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# American National Standard for Information Systems

## Spatial Data Transfer Standard - Part 3, ISO 8211 Encoding

### 1 Introduction

#### 1.1 Purpose of ISO 8211 Encoding

The ISO 8211<sup>1</sup> encoding provides a representation of a Spatial Data Transfer Standard (SDTS) file set in a standardized method enabling the file set to be exported to or imported from different media by general purpose ISO 8211 software.

#### 1.2 Objectives

This encoding was selected with the following objectives:

- a) to place this standard within a broader community of interchange based on a general purpose, interchange standard;
- b) to place the encoding of this standard in a standardized vehicle that provides the syntax and semantics necessary to the transport of files, records, fields and subfields accompanied by their data description in a machine readable form;
- c) to provide for media independence of the transfer file set;
- d) to provide for future extensions of the standard (e.g. adding new modules, fields, sub-fields) without compromise of the then existing implementations;
- e) to provide for user extensions without compromising the constructs of the standard.

#### 1.3 Relationship to Other Standards

ISO 8211 is a general purpose, media-independent interchange standard whose variable length

records may be written on any medium that is able to accept them, including communications lines. In order to promote transfer, the user is advised to employ media for which volume and file structure standards exist as well as widespread implementations. The specific requirements for currently standardized media are given in section 10.

### 1.4 Status of Annexes

The annexes do not form an integral part of the standard but are added to provide additional information and explanation.

### 2 Scope and Field of Application

#### 2.1 Scope

This part of the standard specifies an encoding of an SDTS file set in ISO 8211 and on standardized media.

#### 2.2 Field of Application

This part of the standard applies to all ISO 8211 encodings of part 1 of this standard and to user extensions (see part 3, annex A) of this standard.

### 3 References

When any of the standards cited in this section is superseded by an approved revision, the revision shall apply.

ANSI X3.122-1986, Computer Graphics Metafile (CGM), FIPSPUB 128, 16 Mar 1987.

ANSI X3.27-1987, American National Standard for File Structure and Labelling of Magnetic Tapes for Information Interchange (ISO 1001)

ANSI/ISO 4341-1978, American National Standard for Magnetic Tape Cassette and Cartridge Labelling and File Structure for Information Interchange

ANSI/ISO 8211-1994, American National Standard for Information Processing - Specification for a Data Descriptive file for Information Interchange

ISO 6093-1985, Information Processing - Specification for Representation of Numeric Values in

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<sup>1)</sup> ISO 8211 Information Technology - Specification for a Data Descriptive File for Information Interchange (October 1994) is also the ANSI standard, ANSI/ISO 8211.

Character Strings for Information Interchange  
 ISO 9293-1986, Volume and File Structure of Flexible Disk Cartridges for Information Interchange  
 ISO 9660-1986, Volume and File Structure of CD-ROM for Information Interchange

## 4 Definitions

The terms used in this part of the standard are limited to those terms in common usage, or defined in part 1 or part 2, or those found in the cited ISO 8211 document.

## 5 Nomenclature

The methodology of this part is to define ISO 8211 constructs which, for the purpose of transfer, accept the logical constructs of part 1 of the standard and preserve their meaning. Where possible, a correspondence is maintained between the module subfields and fields of part 1 and the ISO 8211 subfields and fields maintaining both identification and order when required.

The content and size of a transfer determine what fields are present and how they are collected into records and the records into files. Part 1 allows the user considerable freedom to structure records and files as needed and this part does likewise.

Table 3, in section 6, contains the specification for the ISO 8211 encoding of all module fields defined in part 1, section 5. The constructs of Table 3 are related to the logical constructs of part 1 by section references, e.g., (see part 1, 5.d.), and by the nomenclature equivalents in Table 1:

**Table 1 - Nomenclature equivalents between Part 1 and Table 3**

Part1	Table 3 <sup>1</sup>
Module Subfield	Subfield/Element Label
Subfield Name/ Mnemonic	
Module Field	Field
Field Name	Name
Field Mnemonic	Tag
Domain	Data type/format

<sup>1)</sup> ISO 8211 nomenclature

The identification nomenclature of part 1 has been used for most of the corresponding constructions of this part. The mnemonic for a module field becomes an ISO 8211 tag and the mnemonic for a subfield becomes an ISO 8211 label. Table 3 specifies any exceptions to this practice. The field names are the corresponding names in part 1. Specifications for the substantive contents and semantics of the user data subfields corresponding to the tags and labels are found in parts 1 and 2.

Table 2 is a concordance relating the ISO 8211 data types of this Part to the data types and domains of part 1, section 4.2.1.

**Table 2 - Data type concordance<sup>1</sup>**

Generic Type	ISO 8211 Data Type	Part 1 Data Type(s); Domain
Text	A	A; Graphic characters, Alphanumeric, Alphabetic
Integer	I	I; Integer
Real, fixed	R	R; Real
Real, float	S	S; Real
Logical	C	C; Binary
Binary	B	B; Binary
Binary	B	BUI, Bldd, BUldd; Integer <sup>2</sup>
Binary	B	BFPdd; Floating Point <sup>3</sup>
Integer, unsigned	B1w	BUldd; Unsigned Integer
Integer, signed	B2w	Bldd; Signed Integer
Real, float	B4w	BFPdd; Floating Point

<sup>1)</sup> The width indicators w and dd are related as follows: dd = 8\*w, w must be a legal ISO-8211 binary width.

<sup>2)</sup> Binary Integers of this type must be formatted as specified by ANSI X3.122-1986, Computer Graphics Metafile (CGM), Part 3: Binary Encoding. The BUI type is an arbitrary precision binary.

<sup>3)</sup> Binary Floating point values of this type must be formatted as specified by ANSI/IEEE 754-1985, Standard for Binary Floating-Point Arithmetic.

When an ISO-8211 type of Binary is specified for a subfield, the intended type may need to be derived from the subfields corresponding format subfield, e.g. if the X subfield of the Spatial Address field has an ISO-8211 type of B, then the intended type can be derived from the corresponding Internal Reference record's Horizontal Component Format subfield.

The following domains may result in any one of the ISO 8211 data types depending on their use: Allowable values, Standard code sets and Standard field where domain is defined in Data Dictionary.

