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"Reserved Expansion
Field"**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Scope

This document describes the way to encode information in the Reserved Expansion Field of ASTERIX Cat 007 (Directed Interrogations).

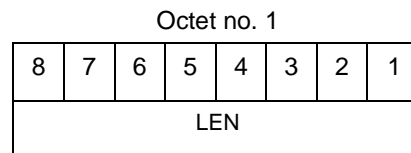
2. DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTENT OF RESERVED EXPANSION FIELD

2.1 Length Indicator

Definition : This field indicates the total length in octets of the Reserved Expansion Field (including the REF length indicator itself)

Format : One-octet fixed length Data Item

Structure:



bits 8-1 (LEN) Length of REF in octets, including the Length Indicator itself.

Encoding Rule :

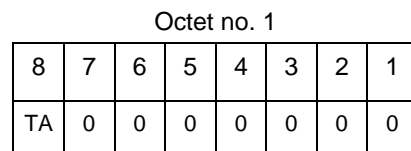
This item shall be present in every REF

2.2 Items indicator

Definition : This field indicates what are the items encoded in the REF

Format : One-octet fixed length Data Item

Structure:



bit 8 (TA) = 0 Target Altitude is not present in the REF
 = 1 Target Altitude is present in the REF

bits 7/1 Spare bits set to 0

Encoding Rule :

This item shall be present in every REF

2.3

TA Target Altitude

Definition: Potential height of a target to be interrogated. The height shall use mean sea level as the zero reference level.

Format: Four-octet fixed length Data Item.

Structure:

Octet no. 1								Octet no. 2							
32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17
0	0	T _{Amax}											LSB		

Octet no. 3								Octet no. 4							
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
0	0	T _{Amin}											LSB		

bits-32/31	(spare)	Spare bits, set to 0
bits-30/17	(T _{Amax})	Maximum value of potential target altitude
bit 17	(LSB)	=25ft
bits-16/15	(spare)	Spare bits, set to 0
bits-14/1	(T _{Amin})	Minimum value of potential target altitude
bit 1	(LSB)	=25ft

NOTE: Negative Values are expressed in two's complement
 $T_{Amin} \leq T_{Amax}$

Encoding Rule :
 This Item is optional.

Application :

When operating a sensor on a moving platform (such as a ship) it is subjected to movements around the three special axes (heading, roll, pitch).

As shown in the diagram hereafter, the start and end value for the interrogation window differs depending on the movement of the sensor. In order to compensate for these variations, it is required to indicate to the sensor the altitude of the target in order to calculate the potential differences in the start and end angle of the interrogation window.

This REF implements the capability to indicate to the sensor the potential height band in which the target to be interrogated can be expected.

