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Abstract

This document specifies the IPFIX protocol that serves for transmitting IP traffic flow information over the network. In order

to transmit IP traffic flow information from an exporting process to an information collecting process, a common representation of flow data and a standard means of communicating them is required. This document describes how the IPFIX data and templates records are carried over a number of transport protocols from an IPFIX exporting process to an IPFIX collecting process.

Conventions used in this document

The key words "MUST", "MUST NOT", "REQUIRED", "SHALL", "SHALL NOT", "SHOULD", "SHOULD NOT", "RECOMMENDED", "MAY", and "OPTIONAL" in this document are to be interpreted as described in [RFC 2119](#) [[RFC2119](#)].

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[1.](#) Introduction

The IPFIX Information Model [[RFC5102](#)] defines an extensible list of Information Elements which may be transmitted by the IPFIX protocol [[RFC5101](#)].

This document lists a series of new Information Elements to update the IPFIX Information Model, and acts as the persistent publication medium requested in the IANA considerations section of the IPFIX Information Model [[RFC5102](#)] ("The specification of new IPFIX Information Elements MUST use the template specified in [section 2.1](#) and MUST be published using a well established and persistent publication medium").

[2.](#) Terminology

IPFIX-specific terminology used in this document is defined in [section 2](#) of the IPFIX Protocol [[RFC5101](#)]. As in the IPFIX Protocol [[RFC5101](#)], these IPFIX-specific terms have the first letter of a word capitalized when used in this document.

2.1 IPFIX Documents Overview

The IPFIX Protocol [[RFC5101](#)] provides network administrators with access to IP flow information.

The architecture for the export of measured IP flow information out of an IPFIX exporting process to a collecting process is defined in the IPFIX Architecture [[IPFIX-ARCH](#)], per the requirements defined in [RFC 3917](#) [[RFC3917](#)].

The IPFIX Architecture [[IPFIX-ARCH](#)] specifies how IPFIX Data Records and Templates are carried via a congestion-aware transport protocol from IPFIX Exporting Processes to IPFIX Collecting Processes.

IPFIX has a formal description of IPFIX Information Elements, their name, type and additional semantic information, as specified in the IPFIX Information Model [[RFC5102](#)].

Finally the IPFIX Applicability Statement [[IPFIX-AS](#)] describes what type of applications can use the IPFIX protocol and how they can use the information provided. It furthermore shows how the IPFIX framework relates to other architectures and frameworks.

2.2 PSAMP Documents Overview

The document "A Framework for Packet Selection and Reporting" [PSAMP-FMWK], describes the PSAMP framework for network elements to select subsets of packets by statistical and other methods, and to export a stream of reports on the selected packets to a collector.

The set of packet selection techniques (sampling, filtering, and hashing) supported by PSAMP are described in "Sampling and Filtering Techniques for IP Packet Selection" [[PSAMP-TECH](#)].

The PSAMP protocol [[PSAMP-PROTO](#)] specifies the export of packet information from a PSAMP Exporting Process to a PSAMP Collecting Process. Like IPFIX, PSAMP has a formal description of its information elements, their name, type and additional semantic information. The PSAMP information model is defined in [[PSAMP-INFO](#)].

Finally [[PSAMP-MIB](#)] describes the PSAMP Management Information Base.

3. Information Element Identifiers

The value of the Information Element identifiers are in the range of 1 - 32767. Within this range, Information Element identifier values in the sub-range of 1-127 are compatible with field types used by NetFlow version 9 [[RFC3954](#)].

The following list gives an overview of the new Information Element identifiers that are in the range 1-127. These Information Elements were previously RESERVED according to the IPFIX Information Model [[RFC5102](#)] and IANA.