## 6 Specifications

This section specifies the allowable subset of tags, names, labels, formats and other control information necessary to the transfer of spatial data. It specifies the limits allowed users for those ISO 8211 parameters that are permitted to vary such that transfer may be accomplished. The specifications for several media are also provided.

NOTE - Annex A suggests methods by which private agreements can extend the standard within the general specifications of ISO 8211 in order that the user can, by private agreement, transfer data not anticipated by this standard in a manner that does not conflict with this standard.

### 6.1 Specifications of ISO 8211 Constructs

Table 3 specifies the ISO 8211 tags, control fields, names, labels and formats reserved by this standard for the transfer of a set of complete modules as single or multiple files.

The field controls in Table 3 are based on the following rule. An ISO 8211 vector data structure (1x00) is used for all primary fields and other fields of part 1 that do not repeat within a module record. An ISO 8211 array data structure (2x00) is used for fields that may repeat within a module record. Alternatives to the field controls of Table 3 are specified in 6.4.1.

### 6.1.1 Notational Conventions of Table 3

The contents of Table 3 are formatted as follows:

Tag st00fuName& (See part 1, section ref.)  
[n][m,n] Label& - continued to next line as necessary  
Format;

where:

Tag	is a four character ISO 8211 tag
st00fu	are the ISO 8211 field controls
where:	s is the data structure code
	t is the data type code
	00 are required characters
	f is the printable graphic for the field terminator
	u is the printable graphic for unit terminator

NOTE - The printable graphics ";" and "&" at other locations in Table 3 represent FT(1/14) and UT(1/15), the required delimiters of the data description subfields.

Name&	is the ISO 8211 name and "&" represents its delimiter
[]	signifies that no labels are specified
[n]	signifies n subfield elements of an n-tuple
[m,n]	signifies the number of elements in a two dimensional array; often an n-tuple, repeating m times Where n is not explicitly specified, it is determined by the number of items in the user's n-tuple.
	Where m is not explicitly specified, the field is a repeating n-tuple whose first extent is determined from the data in the ISO 8211 field.
Label&	is an ISO 8211 vector label or Cartesian label and "&" represents its delimiter A vector label identifies the components of an n-tuple and has the form, lab1!lab2!...labn.
	A Cartesian label identifies the columns of a repeating table and has the form, *col1!col2!...coln.
Format;	is the ISO 8211 format control and ";" represents its delimiter.

**Table 3 - Tags, field controls, names, labels and formats**

ISO 8211 File Control Field	
0000 []	<b>0000;&amp;external file title&amp;</b> & ;  NOTE: This field exists only in the ISO 8211 data descriptive record and contains a human-readable file title
ISO 8211 Record Identifier Field	
0001 []	<b>0100;&amp;DDF RECORD IDENTIFIER&amp;</b> & ;  Note: This field is required by ISO 8211 in each record and contains a unique identifier of a data record. It is not the SDTS record identifier, RCID.
Global Information Modules (see part 1, 5.2)	
IDEN [15]	<b>1600;&amp;IDENTIFICATION&amp;</b> (See part 1, 5.2.1) MODN!RCID!STID!STVS!DOCU!PRID!PRVS!PDOC!TITL!DAID!DAST!MPDT!DCDT!SCAL!COMT&(A,I,11A,I,A);
CONF [8]	<b>1600;&amp;CONFORMANCE&amp;</b> FFYN!VGYN!GTYN!RCYN!EXSP!FTLV!CDLV!NGDM&(4A,3I,A);
ATID [m,2]	<b>2600;&amp;ATTRIBUTE ID&amp;</b> *MODN!RCID&(A,I);
CATD [10]	<b>1600;&amp;CATALOG/DIRECTORY&amp;</b> (See part 1, 5.2.2.1) MODN!RCID!NAME!TYPE!VOLM!FILE!RECD!EXTR!MVER!COMT&(A,I,4A,z,3A); where z implies (I A).
CATX [7]	<b>1600;&amp;CATALOG/CROSS-REFERENCE&amp;</b> (See part 1, 5.2.2.2) MODN!RCID!NAM1!TYP1!NAM2!TYP2!COMT&(A,I,8A);
CATS [10]	<b>1600;&amp;CATALOG/SPATIAL DOMAIN&amp;</b> (See part 1, 5.2.2.3) MODN!RCID!NAME!TYPE!DOMN!MAP!THEM!AGOB!AGTP!COMT&(A,I,5A);
SCUR [8]	<b>1600;&amp;SECURITY&amp;</b> (See part 1, 5.2.3) MODN!RCID!CLAS!CTRL!RLIS!RVDT!RVIS!COMT&(A,I,6A);
FRID [m,2]	<b>2600;&amp;Foreign ID&amp;</b> *MODN!RCID&(A,I);

(continued)

**Table 3 - Tags, field controls, names, labels and formats (continued)**

IREF [17]	<b>1600;&amp;INTERNAL SPATIAL REFERENCE&amp;</b> (See part 1, 5.2.4.1) MODN!RCID!COMT!SATP!XLBL!YLBL!HFMT!VFMT!SFAX!SFAY!SFAZ!XORG!YORG!ZORG!XHRS! YHRS!VRES& (A,I,6A,9R);
DMID [m,2]	<b>2600;&amp;DIMENSION ID&amp;</b> <b>*MODN!RCID&amp;</b> (A,I);
XREF [10]	<b>1600;&amp;EXTERNAL SPATIAL REFERENCE&amp;</b> (See part 1, 5.2.4.2) MODN!RCID!COMT!RDOC!RSNM!VDAT!SDAT!HDAT!ZONE!PROJ& (A,I,8A);
ATID [2]	<b>1600;&amp;ATTRIBUTE ID&amp;</b> MODN!RCID& (A,I);
VATT [m,4]	<b>2600;&amp;VERTICAL ATTRIBUTES&amp;</b> <b>*VDAT!VEM!ATLB!AUTH&amp;</b> (4A);
SATT [m,4]	<b>2600;&amp;SOUNDING ATTRIBUTES&amp;</b> <b>*SDAT!SEM!ATLB!AUTH&amp;</b> (4A);
DMDF [6]	<b>1600;&amp;DIMENSION DEFINITION&amp;</b> (see section 5.2.4.4) MODN!RCID!DMLB!DFMT!DRES!DDMU!DDES& (A,I,2A,z,2A); where z implies (I R S C B)  When B is specified the ISO 8211 binary data type may be extended by Dimension Component Format subfield of the Dimension Definition field, DMDF/DFMT.
DATP [m,2]	<b>2600;&amp;DIMENSION ATTRIBUTE ID&amp;</b> <b>*MODN!RCID&amp;</b> (A,I);
RGIS [3]	<b>1600;&amp;REGISTRATION&amp;</b> (See part 1, 5.2.4.3) MODN!RCID!COMT& (A,I,A);
EADS [m,3]	<b>2600;&amp;EXTERNAL REFERENCE SPATIAL ADDRESS&amp;</b> <b>*X!Y!Z&amp;</b> (3z); where z implies (R S).
IADS [m,3]	<b>2600;&amp;INTERNAL REFERENCE SPATIAL ADDRESS&amp;</b> <b>*X!Y!Z</b> (3z); where z implies (I R S B)  When B is specified by z for internal spatial address subfields, the ISO 8211 binary data type is extended by the HFMT (for X and Y) and VFMT (for Z) subfields of the associated Internal Spatial Reference module record, IREF/HFMT and IREF/VFMT.

