

PREPARED FOR CLIENT NAME REMOVED · DELIVERY TO NETA FILE SUBMISSION
REQUIREMENTS (2025)

Half-hour nature series

Sample report — every value is from a real 2026 delivery; the programme, company and file names and the quoted caption text are removed

CLIENT Client name removed	SPECIFICATION NETA File Submission Requirements (2025)	DATE 19 September 2026
MASTER programme.mxf · 10.1 GB · MD5 shown in full in real reports		
CAPTIONS programme.scc · 91 KB · MD5 shown in full in real reports		

CAPTION CHECK — NETA 2025 CAPTION REQUIREMENTS

9 of 9 items verified · 0 outstanding

Not a full clearance — not run in this check: accuracy and completeness against the soundtrack.

How to read this report. Each row sets the value measured in the file against the value required.

Pass — meets the requirement.

FYI — for information; no effect on compliance.

Grade 1 — minor, against a captioning convention; fixing is advised, not required.

Grade 2 · Warning — borderline, or outside an engineering guideline (such as the PBS TOS) rather than a published requirement; fixing is recommended.

Grade 3 · Fail — does not meet the distributor's published requirement; must be fixed before delivery.

Grades follow the 1–3 scale common in broadcast QC reports.

Closed captions — embedded (SMPTE 436M ANC)

REQUIREMENT	EXPECTED	MEASURED	STATUS
Embedded caption track (ANC)	None: captions travel in the .scc sidecar	None	✓ Pass

Sidecar delivery: the .scc must carry exactly the same file name as the video and the same start timecode (NETA 2025).

Closed captions — sidecar .scc

REQUIREMENT	EXPECTED	MEASURED	STATUS
File name matches the video	programme.scc (NETA 2025)	programme.scc	✓ Pass
Lines over 32 characters	0 — the CEA-608 grid is 32 columns	conformant	✓ Pass
Lines on screen	1–3 lines, 2 preferred (NETA 2025)	1 or 2 lines throughout	✓ Pass
Captions too short to read	long enough to read (NETA 2025; FCC 47 CFR §79.1(j)(2)) — under 0.90 s flagged for review	none under 0.90 s; 153 between 0.90 and 1.50 s (convention)	Grade 1
Reading speed	convention, for reference	20 above 25 characters per second (convention)	Grade 1
Gap between captions	convention, for reference — not a NETA requirement	59 with no blank frame between them (convention)	Grade 1
Bytes with wrong parity	0 — CEA-608 requires odd parity	conformant	✓ Pass
Captions outside the programme	0 — all inside the programme; .scc timecode matches the video (NETA 2025)	conformant	✓ Pass
Clear pulse (EDM) at the head	at the first frame — PBS TOS 2026 §6.5 recommends it; not a NETA 2025 requirement	frame 12 of the programme	✓ Pass

608 byte pairs read: 16036 captions decoded: 647

first at 01:00:00;13 last at 01:25:31;14

Captions checked on the picture

REQUIREMENT	EXPECTED	MEASURED	STATUS
Caption timing	Within ± 1 second of the spoken word (NETA 2025)	521 of 647 captions matched a machine transcript within 1 s; the rest checked by ear	✓ Pass
Caption placement	Clear of name keys, on-screen text, faces and important action (NETA 2025)	Checked in Premiere with the CEA-608 display, 18 Sep 2026: every caption flagged by the pre-check is clear of the partner logo (01:00:38), the quiz answers (01:04:31-01:04:57), the host's circle (01:08:22-01:08:34) and the keyed animations (01:09:24-01:09:59); another animation passes behind one caption for under a second, around 01:09:46. On televisions that follow the standard CEA-608 grid, the first line sits 20-40 px higher and may touch the bottom edge of the quiz answers and the partner logo. Automatic pre-check: 647 captions, 29 of them raised above the bottom rows; positions follow the standard CEA-608 grid, where a television may draw them 20-60 px higher than an editing system's monitor; graphics in the edit: 8 graphics checked, 7 captions over one; 4 captions overlap in time with titles or templates whose area could not be measured; on-screen text and faces under the captions: 79 to check.	✓ Pass

Judgement, not measurement: each note says where the reviewer looked or listened.
Caption placement – captions to look at (the pre-check narrows the search; it does not replace watching every caption):

01:09:05;05 “[caption text]” – over an edit graphic

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01:09:24;11 "[caption text]" – over an edit graphic
01:09:25;29 "[caption text]" – over an edit graphic
01:09:28;24 "[caption text]" – over an edit graphic
01:09:30;28 "[caption text]" – over an edit graphic
01:09:56;07 "[caption text]" – over an edit graphic
01:09:58;16 "[caption text]" – over an edit graphic
01:09:43;28 "[caption text]" – during an edit graphic
01:09:47;19 "[caption text]" – during an edit graphic
01:09:49;19 "[caption text]" – during an edit graphic
01:09:52;11 "[caption text]" – during an edit graphic
01:00:13;12 "[caption text]" – on-screen text
01:00:19;19 "[caption text]" – on-screen text
01:00:21;12 "[caption text]" – on-screen text
01:00:35;07 "[caption text]" – on-screen text
01:00:38;22 "[caption text]" – on-screen text
01:00:41;01 "[caption text]" – on-screen text
01:00:51;26 "[caption text]" – face
01:00:55;00 "[caption text]" – face
01:01:02;11 "[caption text]" – face
01:01:11;09 "[caption text]" – on-screen text
01:01:18;25 "[caption text]" – face
01:01:32;29 "[caption text]" – on-screen text
01:01:46;08 "[caption text]" – on-screen text
01:01:52;20 "[caption text]" – on-screen text
... and 65 more
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How these figures were taken. The caption data in the file itself, decoded byte by byte: the .scc sidecar and any embedded CEA-608 track (parity, characters per row, rows on screen, display time, gaps and reading speed), set against the video's start timecode and running time. Expected values follow CEA-608 and the distributor's published delivery requirements (NETA File Submission Requirements (2025)); where neither sets a number, the row says it is a convention, for reference.

This report describes the file as received. It does not certify caption accuracy under 47 CFR §79.1, which rests with whoever authored the captions.

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