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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee CT-002, Broadcasting and Related Services to supersede AS 4599.1—2005. After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian, rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

This Standard was prepared in conjunction with the Australian Communications and Media Authority and the television broadcasting industry to ensure consistency of terrestrial broadcasting transmissions and to enable the design of receivers for that service. The Australian Communications and Media Authority has published a set of digital terrestrial television planning parameters in the document *The Digital Terrestrial Television Broadcasting Planning Handbook* which references this Standard.

The objective of this Standard is to provide television receiver manufacturers and broadcasters with the technical specification for the Australian digital terrestrial television transmission system in order to achieve interoperability in digital terrestrial television broadcasting (DTTB) transmission and reception. Standards Australia publishes AS 4933.1, *Digital television—Requirements for receivers, Part 1: VHF/UHF DVB-T television broadcasts* which is derived from this Standard.

The objective of this revision is to update the reference documents and bring the Standard into line with current practice.

The Australian DTTB system uses the technical content of relevant ETSI Standards.

Copies of these Standards may be purchased from the relevant Standards authorities.

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Within this Standard, organizations referred to by acronyms include—

- (a) Australian Communications and Media Authority..... ACMA
- (b) Digital Video Broadcasting ProjectDVB
- (c) Digital Television GroupDTG
- (d) European Broadcasting Union.....EBU
- (e) European Telecommunications Standards InstituteETSI
- (f) Free TV Australia.....Free TV
- (g) International Electrotechnical Commission.....IEC
- (h) International Organization for StandardizationISO
- (i) International Telecommunication Union.....ITU
- (j) Society of Motion Picture and Television EngineersSMPTE

Any international Standard references should be replaced by an equivalent Australian Standard when one is available. The availability of equivalent Australian Standards can be determined either from the Standards Australia catalogue or from the Standards Australia website (www.standards.com.au), select on-line shopping/search for equivalent Standards.

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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE

This Standard specifies requirements for digital terrestrial television transmissions in Australia, including the video, audio and data coding, the characteristics of the transport stream, the channel coding and the modulation system to be used.

This update includes consideration of standards related to broadcasting of MPEG-4 AVC encoded video and associated audio in MPEG-2 transport streams. Also, the inclusion of updates in MHP and the consideration of standards related to DVB-H.

1.2 APPLICATION

This Standard shall be read in conjunction with the referenced international standards detailed in Clause 1.3.

Digital terrestrial television broadcasting in Australia is based on the DVB specifications published in the ETSI Standards referenced in this Standard.

This Standard is set out in Sections, which deal with specific topics in ETSI Standards. These are summarized below:

Addressed Standards		
Section	Title	ETSI Standard
2	Coding	ETSI TS 101 154 V 1.7.1 (2005-06) Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Implementation Guidelines for the use of Video and Audio Coding in Broadcasting Applications based on the MPEG-2 Transport Stream
3	Teletext/ subtitles	ETSI EN 300 472 V1.3.1 (2003-01) Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Specification for Conveying ITU-R System B Teletext in DVB Bit-streams
		ETSI EN 301 775 V 1.2.1 (2003-05) Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Standard for the carriage of Vertical Blanking Information (VBI) data in DVB bitstreams
		ETSI EN 300 743 V 1.2.1 (2002-10) Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Subtitling Systems
4	Service information	ETSI EN 300 468 V 1.6.1 (2004-06) Digital Video Broadcasting (DVB); Specification for Service Information (SI) in DVB Systems