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**Table 3 - Tags, field controls, names, labels and formats (continued)**

SPDM [5]	1600;&SPATIAL DOMAIN& (See part 1, 5.2.5) MODN!RCID!DTYP!DSTP!COMT& (A,I,3A);
DMSA [m,]	2600;&DOMAIN SPATIAL ADDRESS& *X!Y!Z& (3z); if DSTP = "INTERNAL" then z implies (I R S B) if DSTP = "EXTERNAL" then z implies (R S)  When B is specified by z for internal spatial address subfields, the ISO 8211 binary data type is extended by the HFMT (for X and Y) and VFMT (for Z) subfields of the associated Internal Spatial Reference module record, IREF/HFMT and IREF/VFMT.
DDDF [8]	1600;&DATA DICTIONARY/DEFINITION& (See part 1, 5.2.6.1) MODN!RCID!EORA!EALBISRCE!DFIN!AUTH!ADSC& (A,I,6A);
DDOM [10]	1600;&DATA DICTIONARY/DOMAIN& (See part 1, 5.2.6.2) MODN!RCID!ATLB!AUTH!ATYP!ADV!ADMU!RAVA!DVAL!DVDF& (A,I,6A,z,A); z implies (A  R S C B)  When B is specified the ISO 8211 binary data type may be extended by the Attribute Domain Value Format subfield, ADVF.
DDSH [13]	1600;&DATA DICTIONARY/SCHEMA& (See part 1, 5.2.6.3) MODN!RCID!NAME!TYPE!ETLB!EUTH!ATLB!AUTH!FMT!UNIT!PREC!MXLN!KEY& (A,I,8A,R,I,A);
STAT [6]	1600;&TRANSFER STATISTICS& (See part 1, 5.2.7) MODN!RCID!MNTF!MNRF!NREC!NSAD& (A,I,2A,2I);
Data Quality (See part 1, 5.3)	
DQHL [3]	1600;&LINEAGE& (See part 1, 5.3.1) MODN!RCID!COMT& (A,I,A);
ATID [m,2]	2600;&ATTRIBUTE ID& *MODN!RCID& (A,I);
FRID [m,2]	2600;&FOREIGN ID& *MODN!RCID& (A,I);
DQPA [3]	1600;&POSITIONAL ACCURACY& (See part 1, 5.3.2) MODN!RCID!COMT& (A,I,A);
ATID [m,2]	2600;&ATTRIBUTE ID& *MODN!RCID& (A,I);

(continued)

**Table 3 - Tags, field controls, names, labels and formats (continued)**

FRID [m,2]	2600;&FOREIGN ID& *MODN!RCID& (A,I);	
DQAA [3]	1600;&ATTRIBUTE ACCURACY& MODN!RCID!COMT& (A,I,A);	(See part 1, 5.3.3)
ATID [m,2]	2600;&ATTRIBUTE ID& *MODN!RCID& (A,I);	
FRID [m,2]	2600;&FOREIGN ID& *MODN!RCID& (A,I);	
DQLC [3]	1600;&LOGICAL CONSISTENCY& MODN!RCID!COMT& (A,I,A);	(See part 1, 5.3.4)
ATID [m,2]	2600;&ATTRIBUTE ID& *MODN!RCID& (A,I);	
FRID [m,2]	2600;&FOREIGN ID& *MODN!RCID& (A,I);	
DQCG [3]	1600;&COMPLETENESS& MODN!RCID!COMT& (A,I,A);	(See part 1, 5.3.5)
ATID [m,2]	2600;&ATTRIBUTE ID& *MODN!RCID& (A,I);	
FRID [m,2]	2600;&FOREIGN ID& *MODN!RCID& (A,I);	
Attribute Modules (See part 1, 5.4)		
ATPR [2]	1600;&ATTRIBUTE PRIMARY& MODN!RCID& (A,I);	(See part 1, 5.4.1)
OBID [2]	1600;&SPATIAL OBJECT ID& MODN!RCID& (A,I);	

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**Table 3 - Tags, field controls, names, labels and formats (continued)**

