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# 1 Scope

The present document specifies the AMR-WB backward compatible functions of the EVS codec.

The present document is a high level overview of the functionality with reference to the Codec Detailed Algorithmic Description where the functionality is specified in detail.

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# 2 References

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

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- [1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".
- [2] 3GPP TS 26.445: "Codec for Enhanced Voice Services (EVS); Codec Detailed Algorithmic Description".
- [3] 3GPP TS 26.442: " Codec for Enhanced Voice Services (EVS); ANSI C code (fixed-point)".
- [4] 3GPP TS 26.443: " Codec for Enhanced Voice Services (EVS); ANSI C code (floating-point)".
- [5] 3GPP TS 26.444: " Codec for Enhanced Voice Services (EVS); Test Sequences".
- [6] 3GPP TS 26.447: " Codec for Enhanced Voice Services (EVS); Error Concealment of Lost Packets".
- [7] 3GPP TS 26.448: " Codec for Enhanced Voice Services (EVS); Jitter Buffer Management".
- [8] 3GPP TS 26.449: " Codec for Enhanced Voice Services (EVS); Comfort Noise Generation (CNG) Aspects".
- [9] 3GPP TS 26.450: " Codec for Enhanced Voice Services (EVS); Discontinuous Transmission (DTX)".
- [10] 3GPP TS 26.451: " Codec for Enhanced Voice Services (EVS); Voice Activity Detection (VAD)".
- [11] 3GPP TS 26.171: "Speech codec speech processing functions; Adaptive Multi-Rate - Wideband (AMR-WB) speech codec; General description".
- [12] 3GPP TS 26.173: "ANSI-C code for Adaptive Multi-Rate - Wideband (AMR-WB) speech codec".
- [13] 3GPP TS 26.190: "Speech codec speech processing functions; Adaptive Multi-Rate - Wideband (AMR-WB) speech codec; Transcoding functions".
- [14] 3GPP TS 26.191: "Speech codec speech processing functions; Adaptive Multi-Rate - Wideband (AMR-WB) speech codec; Error concealment of erroneous or lost frames".
- [15] 3GPP TS 26.192: "Speech codec speech processing functions; Adaptive Multi-Rate - Wideband (AMR-WB) speech codec; Comfort noise aspects".
- [16] 3GPP TS 26.193: "Speech codec speech processing functions; Adaptive Multi-Rate - Wideband (AMR-WB) speech codec; Source controlled rate operation".

- [17] 3GPP TS 26.194: "Speech codec speech processing functions; Adaptive Multi-Rate - Wideband (AMR-WB) speech codec; Voice Activity Detector (VAD)".
- [18] 3GPP TS 26.201: "Speech codec speech processing functions; Adaptive Multi-Rate - Wideband (AMR-WB) speech codec; Frame structure".
- [19] 3GPP TS 26.202: "Speech codec speech processing functions; Adaptive Multi-Rate - Wideband (AMR-WB) speech codec; Interface to Iu, Uu, and Nb".
- [20] 3GPP TS 26.204: "Speech codec speech processing functions; Adaptive Multi-Rate - Wideband (AMR-WB) speech codec; ANSI-C code".
- [21] IETF RFC 4867: "RTP Payload Format and File Storage Format for the Adaptive Multi-Rate (AMR) and Adaptive Multi-Rate Wideband (AMR-WB) Audio Codecs".
- [22] 3GPP TS 26.452: "Codec for Enhanced Voice Services (EVS); ANSI C code; Alternative fixed-point using updated basic operators".

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## 3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. An abbreviation defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same abbreviation, if any, in TR 21.905 [1].

AMR-WB	Adaptive Multi Rate Wideband (codec)
CNG	Comfort Noise Generator
DTX	Discontinuous Transmission
EVS	Enhanced Voice Services
FB	Fullband
IO	Interoperable
JBM	Jitter Buffer Management
NB	Narrowband
SID	Silence Insertion Descriptor
SWB	Super Wideband
VAD	Voice Activity Detection
WB	Wideband

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## 4 General

The EVS coder provides enhanced AMR-WB backward compatible operation over all nine source bit rates from 6.6 kbit/s to 23,85 kbit/s, including AMR-WB backward compatible DTX operation. This backward compatible operation is referred to AMR-WB interoperable (AMR-WB IO).

Frames generated by an EVS AMR-WB IO encoder can be decoded by an AMR-WB decoder, without the need for transcoding. Correspondingly, frames generated by an AMR-WB encoder can be decoded by an EVS AMR-WB IO decoder, without the need for transcoding.

In addition to encoder and decoder enhancements, the AMR-WB backward compatible functions in the EVS coder provide the following extra functionalities compared to the AMR-WB coder specified in [11] to [17] and [20]:

- Support of input and output sampling frequencies other than 16 kHz (i.e. 8, 32, 48 kHz)
- Inclusion of jitter buffer management for AMR-WB backward compatible functions
- Switching between AMR-WB IO bit rates and primary EVS bit rates at any 20 ms speech frame boundary

The present document is mandatory for implementation in all network entities and UEs supporting the EVS codec.

In the case of discrepancy between the EVS codec backward compatible functions described in the present document and its ANSI-C code specification contained in [3] the procedure defined by [3] prevails. In the case of discrepancy between the procedure described in the present document and its ANSI-C code specification contained in [4] the

procedure defined by [4] prevails. In the case of discrepancy between the procedure described in the present document and its ANSI-C code specification contained in [22] the procedure defined by [22] prevails.

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## 5 AMR-WB backward compatible transcoding functions

The AMR-WB backward compatible transcoding functions of the EVS coder are described in [2].

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## 6 AMR-WB backward compatible ANSI-C code

The ANSI C-code of the EVS codec, including backward compatible functions, is described in [3] and [22] for fixed point arithmetic operation, using different sets of basic operators, and is described in [4] for floating point arithmetic operation.

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## 7 AMR-WB backward compatible error concealment of erroneous or lost frames

The EVS coder AMR-WB backward compatible error concealment of erroneous or lost frames is described in [2], [6] and [7].

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## 8 AMR-WB backward compatible comfort noise aspects

The AMR-WB backward compatible comfort noise aspects of EVS coder are described in [2] and [8].

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## 9 AMR-WB backward compatible source controlled rate operation

The EVS coder AMR-WB backward compatible source controlled rate operation of the Enhanced Voice Services codec is defined in [2] and [9]. This DTX operation is compliant with [16].

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## 10 AMR-WB backward compatible Voice Activity Detector (VAD)

The AMR-WB backward compatible VAD function of EVS coder is described in [2] and [10].

The VAD algorithm description is detailed in [2], and the corresponding C-code is defined in [3], [4] and [22].

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## 11 AMR-WB backward compatible frame structure and interface to lu, Uu, and Nb

The EVS coder AMR-WB backward compatible part of the EVS coder supports the formats (IF1, IF2, MIME, RFC 4867 [21]) defined in [18] and [19].



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