ID	Name
82	interfaceName
83	interfaceDescription
~	~
89	forwardingStatus
~	~
91	mplsTopLabelPrefixLength
~	~
98	postIpDiffServCodePoint
99	multicastReplicationFactor

The following list gives an overview of new Information Elements, not part of the RESERVED range. It also displays the ideal Information Element identifiers that we would like IANA to assign. Note that the following web site <http://ipfix.netlab.nec.de/infoElements.php>, maintained by the IPFIX Chair (Juergen Quittek) is a placeholder for the allocation of the Information Element Id, while waiting for the IANA assignments.

ID	Name
225	postNATSourceIPv4Address
226	postNATDestinationIPv4Address
227	postNAPTSourceTransportPort
228	postNAPTDestinationTransportPort
229	natOriginatingAddressRealm
230	natEvent
231	InitiatorOctets
232	ResponderOctets
233	firewallEvent
234	ingressVRFID
235	egressVRFID
236	VRFname
~	~
240	ethernetHeaderLength
241	ethernetPayloadLength
242	ethernetTotalLength
243	dot1qVlanId
244	dot1qPriority
245	dot1qCustomerVlanId
246	dot1qCustomerPriority
247	metroEvcId
248	metroEvcType
249	pseudoWireId
250	pseudoWireType
251	pseudoWireControlWord
252	ingressPhysicalInterface
253	egressPhysicalInterface
254	postDot1qVlanId
255	postDot1qCustomerVlanId
256	ethernetType
~	~
335	selectorName

[4.](#) New Information Elements in the range 1-127

[4.1](#) interfaceName

Description:

A short name uniquely describing an interface, eg "Eth1/0".

Abstract Data Type: string

ElementId: 82

Status: current

Reference:

See [RFC 2863](#) [[RFC2863](#)] for the definition of the ifName object.

4.2 interfaceDescription

Description:

The description of an interface, eg "FastEthernet 1/0" or "ISP connection".

Abstract Data Type: string

ElementId: 83

Status: current

Reference:

See [RFC 2863](#) [[RFC2863](#)] for the definition of the ifDescr object.

4.3 forwardingStatus

Description:

Describes the forwarding status of the flow and any attached reasons.

Forwarding Status is a variable length field with length of 1, 2 or 4 octets.

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The values of this element are to be allocated from IANA registries which can be found at <http://www.iana.org/assignments/>...

A. When length = 1 octet:

```

    0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
+--+--+--+--+--+--+
| S |          |
| t | Reason   |
| a | codes    |
| t | or       |
| u | flags    |
| s |          |
+--+--+--+--+--+--+

```

Status:

00b = Unknown
 01b = Forwarded
 10b = Dropped
 11b = Consumed

Reason codes:

Reason codes are defined per status code.

Reason Code (status = 01b, Forwarded):

000000b = Unknown
000001b = Fragmented
000010b = Not Fragmented

Reason Code (status = 10b, Dropped):

000000b = Unknown
000001b = ACL Deny
000010b = ACL drop
000011b = Unroutable
000100b = Adjacency
000101b = Fragmentation & DF set
000110b = Bad header checksum
000111b = Bad total Length
001000b = Bad Header Length
001001b = bad TTL
001010b = Policer
001011b = WRED
001100b = RPF
001101b = For us
001110b = Bad output interface
001111b = Hardware

Reason Code (status = 11b, Consumed):

000000b = Unknown
000001b = Punt Adjacency
000010b = Incomplete Adjacency
000011b = For us

Example 1:

```
hex dump: 01 000000
decode:    01          -> Forward
           000000     -> No further information
```

Example 2:

```
hex dump: 10 001001
decode   : 10          -> Drop
           001001     -> Fragmentation & DF set
```


B. When length = 2 octets:

A length of 2 indicates an extended reason:

```

bit 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1
    0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5
+-----+-----+
|Status & Reason | Extended Reason|
+-----+-----+

```

The status and reason are as defined in (A) above. The extended reasons are yet to be defined.