ATTP [n]	<b>1x00;&amp;PRIMARY ATTRIBUTES&amp;</b> <b>attribute1!attribute2!...!attributen&amp;</b> <b>(z,z...);</b> x is selected to be consistent with the data type z implies (A I R S C B)	When B is specified by z for attribute subfields, the ISO 8211 binary data type is extended by the Format subfield of the associated Data Dictionary Schema module record, DDSH/FMT. The attribute subfield's label will match the Attribute Label subfield of the associated Data Dictionary Schema module record, DDSH/ATLB.
ATSC [2]	<b>1600;&amp;ATTRIBUTE SECONDARY&amp;</b> (See part 1, 5.4.2) <b>MODN!RCID&amp;</b> <b>(A,I);</b>	
ATTs [n]	<b>1x00;&amp;SECONDARY ATTRIBUTES&amp;</b> <b>attribute1!attribute2!...!attributen&amp;</b> <b>(z,z...);</b> x is selected to be consistent with the data type z implies (A I R S C B)	When B is specified by z for attribute subfields, the ISO 8211 binary data type is extended by the Format subfield of the associated Data Dictionary Schema module record, DDSH/FMT. The attribute subfield's label will match the Attribute Label subfield of the associated Data Dictionary Schema module record, DDSH/ATLB.
Composite Module (See part 1, 5.5)		
COMP [3]	<b>1600;&amp;COMPOSITE&amp;</b> (See part 1, 5.5) <b>MODN!RCID!OBRP&amp;</b> <b>(A,I,A);</b>	
ATID [m,2]	<b>2600;&amp;ATTRIBUTE ID&amp;</b> <b>*MODN!RCID&amp;</b> <b>(A,I);</b>	
FRID [m,3]	<b>2600;&amp;FOREIGN ID&amp;</b> <b>*MODN!RCID!USAG&amp;</b> <b>(A,I,A(1));</b>	
CPID [m,2]	<b>2600;&amp;COMPOSITE ID&amp;</b> <b>*MODN!RCID&amp;</b> <b>(A,I);</b>	
Vector Modules (See part 1, 5.6)		
PNTS [3]	<b>1600;&amp;POINT-NODE&amp;</b> (See part 1, 5.6.1) <b>MODN!RCID!OBRP&amp;</b> <b>(A,I,A);</b>	

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**Table 3 - Tags, field controls, names, labels and formats (continued)**

SADR [3+n]	<b>2600;&amp;SPATIAL ADDRESS&amp;</b> <b>X!Y!Z!dimension1!dimension2!...!dimensionn&amp;</b> <b>(3z,v,v,...,v); where z implies (I R S B).</b> <b>where v implies (A  R S C B)</b> <p>When B is specified by z for internal spatial address subfields, the ISO 8211 binary data type is extended by the HFMT (for X and Y) and VFMT (for Z) subfields of the associated Internal Spatial Reference module record, IREF/HFMT and IREF/VFMT.</p> <p>When B is specified by v for nongeospatial dimension subfields, the ISO 8211 binary data type is extended by the DFMT subfield of the corresponding Dimension Definition module record, DMDF/DFMT. NOTE: If there is no Dimension Definition module, then the nongeospatial subfields do not apply.</p>
ATID [m,2]	<b>2600;&amp;ATTRIBUTE ID&amp;</b> <b>*MODN!RCID&amp;</b> <b>(A,I);</b>
LNID [m,3]	<b>2600;&amp;LINE ID&amp;</b> <b>*MODN!RCID!USAG&amp;</b> <b>(A,I,A(1));</b>
ARID [m,2]	<b>2600;&amp;AREA ID&amp;</b> <b>*MODN!RCID&amp;</b> <b>(A,I);</b>
CPID [m,2]	<b>2600;&amp;COMPOSITE ID&amp;</b> <b>*MODN!RCID&amp;</b> <b>(A,I);</b>
RPID [m,2]	<b>2600;&amp;REPRESENTATION MODULE ID&amp;</b> <b>*MODN!RCID&amp;</b> <b>(A,I);</b>
OSAD [m,3]	<b>2600;&amp;ORIENTATION SPATIAL ADDRESS&amp;</b> <b>*X!Y!Z&amp;</b> <b>(3z); where z implies (I R S B).</b> <p>When B is specified by z for internal spatial address subfields, the ISO 8211 binary data type is extended by the HFMT (for X and Y) and VFMT (for Z) subfields of the associated Internal Spatial Reference module record, IREF/HFMT and IREF/VFMT.</p>
PAID [m,3]	<b>2600;&amp;ATTRIBUTE PRIMARY FOREIGN ID&amp;</b> <b>*MODN!RCID!ATLB&amp;</b> <b>(A,I,A);</b>
SSAD [m,3]	<b>2600;&amp;SYMBOL ORIENTATION SPATIAL ADDRESS&amp;</b> <b>*X!Y!Z&amp;</b> <b>(3z); where z implies (I R S B).</b> <p>When B is specified by z for internal spatial address subfields, the ISO 8211 binary data type is extended by the HFMT (for X and Y) and VFMT (for Z) subfields of the associated Internal Spatial Reference module record, IREF/HFMT and IREF/VFMT.</p>

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**Table 3 - Tags, field controls, names, labels and formats (continued)**

LINE [3]	1600;&LINE& (See part 1, 5.6.2) MODN!RCID!OBRP& (A,I,A);
ATID [m,2]	2600;&ATTRIBUTE ID& *MODN!RCID& (A,I);
PIDL [2]	1600;&POLYGON ID LEFT& MODN!RCID& (A,I);
PIDR [2]	1600;&POLYGON ID RIGHT& MODN!RCID& (A,I);
SNID [2]	1600;&STARTNODE ID& MODN!RCID& (A,I);
ENID [2]	1600;&ENDNODE ID& MODN!RCID& (A,I);
CCID [m,3]	2600;&CHAIN COMPONENT ID& *MODN!RCID!USAG& (A,I,A(1));
SADR [m,3+n]	2600;&SPATIAL ADDRESS& *X!Y!Z!dimension1!dimension2!...!dimensionn& (3z,v,v,...,v); where z implies (I R S B). where v implies (A R S C B)
	When B is specified by z for internal spatial address subfields, the ISO 8211 binary data type is extended by the HFMT (for X and Y) and VFMT (for Z) subfields of the associated Internal Spatial Reference module record, IREF/HFMT and IREF/VFMT.
	When B is specified by v for nongeospatial dimension subfields, the ISO 8211 binary data type is extended by the DFMT subfield of the corresponding Dimension Definition module record, DMDF/DFMT. NOTE: If there is no Dimension Definition module, then the nongeospatial subfields do not apply.
CPID [m,2]	2600;&COMPOSITE ID& *MODN!RCID& (A,I);
RPID [m,2]	2600;&REPRESENTATION MODULE ID& *MODN!RCID& (A,I);
ARC [5]	1600;&ARC& (See part 1, 5.6.3) MODN!RCID!OBRP!SRFC!ORDR& (A,I,2A,I);

