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- a) deletion of the former Type 6 fieldbus for lack of market relevance;
- b) addition of new types of fieldbuses;
- c) partition of part 6 of the third edition into multiple parts numbered -6-2, -6-3, ...

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## INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 61158 is one of a series produced to facilitate the interconnection of automation system components. It is related to other standards in the set as defined by the “three-layer” fieldbus reference model described in IEC/TR 61158-1.

The application protocol provides the application service by making use of the services available from the data-link or other immediately lower layer. The primary aim of this standard is to provide a set of rules for communication expressed in terms of the procedures to be carried out by peer application entities (AEs) at the time of communication. These rules for communication are intended to provide a sound basis for development in order to serve a variety of purposes:

- as a guide for implementors and designers;
- for use in the testing and procurement of equipment;
- as part of an agreement for the admittance of systems into the open systems environment;
- as a refinement to the understanding of time-critical communications within OSI.

This standard is concerned, in particular, with the communication and interworking of sensors, effectors and other automation devices. By using this standard together with other standards positioned within the OSI or fieldbus reference models, otherwise incompatible systems may work together in any combination.

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## INDUSTRIAL COMMUNICATION NETWORKS – FIELDBUS SPECIFICATIONS –

### Part 6-17: Application layer protocol specification – Type 17 elements

#### 1 Scope

##### 1.1 General

The fieldbus application layer (FAL) provides user programs with a means to access the fieldbus communication environment. In this respect, the FAL can be viewed as a “window between corresponding application programs.”

This standard provides common elements for basic time-critical and non-time-critical messaging communications between application programs in an automation environment and material specific to Type 17 fieldbus. The term “time-critical” is used to represent the presence of a time-window, within which one or more specified actions are required to be completed with some defined level of certainty. Failure to complete specified actions within the time window risks failure of the applications requesting the actions, with attendant risk to equipment, plant and possibly human life.

This standard specifies interactions between remote applications and defines the externally visible behavior provided by the Type 17 fieldbus application layer in terms of

- a) the formal abstract syntax defining the application layer protocol data units conveyed between communicating application entities;
- b) the transfer syntax defining encoding rules that are applied to the application layer protocol data units;
- c) the application context state machine defining the application service behavior visible between communicating application entities;
- d) the application relationship state machines defining the communication behavior visible between communicating application entities.

The purpose of this standard is to define the protocol provided to

- 1) define the wire-representation of the service primitives defined in IEC 61158-5-17, and
- 2) define the externally visible behavior associated with their transfer.

This standard specifies the protocol of the Type 17 fieldbus application layer, in conformance with the OSI Basic Reference Model (ISO/IEC 7498) and the OSI application layer structure (ISO/IEC 9545).

##### 1.2 Specifications

The principal objective of this standard is to specify the syntax and behavior of the application layer protocol that conveys the application layer services defined in IEC 61158-5-17.

A secondary objective is to provide migration paths from previously-existing industrial communications protocols. It is this latter objective which gives rise to the diversity of protocols standardized in the IEC 61158-6 series.

##### 1.3 Conformance

This standard does not specify individual implementations or products, nor does it constrain the implementations of application layer entities within industrial automation systems.

Conformance is achieved through implementation of this application layer protocol specification.

## 2 Normative reference

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 61158-5-17, *Industrial communication networks – Fieldbus specifications - Part 5-17: Application layer service definition – Type 17 elements*

ISO/IEC 7498 (all parts), *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Basic Reference Model*

ISO/IEC 8824-2, *Information technology – Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Information object specification*

ISO/IEC 8825-1, *Information technology – ASN.1 encoding rules: Specification of Basic Encoding Rules (BER), Canonical Encoding Rules (CER) and Distinguished Encoding Rules (DER)*

ISO/IEC 9545, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Application Layer structure*

ISO/IEC 10731, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Basic Reference Model – Conventions for the definition of OSI services*

## 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1 Terms and definitions

#### 3.1.1 ISO/IEC 7498-1 terms

For the purposes of this document, the following terms as defined in ISO/IEC 7498-1 apply:

- d) application entity
- e) application protocol data unit
- f) application service element

#### 3.1.2 ISO/IEC 8824-2 terms

For the purposes of this document, the following terms as defined in ISO/IEC 8824 apply:

- a) any type
- b) bitstring type
- c) Boolean type
- d) choice type
- e) false
- f) integer type
- g) null type
- h) octetstring type

- i) sequence of type
- j) sequence type
- k) simple type
- l) structured type
- m) tagged type
- n) true
- o) type
- p) value

