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## TELECONTROL EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS –

### Part 5-103: Transmission protocols – Companion standard for the informative interface of protection equipment

#### 1 Scope and object

This section of IEC 60870-5 applies to protection equipment with coded bit serial data transmission for exchanging information with control systems. It defines a companion standard that enables interoperability between protection equipment and devices of a control system in a substation. The defined companion standard utilizes standards of the IEC 60870-5 series.

This section of IEC 60870-5 presents specifications for the informative interface of protection equipment. This standard does not necessarily apply to equipment that combines protection and control functions in the same device sharing a single communication port.

This section of IEC 60870-5 describes two methods of information exchange: the first is based on explicitly specified APPLICATION SERVICE DATA UNITS (ASDUs) and application procedures for transmission of 'standardized' messages, and the second uses generic services for transmission of nearly all possible information. The 'standardized' messages do not cover all possible protection functions, and furthermore a protection device may support only a subset of the messages specified in this standard. For interoperability purposes, in specific applications, this subset has to be specified in clause 8.

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The use of predefined messages and application procedures is mandatory, if applicable. In other cases generic services shall be used. The private ranges defined in this standard are maintained for compatibility reasons; however, their use is not recommended for future applications.

#### 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this section of IEC 60870-5. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All normative documents are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this section of IEC 60870-5 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

IEC 60050(371): 1984, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Chapter 371: Telecontrol*

IEC 60794-1: 1996, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1: Generic specification*

IEC 60794-2: 1989, *Optical fibre cables – Part 2: Product specifications*

IEC 60870-5-1: 1990, *Telecontrol equipment and systems – Part 5: Transmission protocols – Section 1: Transmission frame formats*

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IEC 60870-5-3: 1992, *Telecontrol equipment and systems – Part 5: Transmission protocols – Section 3: General structure of application data*

IEC 60870-5-4: 1993, *Telecontrol equipment and systems – Part 5: Transmission protocols – Section 4: Definition and coding of application information elements*

IEC 60870-5-5: 1995, *Telecontrol equipment and systems – Part 5: Transmission protocols – Section 5: Basic application functions*

IEC 60874-2: 1993, *Connectors for optical fibres and cables – Part 2: Sectional specification for fibre optic connector – Type F-SMA*

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### 3 Definitions

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For the purpose of this section of IEC 60870-5 the following definitions apply.

#### 3.1

##### companion standard

a companion standard adds semantics to the definitions of the basic standard or a functional profile. This may be expressed by defining particular uses for information objects or by defining additional information objects, service procedures and parameters of the basic standard

NOTE – Companion standards do not alter the standards to which they refer, but make explicit the relationship between those used together for a specific domain of activity.

#### 3.2

##### enhanced performance architecture (EPA)

a protocol reference model that provides, compared with the full seven layer architecture according to the basic reference model of ISO/IEC 7498-1, a three layer architecture for obtaining faster response times for the critical information but with service limitations

#### 3.3

##### control direction

direction of transmission from the control system to the protection equipment

#### 3.4

##### monitor direction

direction of transmission from the protection equipment to the control system

#### 3.5

##### control system

used for the master of the communication link, i.e. the primary station according to IEC 60870-5-2

**3.6****informative interface**

interface of a protection equipment used to exchange data with control systems without having an impact on the protection function

**3.7****tag**

binary signal which is recorded and transmitted within the transmission of disturbance data

**3.8****compatible range**

standard range to be used by all manufacturers

**3.9****private range**

range that may be used by manufacturers for their own private use

**3.10 Abbreviations**

$\Delta I_L$	Line differential protection
$\Delta I_T$	Transformer differential protection
ACC	Actual channel
AR	Auto-recloser
ASC	ASCII character
ASDU	APPLICATION SERVICE DATA UNIT
APCI	APPLICATION PROTOCOL CONTROL INFORMATION
BFOC/2,5	Bayonet fibre optic connector
BS	Bitstring
CB	Circuit breaker
COL	Compatibility level
COM	Command
CONT	Continued
COT	CAUSE OF TRANSMISSION
COUNT	One bit counter of ASDUs
CP	Compound
CU	Communication unit
CP32Time2a	FOUR OCTET BINARY TIME
CP56Time2a	SEVEN OCTET BINARY TIME
dB	Decibel
DCE	Data circuit-terminating equipment
DCO	Double command
DFC	Data flow control
DPI	Double-point information
DTE	Data terminal equipment
EIA	Electronic Industries Association
EPA	Enhanced Performance Architecture
ER	Error
f	Frequency
F	Fixed point number
FAN	Fault number
F-Code	Function code
FCB	Frame count bit
FCV	Frame count bit valid
F-SMA	Type of an optical fibre connector

FT	Frame transmission format
FUN	FUNCTION TYPE
GDD	Generic data description
GEN	Generic function type
GGI	General interrogation of generic data
GI	General interrogation
GID	Generic identification data
GIN	Generic identification number
GLB	Global function type
GRC	GENERIC REPLY CODE
I	Integer
I>>	Overcurrent protection
IEC	International Electrotechnical Commission
IEV	International Electrotechnical Vocabulary
INF	INFORMATION NUMBER
INT	Interval between information elements
ISO	International Organization for Standardization
IV	Invalid
KOD	Kind of description
L	Line
LED	Light emitting diode
LPCI	LINK PROTOCOL CONTROL INFORMATION
LPDU	LINK PROTOCOL DATA UNIT
MEA	Measurand with quality descriptor
MVAL	Value of measurand
NDE	Number of descriptive elements
NDV	Number of relevant disturbance values per ASDU
NFE	Number of the ASDU first information element
NGD	Number of generic data sets
NO	Number
NOC	Number of channels
NOE	Number of information elements of a channel
NOF	Number of grid faults
NOG	Number of generic identification
NOT	Number of tags
OTEV	Other event (disturbance data recording initiated by)
OV	Overflow
P	Active power
PRM	Primary message
Q	Reactive power
RES	Reserved
RET	Relative time
RFA	Reference factor
RII	RETURN INFORMATION IDENTIFIER
RPV	Rated primary value
RSV	Rated secondary value
S	Sign
SCL	Short-circuit location
SCN	SCAN NUMBER
SDV	Single disturbance value
SIN	SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SOF	Status of fault

