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- for the RDS feature EON and the use of group types 14A and 14B some additional explanations were added;
- in Annex E, containing the character code tables to be used in RDS, the explanation for Table E.1 and Table E.2 was extended;
- several small typing errors were corrected;
- to Enhanced RadioText in Annex Q an additional explanation was added.

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## INTRODUCTION

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# **SPECIFICATION OF THE RADIO DATA SYSTEM (RDS) FOR VHF/FM SOUND BROADCASTING IN THE FREQUENCY RANGE FROM 87,5 MHz TO 108,0 MHz**

## **1 Scope**

This International Standard describes the Radio Data System, RDS, intended for application to VHF/FM sound broadcasts in the range 87,5 MHz to 108,0 MHz which may carry either stereophonic (pilot-tone system) or monophonic programmes (as stated in ITU-R Recommendation BS 450-3 and ITU-R Recommendation BS.643-3). The main objectives of RDS are to enable improved functionality for FM receivers and to make them more user-friendly by using features such as Programme Identification, Programme Service name display and, where applicable, automatic tuning for portable and car radios, in particular. The relevant basic tuning and switching information therefore has to be implemented by the type 0 group (see 6.1.5.1), and it is not optional unlike many of the other possible features in RDS.

## **2 Normative references**

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 10646:2014, *Information technology – Universal Coded Character Set (UCS)*

ISO 14819 (all parts), *Intelligent transport systems – Traffic and travel information messages via traffic message coding*

ITU-R Recommendation BS.450-3, *Transmission standards for FM sound broadcasting at VHF*

ITU-R Recommendation BS.643-3, *Radio data system for automatic tuning and other applications in FM radio receivers for use with pilot-tone system*

ITU-T Recommendation E.212, *For the three digit Mobile Country Codes used in Annex M of this RDS specification refer to Complement to ITU-T Rec. E.212 (05/2004) published by ITU Geneva as Annex to ITU Operational Bulletin 897, dated 2007-12-01*

US NRSC-4-B, *National Radio Systems Committee – NRSC-4-A: United States RBDS standard*

ETSI EN 301 700, *Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); VHF/FM broadcasting: cross referencing to simulcast DAB services by RDS-ODA 147*