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**Table 3 - Tags, field controls, names, labels and formats (continued)**

ARAD [3,3]	<b>2600;&amp;ARC ADDRESS&amp;</b> <b>CTAD!STAD!ENAD*X!Y!Z&amp;</b> <b>(3z); where z implies (I R S B).</b>
	When B is specified by z for internal spatial address subfields, the ISO 8211 binary data type is extended by the HFMT (for X and Y) and VFMT (for Z) subfields of the associated Internal Spatial Reference module record, IREF/HFMT and IREF/VFMT.
ELAD [2,3]	<b>2600;&amp;ELLIPSE ADDRESS&amp;</b> <b>MJRA!MNRA*X!Y!Z&amp;</b> <b>(3z); where z implies (I R S B).</b>
	When B is specified by z for internal spatial address subfields, the ISO 8211 binary data type is extended by the HFMT (for X and Y) and VFMT (for Z) subfields of the associated Internal Spatial Reference module record, IREF/HFMT and IREF/VFMT.
CADR [m,3]	<b>2600;&amp;CURVE ADDRESS&amp;</b> <b>*X!Y!Z&amp;</b> <b>(3z); where z implies (I R S B)</b>
	When B is specified by z for internal spatial address subfields, the ISO 8211 binary data type is extended by the HFMT (for X and Y) and VFMT (for Z) subfields of the associated Internal Spatial Reference module record, IREF/HFMT and IREF/VFMT.
ATID [m,2]	<b>2600;&amp;ATTRIBUTE ID&amp;</b> <b>*MODN!RCID&amp;</b> <b>(A,I);</b>
CPID [m,2]	<b>2600;&amp;COMPOSITE ID&amp;</b> <b>*MODN!RCID&amp;</b> <b>(A,I);</b>
RPID [m,2]	<b>2600;&amp;REPRESENTATION MODULE ID&amp;</b> <b>*MODN!RCID&amp;</b> <b>(A,I);</b>
RING [3]	<b>1600;&amp;RING&amp;</b> (See part 1, 5.6.4) <b>MODN!RCID!OBRP&amp;</b> <b>(A,I,A);</b>
LAID [m,3]	<b>2600;&amp;LINE OR ARC FOREIGN ID&amp;</b> <b>*MODN!RCID!USAG&amp;</b> <b>(A,I,A(1));</b>
PLID [m,2]	<b>2600;&amp;POLYGON ID&amp;</b> <b>*MODN!RCID&amp;</b> <b>(A,I);</b>
POLY [m,3]	<b>2600;&amp;POLYGON&amp;</b> (See part 1, 5.6.5) <b>*MODN!RCID!OBRP&amp;</b> <b>(A,I,A);</b>

*(continued)*

**Table 3 - Tags, field controls, names, labels and formats (continued)**

ATID [m,2]	2600;&ATTRIBUTE ID& *MODN!RCID& (A,I);
RFID [m,3]	2600;&RING ID& *MODN!RCID!USAG& (A,I,A(1));
CHID [m,3]	2600;&CHAIN ID& *MODN!RCID!USAG& (A,I,A(1));
CPID [m,2]	2600;&COMPOSITE ID& *MODN!RCID& (A,I);
RPID [m,2]	2600;&REPRESENTATION MODULE ID& *MODN!RCID& (A,I);
Raster Modules (See part 1, 5.7)	
RSDF [20]	1600;&RASTER DEFINITION& (See part 1, 5.7.1) MODN!RCID!OBP!CSCD!AQMD!AQDT!COMT!DEFI!CMPR!CMMD!DCOM!METH!RWXT!CLXT!PLX T!SCOR!SCPT!TIDX!TIFT! TIDS!ALTN!FSCN!ASPR!NLAY& (A,I,10A,3I,A,I,A,R,I);
ISID [2]	1600;&INTERNAL SPATIAL ID& MODN!RCID& (A,I);
RDXT [m,2]	2600;&RASTER DIMENSION EXTENT& *DEXT!DSCO& (I,A);
SADR [3+n]	1600;&SPATIAL ADDRESS& X!Y!Z!dimension1!dimension2!...!dimensionn& (3z,v,v,...,v); where z implies (I R S B). where v implies (A I R S C B)  When B is specified by z for internal spatial address subfields, the ISO 8211 binary data type is extended by the HFMT (for X and Y) and VFMT (for Z) subfields of the associated Internal Spatial Reference module record, IREF/HFMT and IREF/VFMT.  When B is specified by v for nongeospatial dimension subfields, the ISO 8211 binary data type is extended by the DFMT subfield of the corresponding Dimension Definition module record, DMDF/DFMT. NOTE: If there is no Dimension Definition module, then the nongeospatial subfields do not apply.
XXLB [m,1]	2600;&X-AXIS LABEL& *CAVL& (z); where z implies (I R S B)  When B is specified the ISO 8211 binary data type may be extended by Horizontal Component Format subfield of the Internal Spatial Reference field, IREF/HFMT.

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**Table 3 - Tags, field controls, names, labels and formats (continued)**

YXLB [m,1]	<b>2600;&amp;Y-AXIS LABEL&amp;</b> <b>*RAVL&amp;</b> <b>(z); where z implies (I R S B)</b>  When B is specified the ISO 8211 binary data type may be extended by Horizontal Component Format subfield of the Internal Spatial Reference field, IREF/HFMT.
ZXLB [m,1]	<b>2600;&amp;Z-AXIS LABEL&amp;</b> <b>*ZAVL&amp;</b> <b>(z); where z implies (I R S B)</b>  When B is specified the ISO 8211 binary data type may be extended by Vertical Component Format subfield of the Internal Spatial Reference field, IREF/VFMT.  The DAL? field will produce permutations when more than two nongeospatial dimensions are labeled. Each permutation will be encoded into one ISO-8211 Array field, as follows.
DAL1 [m,1]	<b>2600;&amp;DIMENSION AXIS LABEL&amp;</b> <b>*DXVL&amp;</b> <b>(z); where z implies (A  R S C B)</b>  When B is specified the ISO 8211 binary data type may be extended by Dimension Component Format subfield of the associated Dimension Definition module record, DMDF/DFMT.
DAL2 [m,1]	<b>2600;&amp;DIMENSION AXIS LABEL&amp;</b> <b>*DXVL&amp;</b> <b>(z); where z implies(A  R S C B)</b>  When B is specified the ISO 8211 binary data type may be extended by Dimension Component Format subfield of the associated Dimension Definition module record, DMDF/DFMT.
DALn [m,1]	<b>2600;&amp;DIMENSION AXIS LABEL&amp;</b> <b>*DXVL</b> <b>(z); where z implies (A  R S C B)</b> where n may be any legal ISO-8211 field tag character.  When B is specified the ISO 8211 binary data type may be extended by Dimension Component Format subfield of the associated Dimension Definition module record, DMDF/DFMT.
LYID [m,2]	<b>2600;&amp;LAYER ID&amp;</b> <b>*MODN!RCID&amp;</b> <b>(A,I);</b>
RATP [m,2]	<b>2600;&amp;RASTER ATTRIBUTE ID&amp;</b> <b>*MODN!RCID&amp;</b> <b>(A,I);</b>