C. When length = 4 octets:

If there are further extensions to the reason, the field length is 4:

```

0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 3 3
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1
+-----+-----+-----+-----+
|Status & Reason | Extended Reason|           Further Extensions           |
+-----+-----+-----+-----+

```

The status, reason and extended reason are as defined in (B) above. Further extended reasons are yet to be defined.

Abstract Data Type: octetArray
 Data Type Semantics: flags
 ElementId: 89
 Status: current

4.4 mplsTopLabelPrefixLength

Description:

The prefix length of the subnet of the mplsTopLabelIPv4Address that the MPLS top label will cause the Flow to be forwarded to.

Abstract Data Type: unsigned 8
 Data Type Semantics: identifier
 ElementId: 91
 Status: current
 Units: bits
 Range: The valid range is 0-32
 Reference:

See [RFC 3031](#) for the association between MPLS labels and prefix lengths.

4.5 postIpDiffServCodePoint

Description:

The definition of this Information Element is identical to the definition of Information Element 'ipDiffServCodePoint', except that it reports a potentially modified value caused by a middlebox function after the packet passed the Observation Point.

Abstract Data Type: unsigned8

Data Type Semantics: identifier

ElementId: 98

Status: current

Range: The valid range is 0-63.

Reference:

See [RFC 3260](#) [[RFC3260](#)] for the definition of the Differentiated Services Field. See [section 5.3.2 of RFC 1812](#) [[RFC1812](#)] and [RFC 791](#) [[RFC791](#)] for the definition of the IPv4 TOS field. See [RFC 2460](#) [[RFC2460](#)] for the definition of the IPv6 Traffic Class field. See the IPFIX Information Model [[RFC5102](#)] for the 'ipDiffServCodePoint' specification.

4.6 multicastReplicationFactor

Description:

The amount of multicast replication that's applied to a traffic stream.

Abstract Data Type:

Data Type Semantics:

ElementId: 99

Status: current

Reference:

See [RFC 1112](#) [[RFC1112](#)] for the specification of reserved IPv4 multicast addresses. See [RFC 4291](#) [[RFC4291](#)] for the specification of reserved IPv6 multicast addresses.

5. New Information Elements in the range 128-32767

5.1 postNATSourceIPv4Address

Description:

The definition of this Information Element is identical to the definition of Information Element 'sourceIPv4Address', except that it reports a modified value caused by a NAT middlebox function after the packet passed the Observation Point.

Abstract Data Type: ipv4Address

Data Type Semantics: identifier

ElementId: 225

Status: current

Reference:

See [RFC 791](#) [[RFC791](#)] for the definition of the IPv4 source address field. See [RFC 3022](#) [[RFC3022](#)] for the definition of NAT. See [RFC 3234](#) [[RFC3234](#)] for the definition of middleboxes.

5.2 postNATDestinationIPv4Address

Description:

The definition of this Information Element is identical to the definition of Information Element 'destinationIPv4Address', except that it reports a modified value caused by a NAT middlebox function after the packet passed the Observation Point.

Abstract Data Type: ipv4Address

Data Type Semantics: identifier

ElementId: 226

Status: current

Reference:

See [RFC 791](#) [[RFC791](#)] for the definition of the IPv4 destination address field. See [RFC 3022](#) [[RFC3022](#)] for the definition of NAT. See [RFC 3234](#) [[RFC3234](#)] for the definition of middleboxes.

5.3 postNAPTSourceTransportPort

Description:

The definition of this Information Element is identical to the definition of Information Element 'sourceTransportPort', except that it reports a modified value caused by a Network Address Port Translation (NAPT) middlebox function after the packet passed the Observation Point.

Abstract Data Type: unsigned16

Data Type Semantics: identifier

ElementId: 227

Status: current

Reference:

See [RFC 768](#) [[RFC768](#)] for the definition of the UDP source port field. See [RFC 793](#) [[RFC793](#)] for the definition of the TCP source port field. See [RFC 4960](#) [[RFC4960](#)] for the definition of SCTP.

