

## **Proposal for C23 WG14 N2600**

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This proposal is a revision of N2559 to include needed changes pointed out by Joseph Myers during the October 2020 WG14 meeting. These changes include:

- Reference to IEC 60559:2011 as superseded. (Change #16)
- Bibliography update. (Change #17)

Also, the proposal has been re-based on N2573, the current C23 draft.

The suggested changes below update draft C23 (N2573) to the latest version of the floating-point standard: IEC 60559:2020 (IEEE 754-2019). For background on the update see N2531.

The suggested changes include:

- Updates to the references to the floating-point standard. (Change #1 - 3)
- An update to the introduction to Annex F. (Change #3)
- Corrected/sharpened qualifications. (Change #4, 5, 14)
- Changes to move bindings from the remarks following the binding table in F.3 #1 into the table itself. (Change #6 -13)
- Clarification about how C functions are represented in the binding tables in F.3. (Change #5, 14)
- New IEC 60559 operations (corresponding to existing C functions) added in the binding table in F.3 #23. (Change #15)

N2532 includes changes to accommodate the new min-max functions in IEC 60559:2020.

### **Suggested changes:**

1. Change 2 #6:

~~[6] IEC 60559:1989, Binary floating-point arithmetic for microprocessor systems (previously designated IEC 559:1989).~~

to:

[6] ISO/IEC 60559:2020, *Floating-point arithmetic*.

2. Change footnote 23:

23) IEC 60559:1989 specifies quiet and signaling NaNs. For implementations that do not support IEC 60559:1989, the terms quiet NaN and signaling NaN are intended to apply to values with similar behavior

3. Change F.1 #1-2:

~~[1] This annex specifies C language support for the IEC 60559 floating-point standard. The IEC 60559 floating-point standard is specifically Floating-point arithmetic (ISO/IEC/IEEE 60559:2011), also designated as IEEE Standard for Floating-Point Arithmetic (IEEE 754-2008). The IEC 60559 floating-point standard supersedes the IEC 60559:1989 binary arithmetic standard, also designated as IEEE Standard for Binary Floating-Point Arithmetic (IEEE 754-1985). IEC 60559 generally refers to the floating-point standard, as in IEC 60559 operation, IEC 60559 format, etc.~~

~~[2] The IEC 60559 floating-point standard specifies decimal, as well as binary, floating-point arithmetic. It supersedes IEEE Standard for Radix-Independent Floating-Point Arithmetic (ANSI/IEEE 854-1987) which generalized the binary arithmetic standard (IEEE 754-1985) to remove dependencies on radix and word length.~~

to:

[1] This annex specifies C language support for the IEC 60559 floating-point standard. The *IEC 60559 floating-point standard* is specifically *Floating-point arithmetic* (ISO/IEC 60559:2020), also designated as *IEEE Standard for Floating-Point Arithmetic* (IEEE 754-2019). *IEC 60559* generally refers to the floating-point standard, as in IEC 60559 operation, IEC 60559 format, etc.

[2] The IEC 60559 floating-point standard is a minor upgrade to IEC 60559:2011 (IEEE 754-2008). IEC 60559:2011 was a major upgrade to IEC 60559:1989 (IEEE 754-1985), specifying decimal as well as binary floating-point arithmetic.

4. Change footnote 384:

384) Since NaNs created by IEC 60559 *arithmetic* operations are always quiet, quiet NaNs (along with infinities) are sufficient for closure of the arithmetic.

5. In F.3 #1, change the first sentence:

[1] C operators, functions, and function-like macros provide ~~the~~ operations ~~required~~ specified by IEC 60559 as shown in the following table. In the table, C functions are represented by the function name without a type suffix.

6. In the operation binding table in F.3 #1, add:

getPayload	<b>getpayload</b>	F.10.13.1
setPayload	<b>setpayload</b>	F.10.13.2
setPayloadSignaling	<b>setpayloadsig</b>	F.10.13.3

7. In the operation binding table in F.3 #1, add:

quantize	<b>quantize</b>	7.12.15.1
sameQuantum	<b>samequantum</b>	7.12.15.2
quantum	<b>quantum</b>	7.12.15.3

8. In the operation binding table in F.3 #1, add:

encodeDecimal	<b>encodedec</b>	7.12.16.1
decodeDecimal	<b>decodedec</b>	7.12.16.2
encodeBinary	<b>encodebin</b>	7.12.16.3
decodeBinary	<b>decodebin</b>	7.12.16.4

9. Delete F.3 #9:

~~[9] The C **getpayload**, **setpayload**, and **setpayloadsig** (F.10.13) functions provide program access to NaN payloads, defined in IEC 60559.~~

10. Delete F.3 #15:

~~[14] The **quantizedN** functions (7.12.15.1) provide the quantize operation defined in IEC 60559 for decimal floating point arithmetic.~~

11. Delete F.3 #19:

~~[18] The **samequantumN** functions (7.12.15.2) provide the sameQuantum operation defined in IEC 60559 for decimal floating point arithmetic.~~

12. Change F.3 #21:

[21] The ~~**quantumN**~~ (7.12.15.3) and ~~**llquantexpdN**~~ (7.12.15.4) functions (7.12.15.4) compute ~~the quantum and~~ the (quantum) exponent  $q$  defined in IEC 60559 for decimal numbers viewed as having integer significands.

13. Delete F.3 #22-24:

~~[21] The `encodeDecN` (7.12.16.1) and `decodeDecN` (7.12.16.2) functions provide the `encodeDecimal` and `decodeDecimal` operations defined in IEC 60559 for decimal floating-point arithmetic.~~

~~[22] The `encodeBinN` (7.12.16.3) and `decodeBinN` (7.12.16.4) functions provide the `encodeBinary` and `decodeBinary` operations defined in IEC 60559 for decimal floating-point arithmetic.~~

14. In F.3 #24, change the first sentence:

[24] The C functions in the following table provide **mathematical** operations recommended by IEC 60559 ~~and similar operations~~. The C functions are represented by the function name without a type suffix.

15. In the binding table in F.3 #24, change the three rows:

<code>tanPi</code>	<code>tanpi</code>	7.12.4.14, F.10.1.14
<code>asinPi</code>	<code>asinpi</code>	7.12.4.9, F.10.1.9
<code>acosPi</code>	<code>acospi</code>	7.12.4.8, F.10.1.8

16. Change F.3 #3:

[3] The `fmin` and `fmax` functions provide the `minNum` and `maxNum` operations specified in ~~(superseded)~~ IEC 60559:2011.

17. In the Bibliography, replace:

~~[7] ANSI/IEEE 754–1985, American National Standard for Binary Floating-Point Arithmetic.~~

[8] ANSI/IEEE 854–1988, American National Standard for Radix-Independent Floating-Point Arithmetic.

with:

[7] IEC 60559:1989, Binary floating-point arithmetic for microprocessor systems.

[7a] ISO/IEC 60559:2011, Floating-point arithmetic.

[8] ANSI/IEEE 854–1987, American National Standard for Radix-Independent Floating-Point Arithmetic.