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  8       7       6       5       4       3       2       1
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|Transaction identifier         | Protocol discriminator  | octet 1
| or Skip Indicator             |                         |
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|                Message type                             | octet 2
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|    Other information elements as required               | etc...
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