

# Asterix category 017 - Mode S Surveillance Coordination Function Messages

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## Preamble

Surveillance data exchange.

## Description of standard data items

### I017/000 - Message Type

definition: Definition of the type of message in the Surveillance Coordination Network (SCN) environment

Element

bit size: 8

Values:

**0:** Network information

**10:** Track data

**20:** Track data request

**21:** Track data stop

**22:** Cancel track data request

**23:** Track data stop acknowledgement

**30:** New Node / Change-over Initial or intermediate message segment

**31:** New Node / Change-over Final or only message segment

**32:** New Node / Change-over Initial or intermediate message segment  
reply

**33:** New Node / Change-over Final or only message segment reply

**110:** Move node to new cluster state;

**111:** Move node to new cluster state acknowledgement

#### NOTE:

- Message types 30 to 33 are specific to POEMS stations.

### I017/010 - Data Source Identifier

definition: Identification of the source node for the SCN data  
Group

#### I017/010/SAC - System Area Code

Element

bit size: 8

Raw Content

#### I017/010/SIC - System Identification Code

Element

bit size: 8

Raw Content

#### NOTE:

- The up-to-date list of SACs is published on the Eurocontrol Web Site (<http://www.eurocontrol.int/asterix>).

## **I017/012 - Data Destination Identifier**

definition: Identification of the destination node for the SCN data.

Group

### **I017/012/SAC - System Area Code**

Element  
bit size: 8  
Raw Content

### **I017/012/SIC - System Identification Code**

Element  
bit size: 8  
Raw Content

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## **I017/045 - Calculated Position in WGS-84 Coordinates**

definition: Calculated Position in WGS-84 Coordinates.

Group

### **I017/045/LAT - Latitude**

Element  
bit size: 24  
Signed quantity  
 $LSB = 180/2^{25} \text{ }^\circ \approx 5.36441802978515625e - 6 \text{ }^\circ$   
unit: "°"  
 $\geq -90.0$   
 $\leq 90.0$

### **I017/045/LON - Longitude**

Element  
bit size: 24  
Signed quantity  
 $LSB = 180/2^{25} \text{ }^\circ \approx 5.36441802978515625e - 6 \text{ }^\circ$   
unit: "°"  
 $\geq -180.0$   
 $< 180.0$

#### **NOTE:**

- See Annex A for calculation details

## **I017/050 - Flight Level in Binary Representation**

definition: Flight Level of the Aircraft

Group

### **I017/050/V**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
**0**: Code validated

1: Code not validated

#### **I017/050/G**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

0: Default

1: Garbled code / Error correction applied

#### **I017/050/ALT - Altitude**

Element

bit size: 14

Unsigned quantity

LSB =  $1/2^2$  FL  $\approx$  0.25 FL

unit: "FL"

#### **NOTES:**

1. The value shall be within the range described by ICAO Annex 10
2. Bit-15 (G) is set to one when an error correction has been attempted
3. In case of a track miss (coasted position) the flight level sent will be either the predicted flight level from the vertical tracking or the last measured flight level, if no vertical tracking is performed. Bit 7 (FLT) of I017/240 (Track Status) indicates whether vertical tracking was performed or not.

### **I017/070 - Mode 3/A Code in Octal Representation**

definition: Mode 3/A code converted into octal representation.

Group

#### **I017/070/V**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

0: Code validated

1: Code not validated

#### **I017/070/G**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

0: Default

1: Garbled code

#### **I017/070/L**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

0: Mode-3/A code derived from the reply of the transponder

1: Smoothed Mode-3/A code not extracted during the last scan

Spare bits: 1

### **I017/070/MODE3A - Mode 3/A Reply in Octal Representation**

Element

bit size: 12

Octal string (3-bits per char)

#### **NOTES:**

1. Bit 15 is set to one when an error correction has been attempted
2. The data could be used to correlate tracks with non unique Mode S addresses

## **I017/140 - Time of Day**

definition: Absolute time stamping expressed as Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) time.

Element

bit size: 24

Unsigned quantity

LSB =  $1/2^7$  s  $\approx 7.8125e - 3$  s

unit: "s"

< 86400.0

### **NOTE:**

- The time of day is reset to zero each day at midnight

## **I017/200 - Track Velocity in Polar Co-ordinates**

definition: Calculated track velocity expressed in polar co-ordinates. The heading is the heading with respect to the geographical north at the aircraft position. For clarification see annex A, paragraph5.

