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[ABSTRACT]

An image decoding method capable of reducing processing
load includes: obtaining a boundary control flag for jointly controlling
a deblocking filter operation and a sample adaptive offset operation
10 for a slice boundary of a current slice to be decoded included in a
coded picture (S11); decoding the current slice (S12); performing
the deblocking filter operation based on the boundary control flag
only on at least one of a top slice boundary or a left slice boundary
among all slice boundaries of the current slice that has been decoded
15 (S13); and performing the sample adaptive offset operation
dependent on the boundary control flag only on the at least one of
the top slice boundary or the left slice boundary among all the slice
boundaries of the current slice that has been decoded (S14).

Figure 19A