SU	Summer bit
SQ	Sequence of equal information elements
t(z)	Distance protection
TAP	Tag position
TM	Transmit (disturbance data)
TOO	Type of order
TOV	Type of disturbance values
TP	Trip (recorded fault)
T <sub>LD</sub>	Loop delay
t <sub>wz</sub>	Cycle repeat time
TYP	TYPE IDENTIFICATION
UF	Unsigned fixed point number
UI	Unsigned integer
V	Voltage
V <sub>EN</sub>	Neutral voltage
VT	Voltage transformer

## 4 General rules

This clause provides general rules for constructing companion standards for the transmission protocol of specific control systems and protection equipment, using the IEC 60870-5 protocol.

These general rules are applied in the following subclauses.

### 4.1 Protocol structure

The IEC 60870-5 protocol is based on the three layer reference model 'Enhanced Performance Architecture' (EPA), as specified in clause 4 of IEC 60870-5-3.

The physical layer uses a fibre optic or a copper-wire based system that provides binary symmetric and memoryless transmission.

The link layer consists of a number of link transmission procedures, using explicit LINK PROTOCOL CONTROL INFORMATION (LPCI), that are capable of carrying APPLICATION SERVICE DATA UNITS (ASDUs) as link user data. The link layer uses a selection of frame formats to provide the required integrity, efficiency, and convenience of transmission.

The application layer contains a number of application functions that involve the transmission of APPLICATION SERVICE DATA UNITS (ASDUs) between source and destination.

The application layer of this companion standard does not use explicit APPLICATION PROTOCOL CONTROL INFORMATION (APCI). This is implicit in the contents of the ASDU DATA UNIT IDENTIFIER and in the type of link service used.

Table 1 shows the Enhanced Performance Architecture (EPA) model and the selected standard definitions of this companion standard.

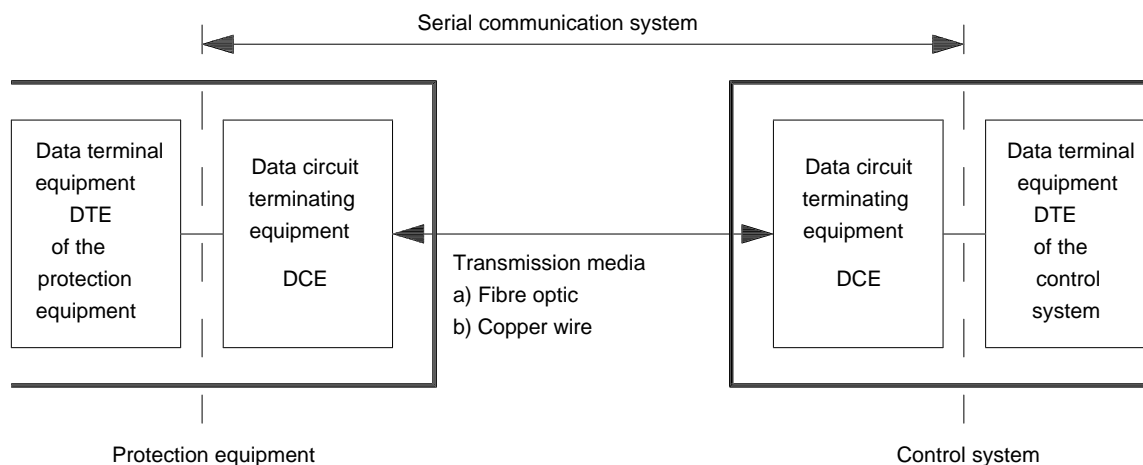
**Table 1 – Selected standard provisions of this companion standard**

Selected application functions of IEC 60870-5-5	User process
Selected APPLICATION SERVICE DATA UNITS of IEC 60870-5-3	Application layer  (Layer 7)
Selected application information elements of IEC 60870-5-4	
Selected link transmission procedures of IEC 60870-5-2	Link layer  (Layer 2)
Selected transmission frame formats of IEC 60870-5-1	
Fibre optic system based on IEC 60874-2 or IEC 60874-10 and IEC 60794-1 and IEC 60794-2 or copper-wire based system according to EIA RS-485	Physical layer (Layer 1)

## 4.2 Physical layer

Either a fibre optic system or a copper-wire based transmission system is used in this companion standard between the protection equipment and the control system. The interface between the data circuit-terminating equipment (DCE) and data terminal equipment (DTE) of the protection equipment, according to figure 1, is not defined within this companion standard.

NOTE – Data transmission methods which increase the exploitation of the bandwidth of a given transmission channel should be avoided, unless it can be proven that the method, that usually violates the required memoryless channel encoding principle, does not reduce the Hamming distance of the data block encoding method of the selected frame format in the link layer.

**Figure 1 – Interfaces and connections of a protection equipment and a control system**