*(continued)*

**Table 3 - Tags, field controls, names, labels and formats (continued)**

CPID [m,2]	2600;&COMPOSITE ID& *MODN!RCID& (A,I);
LDEF [17]	1600;&LAYER DEFINITION& (See part1, 5.7.2) MODN!RCID!CMNM!LLBL!CODE!BMSK!NROW!NCOL!NPLA!SORI!SOCI!SOP!RWOO!CLOO! PLOO!INTR!COMT& (A,I,3A,C,9I,2A);
LDXT [m,4]	2600;&LAYER DIMENSION EXTENT& *DEXT!SODM!DTOO!DINR& (3I,A);
LATP [m,2]	2600;&LAYER ATTRIBUTE ID& *MODN!RCID& (A,I);
CELL [6]	1600;&CELL& (See section 5.7.3) MODN!RCID!ROW!!COLI!PLAI!TIND& (A,4I,z); where z implies (I B)  When B is specified the ISO 8211 binary data type may be extended by the Tesselar Index Format subfield of the Raster Definition module record, RSDF/TIFT.
DNDX [m,1]	2600;&DIMENSION INDEX& *ANVL& (I);
SADR [3+n]	1600;&SPATIAL ADDRESS& X!Y!Z!dimension1!dimension2!...!dimensionn& (3z,v,v,...,v); where z implies (I R S B). where v implies (A R S C B)  When B is specified by z for internal spatial address subfields, the ISO 8211 binary data type is extended by the HFMT (for X and Y) and VFMT (for Z) subfields of the associated Internal Spatial Reference module record, IREF/HFMT and IREF/VFMT.  When B is specified by v for nongeospatial dimension subfields, the ISO 8211 binary data type is extended by the DFMT subfield of the corresponding Dimension Definition module record, DMDF/DFMT. NOTE: If there is no Dimension Definition module, then the nongeospatial subfields do not apply.
ATID [m,2]	*MODN!RCID& (A,I);

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**Table 3 - Tags, field controls, names, labels and formats (continued)**

The Data Descriptive Record for the **CVLS** field depends on the Cell Sequencing Code SubField and the number of layers being transferred per Cell Module. Based on these conditions, each Cell module can be classified into one of the categories. NOTE: One and only one of the following categories will apply for a given Cell module.

<b>CVLS</b> [m,n]	<b>2x00;&amp;CELL VALUES&amp;</b> <b>&amp;</b> <b>(z);</b> where z implies (A  R S C B)  This form works for layers interleaved by line or stream. No labels are used. A dope vector describes the number of dimensions and the extent of each as pertaining to the amount of cell values stored in this ISO 8211 record.  When B is specified the ISO 8211 binary data type may be extended by the Format subfield of the associated Data Dictionary/Schema module record, DDSH/FMT. The layer subfield's label will match the Attribute Label subfield of the associated Data Dictionary Schema module record, DDSH/ATLB.
<b>CVLS</b> [m,n]	<b>2x00;&amp;CELL VALUES&amp;</b> <b>*layer1!layer2!...!layerN&amp;</b> <b>(z,z, ...z);</b> x is selected to be consistent with the data type where z implies (A  R S C B) This form works for layers interleaved by pixel, or for a single layer where only one label is present.  When B is specified the ISO 8211 binary data type may be extended by the Format subfield of the associated Data Dictionary/Schema field, DDSH/FMT. The layer subfield's label will match the Attribute Label subfield of the associated Data Dictionary Schema module record, DDSH/ATLB. One cell value from each layer will be placed in one repetition of the CVLS array. It is possible to encode all layers of the raster into a single ISO-8211 array.
Graphic Representation (See part 1, 5.8)	
<b>TEXT</b> [14]	<b>1600;&amp;TEXT REPRESENTATION&amp;</b> (See part 1, 5.8.1) MODN!RCID!BSCL!SSCL!LSCL!CLDX!CHHT!FTDX!TPTH!UTXA!VTXA!CHEX!CHSP!SANG&(A,5I,R,I,3A,3R);
<b>LNRP</b> [8]	<b>1600;&amp;LINE REPRESENTATION&amp;</b> (See part 1, 5.8.2) MODN!RCID!BSCL!SSCL!LSCL!CLDX!LTYP!LWTH&(A,6I,R);
<b>SYRP</b> [8]	<b>1600;&amp;SYMBOL REPRESENTATION&amp;</b> (See part 1, 5.8.3) MODN!RCID!BSCL!SSCL!LSCL!CLDX!SMKR!MKSZ&(A,6I,R);
<b>AFIL</b> [9]	<b>1600;&amp;AREA FILL REPRESENTATION&amp;</b> (See part 1, 5.8.4) MODN!RCID!BSCL!SSCL!LSCL!CLDX!FTYP!HIDX!PIDX&(A,5I,A,2I);
<b>CLRX</b> [6]	<b>1600;&amp;COLOR INDEX&amp;</b> (See part 1, 5.8.5) MODN!RCID!RED!GREN!BLUE!BLCK&(A,I,4R);
<b>FONT</b> [3]	<b>1600;&amp;FONT INDEX&amp;</b> (See part 1, 5.8.6) MODN!RCID!FNTN&(A,I,z); where z implies I A.

