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1. Introduction

1.1 Conventions

The following subsections describe conventions used in Arm documents.





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Convention	Use
<i>italic</i>	Citations.
bold	Interface elements, such as menu names. Terms in descriptive lists, where appropriate.
monospace	Text that you can enter at the keyboard, such as commands, file and program names, and source code.
monospace <u>underline</u>	A permitted abbreviation for a command or option. You can enter the underlined text instead of the full command or option name.
<and>	Encloses replaceable terms for assembler syntax where they appear in code or code fragments. For example: <pre>MRC p15, 0, <Rd>, <CRn>, <CRm>, <Opcode_2></pre>
SMALL CAPITALS	Terms that have specific technical meanings as defined in the <i>Arm® Glossary</i> . For example, IMPLEMENTATION DEFINED , IMPLEMENTATION SPECIFIC , UNKNOWN , and UNPREDICTABLE .
 Caution	Recommendations. Not following these recommendations might lead to system failure or damage.
 Warning	Requirements for the system. Not following these requirements might result in system failure or damage.
 Danger	Requirements for the system. Not following these requirements will result in system failure or damage.
 Note	An important piece of information that needs your attention.

Convention	Use
 Tip	A useful tip that might make it easier, better or faster to perform a task.
 Remember	A reminder of something important that relates to the information you are reading.

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2. Known issues

This document records known issues in the Arm Architecture Reference Manual Supplement, The Scalable Matrix Extension (SME), for Armv9-A (DDI 0616), Issue B.a.

Key

- C = Clarification.
- D = Defect.
- R = Relaxation.
- E = Enhancement.

2.1 C1402: SME

In sections D1.1.27 (FCLAMP) and D1.2.5 (FCLAMP), the text that reads:

If at least one element value contributing to a result is numeric and the others are either numeric or a quiet NaN, then the result is the numeric value.

is changed to read:

Regardless of the value of FPCR.AH, the behavior is as follows for each minimum number and maximum number operation:

- Negative zero compares less than positive zero.
- If one input is numeric and the other is a quiet NaN, the result is the numeric value.
- When FPCR.DN is 0, if either value is a signaling NaN or if both values are NaNs, the result is a quiet NaN.
- When FPCR.DN is 1, if either value is a signaling NaN or if both values are NaNs, the result is Default NaN.

2.2 D1423: SME

In section E3.1.6 (SMIDR_EL1, Streaming Mode Identification Register), the following new fields are added:

Affinity2, bits [51:32]

The most significant 20 bits of the SMCU affinity for this PE, to be used in conjunction with SMIDR_EL1.Affinity.

SH, bits [14:13]

Indicates whether the implementation of Streaming SVE mode in this PE is shared with other PEs.

SH	Meaning
0b00	Refer to SMIDR_EL1.Affinity.
0b01	Reserved.
0b10	The implementation of Streaming SVE mode is not shared with other PEs.
0b11	The implementation of Streaming SVE mode is shared with other PEs.

In the same section, the field 'Affinity, bits [11:0]' that reads:

The SMCU affinity of the accessing PE.

- A value of zero indicates that the PE's implementation of Streaming SVE mode is not shared with other PEs.
- Otherwise, the value identifies which SMCU is associated with this PE. The Affinity value associated with each SMCU is unique within the system as a whole.

is changed to read:

The least significant 12 bits of the SMCU affinity for this PE.

- If SMIDR_EL1.SH is 0b00 and this field is zero, then the implementation of Streaming SVE mode is not shared with other PEs.
- If SMIDR_EL1.SH is 0b00 and this field is not zero, then the implementation of Streaming SVE mode is shared with other PEs.
- Otherwise, SMIDR_EL1.SH indicates whether the implementation of Streaming SVE mode is shared with other PEs.

If the implementation of Streaming SVE mode is shared, then the concatenated value SMIDR_EL1.{Affinity2,Affinity} identifies which shared SMCU is associated with the PE. The 32-bit value associated with each SMCU is unique within the system as a whole.

Additionally, in section C1.2.4 (Streaming execution priority for shared implementations), the rules that read:

R_{WPVQK}

All PEs in a Priority domain have the same value of SMIDR_EL1.Affinity.

R_{CVLSF}

PEs in differing Priority domains have different values of SMIDR_EL1.Affinity.

are changed to read:

R_{WPVQK}

All PEs in a Priority domain have the same value of SMIDR_EL1.Affinity and SMIDR_EL1.Affinity2.

