as ITU-T Recommendation X.255.

ISO/IEC 9548 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology — Open Systems Interconnection — Connectionless Session protocol*:

— *Part 1: Protocol specification*

— *Part 2: Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS) proforma*

Annex A forms an integral part of this part of ISO/IEC 9548.

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Introduction

This Recommendation | International Standard is one of a set of Recommendations | International Standards produced to facilitate the interconnection of information processing systems. It is related to other Recommendations and International Standards in the set as defined by the Reference Model for Open Systems Interconnection (see ITU-T Rec. X.200 | ISO 7498-1). The Reference Model subdivides the area of standardisation for interconnection into a series of layers of specification, each of manageable size.

The goal of Open Systems Interconnection is to allow, with a minimum of technical agreement outside the interconnection Recommendations and International Standards, the interconnection of information processing systems:

- from different manufacturers;
- under different managements;
- of different levels of complexity; and
- of different technologies.

ITU-T Rec. X.235 | ISO/IEC 9548-1 specifies the connectionless session protocol. It specifies the session protocol encoding and procedures to be used to meet the needs of session-service-users.

To evaluate the conformance of a particular implementation, it is necessary to have a description of the capabilities and options which have been implemented. Such a description is called a Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS).

This Recommendation | International Standard includes the PICS proforma for the connectionless session protocol as defined in ITU-T Rec. X.235 | ISO/IEC 9548-1.

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ITU-T RECOMMENDATION

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – OPEN SYSTEMS INTERCONNECTION – CONNECTIONLESS SESSION PROTOCOL: PROTOCOL IMPLEMENTATION CONFORMANCE STATEMENT (PICS) PROFORMA

1 Scope

This Recommendation | International Standard provides the Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS) proforma for ITU-T Rec. X.235 | ISO/IEC 9548-1 in compliance with the relevant requirements, and in accordance with the relevant guidance given in ITU-T Rec. X.296 | ISO/IEC 9646-7. Detail of the use of this proforma is provided in this Recommendation | International Standard.

The supplier of an implementation which is claimed to conform to ITU-T Rec. X.235 | ISO/IEC 9548-1 is required to complete a copy of the PICS proforma provided in Annex A, and is required to provide the information necessary to identify both the supplier and the implementation.

2 Normative references

The following Recommendations and International Standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Recommendation | International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All Recommendations and Standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this Recommendation | International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the Recommendations and Standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards. The Telecommunication Standardization Bureau of the ITU maintains a list of currently valid ITU-T Recommendations.

2.1 Identical Recommendations | International Standards

- ITU-T Recommendation X.200 (1994) | ISO/IEC 7498-1:1994, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Basic Reference Model: The Basic Model.*
- ITU-T Recommendation X.215 (1994) | ISO/IEC 8326:...[1)], *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Session service definition.*
- ITU-T Recommendation X.235 (1995) | ISO/IEC 9548-1:1995, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Connectionless Session protocol: Protocol specification.*

2.2 Paired Recommendations | International Standards equivalent in technical contents

- ITU-T Recommendation X.290 (1995), *OSI conformance testing methodology and framework for protocol Recommendations for ITU-T applications – General concepts.*

  ISO/IEC 9646-1:1994, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Conformance testing methodology and framework – Part 1: General concepts.*
- ITU-T Recommendation X.296[2)], *OSI conformance testing methodology and framework for protocol Recommendations for ITU-T applications – Implementation conformance statements.*

  ISO/IEC 9646-7:1995, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Conformance testing methodology and framework – Part 7: Implementation Conformance Statements.*

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3 Definitions

For the purposes of this Recommendation | International Standard, the following definitions apply:

3.1 Terms defined in ITU-T Rec. X.235 | ISO/IEC 9548-1.

3.2 The following terms defined in ITU-T Rec. X.290 | ISO/IEC 9646-1:

a) Implementation conformance statement;

b) Implementation conformance statement proforma;

c) Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS);

d) PICS proforma.

3.3 Additional terms:

a) **requester**: The PPM that initiates a particular action.

b) **acceptor**: The PPM that accepts a particular action.

4 Abbreviations

For the purposes of this Recommendation | International Standard, the following abbreviations apply:

ICS	Implementation Conformance Statement
PICS	Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement
PDU	Protocol Data Unit
SPDU	Session Protocol Data Unit
TSDU	Transport Service Data Unit
UD	Unit Data

5 Conformance

A conforming PICS proforma shall be technically equivalent to the ITU-T | ISO/IEC published PICS proforma and shall preserve the numbering and ordering of the items in the ITU-T | ISO/IEC PICS proforma.