See [RFC 3022](#) [[RFC3022](#)] for the definition of NAPT. See [RFC 3234](#) [[RFC3234](#)] for the definition of middleboxes.

Additional information on defined UDP and TCP port numbers can be found at <http://www.iana.org/assignments/port-numbers>.

5.4 postNAPTDestinationTransportPort

Description:

The definition of this Information Element is identical to the definition of Information Element 'destinationTransportPort', except that it reports a modified value caused by a Network Address Port Translation (NAPT) middlebox function after the packet passed the Observation Point.

Abstract Data Type: unsigned16

Data Type Semantics: identifier

ElementId: 228

Status: current

Reference:

See [RFC 768](#) [[RFC768](#)] for the definition of the UDP source port field. See [RFC 793](#) [[RFC793](#)] for the definition of the TCP source port field. See [RFC 4960](#) [[RFC4960](#)] for the definition of SCTP. See [RFC 3022](#) [[RFC3022](#)] for the definition of NAPT. See [RFC 3234](#) [[RFC3234](#)] for the definition of middleboxes. Additional information on defined UDP and TCP port numbers can be found at <http://www.iana.org/assignments/port-numbers>.

5.5 natOriginatingAddressRealm

Description:

Indicates whether the session was created because traffic originated in the private or public address realm. postNATSourceIPv4Address, postNATDestinationIPv4Address, postNAPTSourceTransportPort, and postNAPTDestinationTransportPort are qualified with the address realm in perspective.

The allowed values are:

Private: 1

Public: 2

Abstract Data Type: unsigned8

Data Type Semantics: flags

ElementId: 229

Status: current

Reference:

See [RFC 3022](#) [[RFC3022](#)] for the definition of NAT.

5.6 natEvent

Description:

Indicates a NAT event. The allowed values are:

1 - Create event.

2 - Delete event.

A Create event is generated when a NAT translation is created, whether dynamically or statically. A Delete event is generated when a NAT translation is deleted.

Abstract Data Type: unsigned8

Data Type Semantics:

ElementId: 230

Status: current

Reference:

See [RFC 3022](#) [[RFC3022](#)] for the definition of NAT.

[5.7](#) initiatorOctets

Description:

The total number of layer 4 payload bytes in a flow from the initiator. The initiator is the device which triggered the session creation, and remains the same for the life of the session.

Abstract Data Type: unsigned64

Data Type Semantics:

ElementId: 231

Status: current

[5.8](#) responderOctets

Description:

The total number of layer 4 payload bytes in a flow from the responder. The responder is the device which replies to the initiator, and remains the same for the life of the session.

Abstract Data Type: unsigned64

Data Type Semantics:

ElementId: 232

Status: current

[5.9](#) firewallEvent

Description:

Indicates a firewall event. The allowed values are:

- 0 - Ignore (invalid)
- 1 - Flow Created
- 2 - Flow Deleted
- 3 - Flow Denied
- 4 - Flow Alert

Abstract Data Type: unsigned8

Data Type Semantics:

ElementId: 233

Status: current

5.10 ingressVRFID

Description:

An unique identifier of the VRFname where the packets of this flow are being received. This identifier is unique per Metering Process

Abstract Data Type: unsigned32

Data Type Semantics:

ElementId: 234

Status: current

5.11 egressVRFID

Description:

An unique identifier of the VRFname where the packets of this flow are being sent. This identifier is unique per Metering Process

Abstract Data Type: unsigned32

Data Type Semantics:

ElementId: 235

Status: current

5.12 VRFname

Description:

The name of a VPN Routing and Forwarding table (VRF).

Abstract Data Type: string

ElementId: 236

Status: current

Reference:

See [RFC 4364](#) [[RFC4364](#)] for the definition of VRF.

5.13 ethernetHeaderLength

Description:

The difference between the length of an Ethernet frame (minus the FCS) and the length of its MAC Client Data section (including any padding) as defined in section 3.1 of [[IEEE.802-3.2005](#)]. It does not include the Preamble, SFD and Extension field lengths.