### 3.1.3 ISO/IEC 10731 terms

- a) (N)-connection
- b) (N)-entity
- c) (N)-layer
- d) (N)-service
- e) (N)-service-access-point
- f) confirm (primitive)
- g) indication (primitive)
- h) request (primitive)
- i) response (primitive)

### 3.1.4 Other terms and definitions

#### 3.1.4.1

##### **application**

function or data structure for which data is consumed or produced

#### 3.1.4.2

##### **application process**

part of a distributed application on a network, which is located on one device and unambiguously addressed

#### 3.1.4.3

##### **application relationship**

cooperative association between two or more application-entity-invocations for the purpose of exchange of information and coordination of their joint operation

NOTE This relationship is activated either by the exchange of application-protocol-data-units or as a result of preconfiguration activities

#### 3.1.5

##### **application relationship application service element**

application-service-element that provides the exclusive means for establishing and terminating all application relationships

#### 3.1.5.1

##### **application relationship endpoint**

context and behavior of an application relationship as seen and maintained by one of the application processes involved in the application relationship

NOTE Each application process involved in the application relationship maintains its own application relationship endpoint.

#### 3.1.5.2

##### **attribute**

description of an externally visible characteristic or feature of an object

NOTE The attributes of an object contain information about variable portions of an object. Typically, they provide status information or govern the operation of an object. Attributes may also affect the behaviour of an object. Attributes are divided into class attributes and instance attributes.

### **3.1.5.3 behaviour**

indication of how an object responds to particular events

### **3.1.5.4 bridge**

intermediate equipment that connects two or more segments using a data-link layer relay function

### **3.1.5.5 channel**

single physical or logical link of an input or output application object of a server to the process

### **3.1.5.6 class**

a set of objects, all of which represent the same kind of system component

NOTE A class is a generalisation of an object; a template for defining variables and methods. All objects in a class are identical in form and behaviour, but usually contain different data in their attributes.

### **3.1.5.7 client**

- a) object which uses the services of another (server) object to perform a task
- b) initiator of a message to which a server reacts

### **3.1.5.8 connection**

logical binding between application objects that may be within the same or different devices

NOTE 1 Connections may be either point-to-point or multipoint.

NOTE 2 The logical link between sink and source of attributes and services at different custom interfaces of RT-Auto ASES is referred to as interconnection. There is a distinction between data and event interconnections. The logical link and the data flow between sink and source of automation data items is referred to as data interconnection. The logical link and the data flow between sink (method) and source (event) of operational services is referred to as event interconnection.

### **3.1.5.9 connection point**

buffer which is represented as a substance of an Assembly object

### **3.1.5.10 conveyance path**

unidirectional flow of APDUs across an application relationship

### **3.1.5.11 dedicated AR**

AR used directly by the FAL User

NOTE On Dedicated ARs, only the FAL Header and the user data are transferred.

### **3.1.5.12 device**

physical hardware connected to the link

NOTE A device may contain more than one node.

### **3.1.5.13 domain**

part of the RTE network consisting of one or two subnetwork(s)

NOTE Two subnetworks are required to compose a dual-redundant RTE network, and each end node in the domain is connected to both of the subnetworks.

**3.1.5.14**

**domain master**

station which performs diagnosis of routes to all other domains, distribution of network time to nodes inside the domain, acquisition of absolute time from the network time master and notification of status of the domain

**3.1.5.15**

**domain number**

numeric identifier which indicates a domain

**3.1.5.16**

**end node**

producing or consuming node

**3.1.5.17**

**endpoint**

one of the communicating entities involved in a connection

**3.1.5.18**

**error**

discrepancy between a computed, observed or measured value or condition and the specified or theoretically correct value or condition

**3.1.5.19**

**error class**

general grouping for related error definitions and corresponding error codes

**3.1.5.20**

**external bridge**

bridge to which neither internal bridges nor RTE stations are connected directly

**3.1.5.21**

**event**

an instance of a change of conditions

**3.1.5.22**

**group**

- a) <general> a general term for a collection of objects. Specific uses:
- b) <addressing> when describing an address, an address that identifies more than one entity

**3.1.5.23**

**interface**

- a) shared boundary between two functional units, defined by functional characteristics, signal characteristics, or other characteristics as appropriate
- b) collection of FAL class attributes and services that represents a specific view on the FAL class

**3.1.5.24**

**interface port**

physical connection point of an end node, which has an independent DL-address

**3.1.5.25**

**internal bridge**

bridge to which no routers, external bridges or nodes non-compliant with this specification are connected directly