R_{CVLSF}

PEs in differing Priority domains have different values of SMIDR_EL1.Affinity or SMIDR_EL1.Affinity2.

2.3 D1441: SME

In section D1.1.104 (LUTI2 (two registers)), the Operation pseudocode that reads:

```
for r = 0 to nreg-1
    integer base = (segment * nreg + r) * elements;
    bits(VL) result = Z[d, VL];
    for e = 0 to elements-1
        integer index = UInt(Elem[indexes, base+e, isize]);
        Elem[result, e, esize] = Elem[table, index, 32]<esize-1:0>;
    Z[d, VL] = result;
```

is corrected to remove the spurious read of Z[d]:

```
for r = 0 to nreg-1
    integer base = (segment * nreg + r) * elements;
    bits(VL) result;
    for e = 0 to elements-1
        integer index = UInt(Elem[indexes, base+e, isize]);
        Elem[result, e, esize] = Elem[table, index, 32]<esize-1:0>;
    Z[d, VL] = result;
```

The same change is applied in the following sections:

- D1.1.105 (LUTI2 (four registers)).
- D1.1.106 (LUTI2 (single)).
- D1.1.107 (LUTI4 (two registers)).
- D1.1.108 (LUTI4 (four registers)).
- D1.1.109 (LUTI4 (single)).

2.4 D1458: SME

In sections D1.1.102 (LDR (vector)) and D1.1.218 (STR (vector)), the Operation pseudocode that reads:

```
integer moffs = offset * dim;
...
boolean aligned = IsAligned(base + offset, 16);
if !aligned && AlignmentEnforced() then
    AArch64.Abort(base + moffs, AlignmentFault(accdesc));
```

is corrected to read:

```
integer moffs = offset * dim;
...
boolean aligned = IsAligned(base + moffs, 16);
if !aligned && AlignmentEnforced() then
    AArch64.Abort(base + moffs, AlignmentFault(accdesc));
```

2.5 C1588: SME

In section C1.2.1 (Exception priorities), the following rule is added after R_{ZZBRC}:

When an SVE MOVPRFX instruction predictably prefixes an SVE instruction that is illegal due to the current value of PSTATE.SM or PSTATE.ZA, then execution of either of the instructions generates a synchronous SME exception with ESR_ELx.EC value 0x1D and an ISS code that is not 0x0000000, consistent with the behaviors defined by rule R_{RWVTR} in subsection SVE MOVPRFX exception entry behavior of Arm Architecture Reference Manual for A-profile architecture [1].

2.6 C1603: SME

The following SME instruction description sections:

- D1.1.102 (LDR (vector)).
- D1.1.103 (LDR (ZT0)).
- D1.1.130 (MOVT (ZT0 to scalar)).
- D1.1.131 (MOVT (scalar to ZT0)).
- D1.1.218 (STR (vector)).
- D1.1.219 (STR (ZT0)).
- D1.1.291 (ZERO (tile)).
- D1.1.292 (ZERO (ZT0)).

are changed to read:

- D1.1.102 “LDR (array vector)”.
- D1.1.103 “LDR (table)”.
- D1.1.130 “MOVT (table to scalar)”.
- D1.1.131 “MOVT (scalar to table)”.
- D1.1.218 “STR (array vector)”.
- D1.1.219 “STR (table)”.
- D1.1.291 “ZERO (tiles)”.

- D1.1.292 “ZERO (table)”.

The changes to the SME qualified instruction titles are applied throughout the supplement.

2.7 R1610: SME

In section D1.1.121 (MOVA (tile to vector, four registers)), in the ‘64-bit’ encoding variant, the decode pseudocode that reads:

```
if !HaveSME2() then UNDEFINED;  
...
```

is updated to read:

```
if !HaveSME2() then UNDEFINED;  
if MaxImplementedSVL() < 256 then UNDEFINED;  
...
```

Similarly, in section D1.1.282 (UZP (two registers)), in the ‘128-bit’ encoding variant, the decode pseudocode that reads:

```
if !HaveSME2() then UNDEFINED;  
constant integer esize = 128;  
...
```

is updated to read:

```
if !HaveSME2() then UNDEFINED;  
if MaxImplementedSVL() < 512 then UNDEFINED;  
constant integer esize = 128;  
...
```

Equivalent changes are made in the following sections:

- D1.1.126 (MOVA (vector to tile, four registers)), when esize == 64.
- D1.1.281 (UZP (four registers)), when esize >= 64.
- D1.1.293 (ZIP (four registers)), when esize >= 64.
- D1.1.294 (ZIP (two registers)), when esize == 128.