Abstract Data Type: unsigned8

Data Type Semantics: identifier

ElementId: 240

Status: current

Units: octets

Reference:

- (1) [[IEEE.802-3.2005](#)]

5.14 ethernetPayloadLength

Description:

The length of the MAC Client Data section (including any padding) of a frame as defined in section 3.1 of [[IEEE.802-3.2005](#)].

Abstract Data Type: unsigned16

Data Type Semantics: identifier

ElementId: 241

Status: current

Units: octets

Reference:

- (1) [[IEEE.802-3.2005](#)]

5.15 ethernetTotalLength

Description:

The total length of the Ethernet frame (excluding the Preamble, SFD, Extension and FCS fields) as described in section 3.1 of [[IEEE.802-3.2005](#)].

Abstract Data Type: unsigned16

Data Type Semantics: identifier

ElementId: 242

Status: current

Units: octets

Reference:

- (1) [[IEEE.802-3.2005](#)]

5.16 dot1qVlanId

Description:

The value of the 12-bit VLAN Identifier portion of the Tag Control Information field of an Ethernet frame as described in section 3.5.5 of [[IEEE.802-3.2005](#)]. The structure and semantics within the Tag Control Information field are defined in IEEE P802.1Q. In case of a QinQ frame, it represents the outer tag's VLAN identifier and in case of an IEEE 802.1ad frame it represents the Service VLAN identifier in the S-TAG Tag Control Information (TCI) field as described in [[IEEE.802-1ad.2005](#)].

Abstract Data Type: unsigned16

Data Type Semantics: identifier

ElementId: 243

Status: current

Reference:

- (1) [[IEEE.802-3.2005](#)]

- (2) [[IEEE.802-1ad.2005](#)]

5.17 dot1qPriority

Description:

The value of the 3-bit User Priority portion of the Tag Control Information field of an Ethernet frame as described in [section 3.5.5](#) of [[IEEE.802-3.2005](#)]. The structure and semantics within the Tag Control Information field are defined in IEEE P802.1Q. In case of a QinQ frame, it represents the outer tag's 3-bit Class of Service (CoS) identifier and in case of an IEEE 802.1ad frame it represents the 3-bit Priority Code Point (PCP) portion of the S-TAG Tag Control Information (TCI) field as described in [[IEEE.802-1ad.2005](#)].

Abstract Data Type: unsigned8

Data Type Semantics: identifier

ElementId: 244

Status: current

Reference:

- (1) [[IEEE.802-3.2005](#)]
(2) [[IEEE.802-1ad.2005](#)]

5.18 dot1qCustomerVlanId

Description:

In case of a QinQ frame, it represents the inner tag's (*) VLAN identifier and in case of an IEEE 802.1ad frame it represents the Customer VLAN identifier in the C-TAG Tag Control Information (TCI) field as described in [[IEEE.802-1ad.2005](#)].

(*) Note: the 801.2Q tag directly following the outer one.

Abstract Data Type: unsigned16

Data Type Semantics: identifier

ElementId: 245

Status: current

Reference:

- (1) [[IEEE.802-1ad.2005](#)]
(2) [[IEEE.802-1Q.2003](#)]

5.19 dot1qCustomerPriority

Description:

In case of a QinQ frame, it represents the inner tag's (*) Class of Service (CoS) identifier and in case of an IEEE 802.1ad frame it represents the 3-bit Priority Code Point (PCP) portion of the C-TAG Tag Control Information (TCI) field as described in [[IEEE.802-1ad.2005](#)].

(*) Note: the 801.2Q tag directly following the outer one.

Abstract Data Type: unsigned8
Data Type Semantics: identifier
ElementId: 246
Status: current
Reference:

- (1) [[IEEE.802-1ad.2005](#)]
- (2) [[IEEE.802-1Q.2003](#)]

5.20 metroEvcId

Description:

The EVC Service Attribute which uniquely identifies the Ethernet Virtual Connection (EVC) within a Metro Ethernet Network, as defined in [section 6.2](#) of MEF 10.1. The MetroEVCID is encoded in a string of up to 100 characters.

