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Foreword

This Technical Specification (TS) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Integrated broadband cable telecommunication networks (CABLE).

The present document produced for the transition technologies accommodates an urgent need in the industry to define requirements that enable seamless transition of Cable Networks to IPv6. Considering the depletion of IPv4 addresses, transition to IPv6 is required in order to enable continued growth of the customer base connected to Cable Networks and ensure service continuity for existing and new customers. High-quality connectivity to all kinds of IP-based services and networks is essential in today's business and private life.

A plethora of transition technologies have been proposed in IETF, other standardization organizations and by manufacturers of IP technology to allow coexistence of IPv4 and IPv6 hosts, access and core networks as well as services. Each of these technology options is specified, implemented and deployed in various forms and stages. The present document is based on the requirements of ETSI TS 101 569-1 [1].

The present document is part 2 of a multi-part deliverable covering the conformance test specification for DS-Lite technology.

- Part 1: "Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS) proforma";
- Part 2: "Test Suite Structure and Test Purposes (TSS&TP)";
- Part 3: "Abstract Test Suite (ATS) and Protocol Implementation eXtra Information for Testing (PIXIT)".

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1 Scope

The present document provides the Test Suite Structure and Test Purposes (TSS&TP) descriptions for the IPv6 transition technology DS-Lite to validate its implementation within a cable communications networks.

The tests are in reference to [1], the ETSI specifications for IPv6 transition technology.

The ISO standards for the methodology of conformance testing (ISO/IEC 9646-1 [2] and ISO/IEC 9646-2 [3]) as well as the ETSI rules for conformance testing (ETSI ETS 300 406 [4]) are used as a basis for the test methodology.

2 References

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2.1 Normative references

The following referenced documents are necessary for the application of the present document.

[1]	ETSI TS 101 569-1: "Integrated Broadband Cable Telecommunication Networks (CABLE); Cable Network Transition to IPv6 Part 1: IPv6 Transition Requirements".
[2]	ISO/IEC 9646-1 (1994): "Information technology Open Systems Interconnection Conformance testing methodology and framework Part 1: General concepts".
[3]	ISO/IEC 9646-2 (1994): "Information technology Open Systems Interconnection Conformance testing methodology and framework Part 2: Abstract Test Suite Specification".
[4]	ETSI ETS 300 406: "Methods for Testing and Specification (MTS); Protocol and profile conformance testing specifications; Standardization methodology".
[5]	IETF RFC 6333: "Dual-Stack Lite Broadband Deployments Following IPv4 Exhaustion".

2.2 Informative references

The following referenced documents are not necessary for the application of the present document but they assist the user with regard to a particular subject area.

Not applicable.

3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

AFTR Address Family Transition Router
ALG Application Layer Gateway
ATS Abstract Test Suite
B4 (DS-Lite) Basic Bridging BroadBand element

CPE Customer Premises Equipment
DF Don't Fragment flag (in IPv4 header)