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When explicitly specified for a subfield, the ISO 8211 data type format code i.e., A, I, R, S, C, B) is given.

The formats of subfields with user delimiters or fixed extents will require completion by the user.

The presence of "z" implies that the data type must be supplied by the user from the list of allowed types.

See 6.1.3 (e) for format variations.

The presence of:

"lowercase" implies a user assigned name, label or data type code.

Solid lines, "\_\_\_\_\_", group associated sets of tags and field descriptions that form a spatial data module (i.e., the associated fields lie between the solid lines). The primary field of the set is listed first and the secondary fields, if any, are listed after the primary field.

## 6.1.2 Tags, Names and Labels

The tags, names, and labels shall conform to the meanings specified in part 1 and to Table 3. The spelling of tags, names and labels shall conform to the spellings of Table 3. Labels shall occur in the order specified in Table 3 (see 6.2 for missing data specifications). Where there is a requirement in part 1 for the preservation of the order of module fields and (or) subfields or for the associations between module fields or subfields, this ordering shall be preserved by the order of the ISO 8211 records, fields and subfields.

NOTE - This section is a constraint on the permissiveness of part 1, 4.1.3.1 and 4.1.3.3.3 with respect to order.

Data descriptive fields that have no specified labels may be augmented by user-supplied labels for the identification of subfield data (see part 1, 5.4).

ISO 8211 does not allow duplicate tags in the same data descriptive record. When there is a need to have duplicate instances of the same generic field description of Table 3 in the same data descriptive record, a tag is permitted to have an optional fifth character to make the tags for the two instances unique.

For example two attribute modules may be encoded in the same file with primary attribute tags:

```
ATTP1 1600;&PRIMARY ATTRIBUTES&
STATE!COUNTY!LAND
(A2),A(15),I(1));
```

```
ATTP2 2600;&PRIMARY ATTRIBUTES&
*VEG_TYPE!STOCKING_DATE&
(I1),A(8));
```

The length of the tags within a file must be uniform. Thus when a fifth character is required for uniqueness for some tags, all tags must be five character tags. The use of the character "blank" is not recommended.

## 6.1.3 Permitted Variations in Field Controls and Formats

ISO 8211 field controls and formats shall conform to Table 3 in the following manner:

- a) Data Structure (byte 1) -- This control shall agree with the structure of the data in the field. Structure codes of 1 and 2 are interchangeable according to the specifications of 6.4.1.
- b) Data Type (byte 2) -- This control shall agree with the data type of the corresponding user data.
- c) Reserved bytes (bytes 3-4) -- No variation.
- d) Printable Delimiters (bytes 5-6) -- The printable graphics to be substituted on display for the field terminator and the unit terminator may be selected by the user to prevent conflict with the data.

NOTE - The printable graphics, ";" and "&" at other locations in Table 3 represent FT(1/14) and UT(1/15).

- e) Format -- The format shall agree with the user data in data type. The widths of fixed-width subfields and the delimiters of variable-width subfields shall agree with the data.

NOTE - The format controls of Table 3 are specifications that do not include the subfield extents. If used without change the subfield extents would default in ISO 8211 to variable-length subfields with the system delimiter, (1/15). This might result in poor file design; for reasons of efficiency, fixed width subfields are preferred over variable width subfields.

NOTE - The field terminator (FT(1/14)) and the subfield terminator, either the user selected terminator or the unit terminator (UT(1/15)) are not considered a part of the user data and are not subject to the domain constraints that apply to the user data.

#### **6.1.4 Order of Data Items in Arrays**

The order of data items in arrays must match the order of the ISO 8211 subfield labels. In ISO 8211 the subfield labels for an array are specified as the Cartesian product of vector labels. These labels when multiplied out correspond to the order of the data.

$$a!b!c!...!n*x!y!z = ax ay az bx by bz cx... nz$$

Notice that the labels in the last vector vary fastest in the sequence. Hence, the order of data in arrays is essentially row-order, with the right-most label varying fastest.

When the first vector label is preceded by an asterisk (referred to as a null vector label in ISO 8211), then the Cartesian product of the vector labels can be thought of collectively as an n-tuple, and this n-tuple can be repeated in the data. In other words, this allows a single field to have multiple values corresponding to the same set of sub-field labels.

If an array has a fixed dimension and extent in all data records and a Cartesian label is not required, the label may be replaced by an array descriptor comprising the dimension of the array followed by the extent of each vector, all separated by commas. For instance for a 2 dimensional array with 1024 rows and 512 columns, this descriptor will be: 2,1024,512. This descriptor is also referred to as a "dope vector."

## **6.2 Missing Data**

See part 1, 4.1.3.3.5, 4.1.3.3.6 and 4.1.3.3.9.

This section specifies the methods by which the implementation permits the representation of missing data.

### **6.2.1 Fields Missing from Entire Files**

When a data field is missing from all the data records of a file, the corresponding tag and data descriptive field may be omitted from the DDR of the file. (See part 1, 4.1.3.3.5)

### **6.2.2 Fields Missing from Specific Data Records**

Missing fields may be indicated by omitting the tag from the data record directory and the field from user data area of the data record. (See part 1, 4.1.3.3.5)

### **6.2.3 Consistently Missing Data Sub-fields**

When a labeled data subfield is consistently missing throughout a file in one of the tagged fields specified in Table 3, then the subfield label corresponding to that data subfield may be omitted from the list of labels. The remaining labels shall occur in the order specified in Table 3. (See part 1, 4.1.3.3.6.)

### **6.2.4 Intermittently Missing Data Sub-fields**

When a data subfield is intermittently missing, a delimited data format shall be specified and a null data value comprising zero bytes shall be placed in the user data field followed by the appropriate delimiter. (See part 1, 4.1.3.3.9)

## **6.3 Foreign Identifiers**

Foreign identifiers shall agree in data structure, data type and format with their references. The referenced record shall exist in the transfer file set.