Abstract Data Type: string
ElementId: 247
Status: current
Reference:

- (1) MEF 10.1 (Ethernet Services Attributes Phase 2)
- (2) MEF16 (Ethernet Local Management Interface)

5.21 metroEvcType

Description:

The 3-bit EVC Service Attribute which identifies the type of service provided by an EVC.

Abstract Data Type: unsigned8
Data Type Semantics: identifier
ElementId: 248
Status: current
Reference:

- (1) MEF 10.1 (Ethernet Services Attributes Phase 2)
- (2) MEF16 (Ethernet Local Management Interface)

5.22 pseudoWireId

Description:

A 32-bit non-zero connection identifier, which together with the pseudoWireType, identifies the Pseudo Wire (PW) as defined in [RFC 4447](#) [[RFC4447](#)].

Abstract Data Type: unsigned32
Data Type Semantics: identifier
ElementId: 249
Status: current
Reference:

See [RFC 4447](#) [[RFC4447](#)] for pseudowire definitions.

5.23 pseudoWireType

Description:

The value of this information element identifies the type of MPLS Pseudo Wire (PW) as defined in [RFC 4446](#).

Abstract Data Type: unsigned16

Data Type Semantics: identifier

ElementId: 250

Status: current

Reference:

See [RFC 4446](#) [[RFC4446](#)] for the pseudowire type definition, and <http://www.iana.org/assignments/pwe3-parameters> for the IANA Pseudowire Types Registry.

5.24 pseudoWireControlWord

Description:

The 32-bit Preferred Pseudo Wire (PW) MPLS Control Word as defined in [Section 3 of RFC 4385](#) [[RFC4385](#)].

Abstract Data Type: unsigned32

Data Type Semantics: identifier

ElementId: 251

Status: current

Reference:

See [RFC 4385](#) [[RFC4385](#)] for the Pseudo Wire Control Word definition.

5.25 ingressPhysicalInterface

Description:

The index of a networking device's physical interface (example, a switch port) where packets of this flow are being received.

Abstract Data Type: unsigned32

Data Type Semantics: identifier

ElementId: 252

Status: current

Reference:

See [RFC 2863](#) [[RFC2863](#)] for the definition of the ifIndex object.

5.26 egressPhysicalInterface

Description:

The index of a networking device's physical interface (example, a switch port) where packets of this flow are being sent.

Abstract Data Type: unsigned32
Data Type Semantics: identifier
ElementId: 253
Status: current
Reference:

See [RFC 2863](#) [[RFC2863](#)] for the definition of the ifIndex object.

[5.27](#) postDot1qVlanId

Description:

The definition of this Information Element is identical to the definition of Information Element 'dot1qVlanId', except that it reports a potentially modified value caused by a middlebox function after the packet passed the Observation Point.

Abstract Data Type: unsigned16
Data Type Semantics: identifier
ElementId: 254
Status: current
Reference:

- (1) [[IEEE.802-3.2005](#)]
- (2) [[IEEE.802-1ad.2005](#)]

[5.28](#) postDot1qCustomerVlanId

Description:

The definition of this Information Element is identical to the definition of Information Element 'dot1qCustomerVlanId', except that it reports a potentially modified value caused by a middlebox function after the packet passed the Observation Point.

Abstract Data Type: unsigned16
Data Type Semantics: identifier
ElementId: 255
Status: current
Reference:

- (1) [[IEEE.802-1ad.2005](#)]
- (2) [[IEEE.802-1Q.2003](#)]

[5.29](#) ethernetType

Description:

The Ethernet type field of an Ethernet frame that identifies the MAC client protocol carried in the payload as defined in paragraph 1.4.349 of [[IEEE.802-3.2005](#)].