Group

### **I017/200/GSP - Calculated Groundspeed**

Element

bit size: 16

Unsigned quantity

LSB =  $1/2^{14}$  NM/s  $\approx 6.103515625e - 5$  NM/s

unit: "NM/s"

### **I017/200/HDG - Calculated Heading**

Element

bit size: 16

Unsigned quantity

LSB =  $360/2^{16}$  °  $\approx 5.4931640625e - 3$  °

unit: "°"

## **I017/210 - Mode S Address List**

definition: Repetitive Data Item starting with a one-octet Repetition Factor followed by at least one Mode S Address of 3-octets length.

Repetitive

Regular, 1 byte(s) REP field size.

Element

bit size: 24

Raw Content

### **NOTE:**

- This data item shall be sent even if there is no Mode S Address. In this case it is reduced in length to one octet only (REP =0) with all bits set to zero.

## **I017/220 - Aircraft Address**

definition: Aircraft address (24-bits Mode S address) assigned uniquely to each aircraft.

Element  
bit size: 24  
Raw Content

### **I017/221 - Duplicate Address Reference Number (DRN)**

definition: A number uniquely identifying the aircraft in case the Mode-S Address is not unique.

Element  
bit size: 16  
Raw Content

#### **NOTE:**

1. The DRN shall be added to the Track Data message, if the radar node, which is sending the Track Data messages, detects two or more aircraft with the same mode-S address in its coverage. How the numbers are generated is determined by the sending station.
2. The radar node receiving the Track Data Messages containing a DRN shall add this DRN in the corresponding "Cancellation of Track Data" message.
3. The DRN is used to associate the "Cancellation of Track Data" message with the corresponding "Track Data" messages.
4. The cluster controller node will not use the DRN in the track data message, because there is no cancellation.

### **I017/230 - Transponder Capability**

definition: Communications capability of the transponder received in the All-Call reply when the aircraft is initially acquired.

Group

#### **I017/230/CA - Communications Capability of the Transponder**

Element  
bit size: 3  
Values:

- 0:** No communications capability (surveillance only), no ability to set CA code 7 either airborne or on the ground
  - 1:** Reserved
  - 2:** Reserved
  - 3:** Reserved
  - 4:** At Least Comm. A and Comm. B capability and the ability to set CA code 7 and on the ground
  - 5:** At Least Comm. A and Comm. B capability and the ability to set CA code 7 and airborne
  - 6:** At Least Comm. A and Comm. B capability and the ability to set CA code 7 and either airborne or on the ground
  - 7:** Signifies the DR field is not equal to 0 or the FS field equals 2, 3, 4 or 5 and either airborne or on the ground
- SI/II-capabilities of the Transponder

#### **I017/230/SI - SI/II-capabilities of the Transponder**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:

- 0:** Transponder SI capable
- 1:** Transponder not SI capable

Spare bits: 4

### **I017/240 - Track Status**

definition: Status of the track position

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**I017/240/CST - Track Coasted**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** Measured position

**1:** No measured position (coasted)

**I017/240/FLT - Flight Level Tracking**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** Last Measured Flight Level

**1:** Predicted Flight Level

Spare bits: 6

**NOTE:**

- This item shall not be sent when CST and FLT equal zero.

**I017/350 - Cluster Station/Node List**

definition: List of stations/nodes stored in the known network topology maintained by NMP. The topology to be reported is as defined in the SCN ICD.

Repetitive

Regular, 1 byte(s) REP field size.

Group

**I017/350/SAC - System Area Code**

Element

bit size: 8

Raw Content

**I017/350/SIC - System Identification Code**

Element

bit size: 8

Raw Content

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**I017/360 - Cluster Controller Command State**

definition: Defines the current mode and state in which a cluster station, the radar node taking part in the cluster, should be operating.

Element

bit size: 8

Raw Content

**NOTE:**

- The Cluster Controller will use this field to select the state in which a cluster station should be operating and the cluster station will use this field to indicate to the cluster controller the adopted state.

**I017/SP - Special Purpose Field**

definition: Special Purpose Field

Explicit (SpecialPurpose)

## User Application Profile

- 1: I017/010 - Data Source Identifier
- 2: I017/012 - Data Destination Identifier
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- 4: I017/350 - Cluster Station/Node List
- 5: I017/220 - Aircraft Address
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- 7: I017/140 - Time of Day
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- 8: I017/045 - Calculated Position in WGS-84 Coordinates
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- 11: I017/200 - Track Velocity in Polar Co-ordinates
- 12: I017/230 - Transponder Capability
- 13: I017/240 - Track Status
- 14: I017/210 - Mode S Address List
- (FX) - Field extension indicator
- 15: I017/360 - Cluster Controller Command State
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- 21: I017/SP - Special Purpose Field
- (FX) - Field extension indicator