## **6.4 Repeating Fields and Records**

### **6.4.1 Repeating Fields**

Where part 1 permits or requires repeated fields (within and (or) between module records and (or) between modules) a data structure control of 2 (array) may be used allowing multiple instances of the data n-tuples in the same field. This can reduce overhead and keep similar data in close proximity. Conversely, where Table 3 specifies a structure control of 2, a structure control of 1 may be used, possibly requiring use of additional fields with the same tag. Regardless of the structure control, the option also exists to use additional fields with the same tag and (or) to place the data in a separate record. Changes to the specifications of Table 3 are further subject to the restrictions of sections 7 and 8. The required ordering of fields shall always be preserved.

NOTE - It is advisable to keep both fields and records to a reasonable maximum length.

### **6.4.2 Repeating Records**

When a file contains records having repeated fixed formats, the user may drop the ISO 8211 leader/directory as specified in that standard.

NOTE - This is most applicable to those modules that are relational in structure and should be transparent to the user.

## **7 Assignment of Fields to Records and Files**

This section assigns ISO 8211 field to ISO 8211 records and ISO 8211 records to ISO 8211 files. These assignments are determined by the specifications of part 1, Table 4 with the further constraints of part 1, 4.1.3.4.1, section 7 of this part and ISO 8211 ordering constraints.

### **7.1 Global Modules**

Each ISO 8211 record shall contain the ISO 8211 fields representing one and only one module record.

Each ISO 8211 file shall contain the ISO 8211 records representing the data of one and only one global module.

### **7.2 Other Modules**

The ISO 8211 records containing data from modules not included in 7.1 may contain ISO 8211 fields from one or more modules subject to the general constraints of this section.

The ISO 8211 files containing data from modules not included in 7.1 may contain ISO 8211 records from one or more modules subject to the general constraints of this section.

NOTE - The user should not indiscriminately merge unrelated modules.

### **7.3 Multi-volume Files**

Nothing in this section shall prevent the user from constructing multi-volume files if this is required by the volume of data and supported by the media standards. Multi-volume files shall be described in the Catalog/Directory module.

In the event the media do not support multi-volume files, any multiple files necessary to transfer large volumes of data shall be described in the Catalog/Directory module.

## **8 Record Structure**

See part 1, 4.1.3.4.1.

A record may contain fields from more than one module. This section provides specifications for resolving and preventing conflicting associations of primary and secondary fields.

### **8.1 Restriction on Primary Fields in Level 2 Files**

A record in a level 2 file shall not contain two or more primary fields having, in that record, a common secondary field or fields.

### **8.2 Primary and Secondary Fields in Level 3 Files**

A record in a level 3 file may contain multiple primary fields without restriction. The logical association of primary fields with secondary fields shall be determined by the ISO 8211 inter-field tree structure.

### **8.3 Arbitrary Field Sequence**

In order to specify an arbitrary sequence of fields, a tree in which all fields are offspring of the ISO 8211 record identification field may be used.

## **9 Data Representation**

### **9.1 Numeric Data**

Character representation of numeric data shall conform to ISO 6093 with the provision that FULL STOP, i.e., period, shall be used for the decimal mark. Numeric fields shall be right adjusted.

### **9.2 Dates**

A date in a numeric field shall be entered in the format YYYYMMDD.

### **9.3 Binary Data**

Binary data shall be represented in ISO 8211 bit fields and subfields. These bit fields shall conform to the specifications of ISO 8632-3. The ISO 8211 subfield widths shall be specified as B(n) and the additional X3.122 format information shall be placed in the applicable Data Dictionary/Domain or Data Dictionary/Schema or Internal Spatial Reference or Raster module.

## **10 Media Requirements**

The variable length records of ISO 8211 may be written on several media. This section specifies requirements for several standardized media.

When SDTS is used for archival purposes, selection of a media should consider permanency and

expected length of future ability to read such media. Profiles may further address allowable media and media standards.

## **10.1 General Requirements**

The ISO 8211 logical records must be written, blocked and spanned across the media physical records (blocks, sectors or packets) without further record demarcations. Any unused bytes of the last media record of a file may optionally be filled with CARET characters (5/14).

## **10.2 Magnetic Tapes**

The ISO 8211 records must be blocked and spanned into fixed length records of 2048 bytes in a blocksize of 2048 bytes conforming to level 2 of ANSI X3.27 and other applicable standards.

## **10.3 Flexible Diskettes**

Diskettes must be written in conformance to ISO 9293. The ISO 8211 records must be blocked and spanned into sectors without record delimiters or control fields other than the record length provided in ISO 8211.

## **10.4 Magnetic Tape Cartridges and Cassettes**

The ISO 8211 records must be blocked and spanned into fixed length records of 2048 bytes in a blocksize of 2048 bytes conforming to level 2 of ANSI 4341 and other applicable standards.

## **10.5 Compact Disk Read Only Memory**

The ISO 8211 records must be blocked and spanned into fixed length media records of 2048 bytes in a Logical Block size of 2048 bytes with Record Format = 0 conforming to level 1 of ISO 9660 and other applicable standards.

# **11 Conformance**

A Spatial Data Transfer file set is in conformance with this standard when all data files, records and fields are in conformance with the applicable media standards, ISO 8211, the specifications of part 3, sections 6 to 10 of this standard, and the required specifications of parts 1 and 2 of this standard.

A single, simple README file, that informs the

recipient of the nature of the file set, may be provided as the first file on a sequential media volume set and in the root directory of a random access media volume.



## **Annex A**

(informative)

### **Guidelines for Private Agreements**

Private agreements limit the scope of transfer and are discouraged. Recurring needs for similar private agreements with a significant number of users should be referred to the maintenance organization of the standard.

The inclusion of ancillary data should be accomplished within the framework of ISO 8211 by defining private tags, names and labels. Inasmuch as ISO 8211 permits the association of tags within records, there is no need to compromise the tags and labels of this standard and conforming software. The following guidelines insure that no compromise will exist:

- a) Do not use the tags, names and labels of this standard with any other meaning or with controls not specified for use with them.
- b) Define private agreement tags, names and labels as a completely separate set using lower case characters and in full compliance with ISO 8211.
- c) Users anticipating the participation in private agreements should design software processing tags and fields within the context of ISO 8211 and subfields within the context of this standard.
- d) Use the 0002 tag of ISO 8211 in the DDR to describe the nature of the private agreement and to alert the recipient of the presence of the agreement.