A PICS which conforms to this Recommendation | International Standard shall:

a) describe an implementation which conforms to ITU-T Rec. X.235 | ISO/IEC 9548-1;

b) be a conforming PICS proforma, which has been completed in accordance with the instruction for completion given in A.2;

c) include the information necessary to uniquely identify both the supplier and the implementation.

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Annex A[3)]

Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS) proforma for the connectionless session protocol

(This annex forms an integral part of this Recommendation | International Standard)

A.1 Identification of PICS proforma corrigenda

The supplier of the PICS proforma shall identify any corrigenda (i.e. Technical Corrigenda or equivalent) to the published proforma that have been applied. Suppliers of the proforma should modify the proforma, or attach relevant additional pages in order to apply the corrigenda, and then record the application of the corrigenda in the table below.

Identification of corrigenda applied to this PICS proforma	ITU-T Rec. X.255 (1995) | ISO/IEC 9548-2:1995 Corr: Corr: Corr:

A.2 Instructions

A.2.1 Purpose and structure of the proforma

The purpose of this PICS proforma is to provide suppliers of implementations of ITU-T Rec. X.235 | ISO/IEC 9548-1 with a consistent means of stating which capabilities have been implemented.

The proforma is in the form of a questionnaire and consists of a set of items. An item is provided for each capability for which an implementation choice is allowed. Items are also provided for major mandatory capabilities for which no implementation choice is allowed. Each item includes an item number, an item description, a status value specifying the support requirement, and room for a support answer to be provided by the supplier.

This clause provides general information and instructions for completion of the proforma.

Subclause A.3 is for identification of the implementation.

Subclause A.4 contains the means of specifying, at a high level, the protocol and corrigenda that have been implemented.

Subclause A.5 contains the global statement of conformance.

Subclause A.6 onwards contain tables in which the supplier specifies details of the implementation options chosen.

A.2.2 Symbols, terms and abbreviations

A.2.2.1 Introduction

In order to reduce the size of tables in the PICS proforma, notations have been introduced. These have allowed the use of multi-column layout where the columns are headed 'Status', and 'Support'. The definition of each is given below.

Additionally, the following definitions apply:

(PICS) item: A row in a PICS proforma table.

(PICS) question: The question to be answered in the intersection of a PICS item and either a support column (i.e. "Is this item supported in the context applying to this table and column?") or supported values column (i.e. "What values are supported for this item in the context applying to this table and column?") in a PICS proforma table.

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3) **Copyright release for PICS proformas**
Users of this Recommendation | International Standard may freely reproduce the PICS proforma in this annex so that it can be used for its intended purpose and may further publish the completed PICS.

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status (value): An allowed entry in the status column for an item in a PICS proforma table.

(support) answer: An allowed entry in the support or supported values columns for an item in a PICS, in answer to a PICS question.

A.2.2.2 Prerequisite notation

If a predicate applies to a whole ICS proforma table, a prerequisite line may be specified in front of the table to which it applies. A prerequisite line takes the form:

Prerequisite: <predicate>

The meaning of such a line is that if <predicate> is True, then the table applies, else it is not-applicable.

A.2.2.3 Item numbering

Each line within the PICS proforma which requires implementation detail to be entered is given an item number in the first column. The item number column provides a means of uniquely referencing each possible answer within the PICS proforma. Such referencing is necessary for specifying predicates, conditional expressions, test suite parameters, and test suite selection expressions.

The means of referencing individual answers is to specify the following sequence:

a) If, and only if, the reference is being made from another Specification, then start with an unambiguous identifier for the relevant ICS proforma specification, enclosed in parentheses – this identifier is stated in the PICS proforma specification and is updated whenever the PICS proforma is updated. It is recommended that this identifier be the relevant Specification number and year of publication, as is used in a Normative References clause, and this is the default for such identifiers.

b) The number of the relevant table or, if the tables are not numbered, of the smallest subclause enclosing the relevant table.

c) A solidus character, "/".

d) The item number or mnemonic reference to the item, to identify the row in which the answer appears.

e) If, and only if, more than one question occurs in the row identified by the item number or mnemonic reference, then each possible answer is implicitly labelled a, b, c, etc., from left to right, and this letter is appended to the sequence, prefixed by a solidus character ("/") if a mnemonic reference is used.

   If mnemonic references are specified and each uniquely identify an item in the PICS proforma, then entries b) and c) in the above sequence may be omitted.

