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Revision history

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June 12, 2023	Initial Release for LXI 1.6.1
Feb 16, 2025	New rule that IPv4 shall have a Command-and-Control Interface

1 Interpretations and Clarifications

1.1 Overview

After writing and approving a specification by members of the LXI Consortium, there are cases where it is necessary to clarify wording that may be misunderstood or that misrepresented the intent of a rule, recommendation, or other guidance. Rather than making such changes to a specification and reintroducing it for approval, the Interpretations and Clarifications document will contain all such changes until a future revision of the affected specification makes it reasonable to introduce those changes for broad approval.

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1.3 IPv4 shall have a Command-and-Control Interface

The IPv6 Extended Function has a Rule 21.1.3 that a Command-and-Control Interface must be provided on IPv6. To be consistent a rule needs to be added that IPv4 must have a Command-and-Control interface.

For now, we don't deem changing the Device Specification to add this small and obvious rule. When the Device Specification is updated, this new rule will be added:

8.14 Rule – IPv4 Instrument Control Connections

LXI IPv4 Devices shall support Command and Control connections using at least one IPv4-based protocol.