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**Open standards for interfaces for compressed television signals**

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The proposals to use compressed signals on a number of new television recording formats have raised a number of questions about interfaces.

There are a number of advantages in interconnecting equipment associated with these formats using interfaces which carry the compressed signals.

These advantages include:

- the avoidance of multiple coding and decoding,
- cost effective storage on disc and tape,
- the possibility of non-real-time transfer, particularly at faster than real-time.

However, to best exploit these advantages, broadcasters should be able to interconnect equipment from a variety of manufacturers.

Therefore, the **EBU requires:**

- that a single interface should be defined to carry compressed television signals
- that all elements of the interface should be open and fully specified.