Abstract Data Type: unsigned16
Data Type Semantics: identifier
ElementId: 256
Status: current

Reference:

- (1) [[IEEE.802-3.2005](#)]
- (2) Ethertype registry available at
<http://standards.ieee.org/regauth/ethertype/eth.txt>

5.30 selectorName

Description:

The name of a selector identified by a selectorID. Globally unique per Metering Process.

Abstract Data Type: string

ElementId: 335

Status: current

6. Relationship between dot1qVlanId and vlanId

The IPFIX Information Model [[RFC5102](#)] specifies the vlanId Information Element, while this document specifies the dot1qVlanId.

The vlanId Information Element references [[IEEE.802-1Q.2003](#)], while the dot1qVlanId references [[IEEE.802-3.2005](#)] and [[IEEE.802-1ad.2005](#)]. Since the [[IEEE.802-1ad.2005](#)] supersedes the [[IEEE.802-1Q.2003](#)] (it mentions: "Amendment to IEEE Std 802.1Q-2005".), then the dot1qVlanId supersedes vlanId.

***IANA ACTION ***

As a consequence the vlanId specified in the IPFIX Information Model [[RFC5102](#)] is now deprecated:

vlanId

Description:

The IEEE 802.1Q VLAN identifier (VID) extracted from the Tag Control Information field that was attached to the IP packet.

Abstract Data Type: unsigned16

Data Type Semantics: identifier

ElementId: 58

Status: deprecated

Reference:

See [[IEEE.802-1Q.2003](#)].

***IANA ACTION ***

This document also specifies postDot1qVlanId, in connection with the dot1qCustomerVlanId. As a consequence, the postVlanId specified in the IPFIX Information Model [[RFC5102](#)] is now deprecated:

postVlanId

Description:

The definition of this Information Element is identical to the definition of Information Element 'vlanId', except that it reports a potentially modified value caused by a middlebox function after the packet passed the Observation Point.

Abstract Data Type: unsigned16

Data Type Semantics: identifier

ElementId: 59

Status: deprecated

Reference:

See [[IEEE.802-1Q.2003](#)].

7. Relationship between interface related Information Elements

The IPFIX Information Model [[RFC5102](#)] specifies the ingressInterface (#10) and egressInterface (#14) information elements, while this document specifies the ingressPhysicalInterface and egressPhysicalInterface.

The IPFIX definitions for ingressInterface and egressInterface are somewhat vague, essentially in case of the virtual interfaces. Let us consider traffic transiting a tunnel, where the virtual and physical interfaces are different. If one implementation uses the ingressInterface and egressInterface to report the physical interfaces while another implementation uses the same information elements to report the virtual interfaces, without somehow making this clear to the Collector, then any reports and analysis are going to be skewed.

The specifications of ingressPhysicalInterface and egressPhysicalInterface clarifies the situation.

The relationship between the multiple sub-layers of network interfaces is specified in the ifStackTable MIB table in the interface MIB [[RFC2863](#)].

8. IANA Considerations

This document specifies new IPFIX Information Elements in two ranges.

Information Elements in the range 1 to 127 are compatible with field types used by NetFlow version 9 [[RFC3954](#)]. These Information Elements were previously RESERVED according to the IPFIX Information Model [[RFC5102](#)] and IANA. These should be allocated immediately with the specified IDs to retain backwards compatibility with NetFlow version 9 [[RFC3954](#)].

The remainder of the Information Elements (in the range 128 and up) are new, and are therefore subject to expert review as specified in the IPFIX Information Model [[RFC5102](#)]. They are listed here with the ideal Information Element identifiers that we would like IANA to assign.

In addition, some IANA actions have been highlighted in [section 7](#).

Finally, the forwardingStatus Information Element requires the creation of new IANA registries.

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10. Security Considerations

The IPFIX information model itself does not directly introduce security issues. Rather, it defines a set of attributes that may for privacy or business issues be considered sensitive information.

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