A.2.2.4 Status column

'Status' as defined in ITU-T Rec. X.235 | ISO/IEC 9548-1. This column indicates the level of support required for conformance to ITU-T Rec. X.235 | ISO/IEC 9548-1.

A.2.2.4.1 Definitions applying to the table in A.6

The values are as follows:

'o.n' Selectable options among a set of items (where *n* is the number which identifies the group of optional items that are grouped together).

If support is claimed for the sending of the SPDU, then the implementation shall be able to:

- build the SPDU (i.e. build correctly the heading, all mandatory parameters, and all supported optional parameters) in the situations required by the protocol specification;
- encode the SPDU into the TSDU according to a valid encoding format.

If support is claimed for receiving of the SPDU, then the implementation shall be able to:

- syntactically identify the SPDU and parse all valid instances of the PDU, including all valid PDU parameters. Supporting the receipt of a PDU whilst having no ability to parse one of its valid parameters is non-conformant.

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A.2.2.4.2 Definitions applying to the tables in A.7

The values for the sender of a PDU are as follows:

'm' Mandatory support is required. The implementation shall be able to build and encode this parameter within the SPDU.

'o' Optional support is permitted for conformance to ITU-T Rec. X.235 | ISO/IEC 9548-1.

The values for the receiver of a PDU are as follows:

'm' Mandatory support is required. The implementation shall be able to parse this parameter within the SPDU, and also perform the actions required by the semantics of the parameter.

'o' Optional support is permitted for conformance to ITU-T Rec. X.235 | ISO/IEC 9548-1. If support is claimed, the implementation shall support the semantics of the parameter.

A.2.2.5 Support column

The 'Support' column shall be completed by the supplier or implementor to indicate the level of implementation of each feature. The proforma has been designed such that the only entries required in the 'Support' column are:

'Y' Yes, the feature has been implemented;

'N' No, the feature has not been implemented.

A.2.3 Instructions for completion

The supplier shall complete all entries in the column marked 'Support'. In certain clauses of the PICS proforma further guidance for completion may be necessary. Such guidance shall supplement the guidance given in this subclause and shall have a scope restricted to the clause in which it appears. In addition, other specifically identified information shall be provided by the implementor where requested. No changes shall be made to the proforma except the completion as required. Recognising that the level of detail required may, in some instances, exceed the space available for responses a number of responses specifically allow for the addition of appendices to the PICS.

A.3 Identification of the implementation

A.3.1 Date of statement

1	Date of statement? (yy-mm-dd)

A.3.2 Implementation details

The supplier of the protocol implementation shall specify the information necessary to uniquely identify the implementation and the system in which it may reside. This may include details of:

a) supplier, implementation name, operating system, suitable hardware;

b) system supplier and/or client of the test laboratory that is to test the implementation;

c) information on whom to contact if there are queries concerning the content of the PICS.

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A.4 Protocol identification

A.4.1 ITU-T Rec. X.235 | ISO/IEC 9548-1 protocol details

	Identification of Protocol Specification	Support
–	ITU-T Rec. X.235 (1995) ¦ ISO/IEC 9548-1:1995	
1		
2		
3		

A.4.2 ITU-T Rec. X.235 | ISO/IEC 9548-1 technical corrigenda implemented

Identification of corrigenda applied to the implementation	ITU-T Rec. X.235 (1995) ¦ ISO/IEC 9548-1:1995 Corr: Corr: Corr: Corr: Corr:

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A.5 Global statement of conformance

1	Are all mandatory features implemented? (Yes or No)
NOTE – If a positive response is not given to this box then the implementation does not conform to ITU-T Rec. X.235 | ISO/IEC 9548-1.	

A.6 Support for UD SPDU

This subclause is used to declare if the system is capable of initiating a UD SPDU or reacting to a UD SPDU or both. No session connection exists and there is no response to a UD SPDU.

	Role	Status	Support	Mnemonic
1	Sender	o.1		SCNLS-UD-Sdr
2	Receiver	o.1		SCLNS-UD-Rcv
o.1 A conforming implementation shall support at least one of the roles.				

A.7 Supported parameters

A.7.1 UD SPDU sender

Prerequisite: SCNLS-UD-Sdr

	Parameter	Status	Support	Mnemonic
1	Version number	o		
2	Calling session selector	o		
3	Called session selector	o		
4	User information field	m		

A.7.2 UD SPDU receiver

Prerequisite: SCLNS-UD-Rcv

	Parameter	Status	Support	Mnemonic
1	Version number	m		
2	Calling session selector	o		
3	Called session selector	o		
4	User information field	m		

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