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- currency transfer tokens for electricity, water, gas and time metering;
- finer resolution for gas and time credit transfer;
- common code PAN for 2 and 4 digit manufacturer codes;
- reserved MfrCode values for certification and testing purposes;
- provision for DLMS/COSEM as a virtual token carrier type;
- addition of DKGA04, an advanced key derivation function from 160-bit VendingKey;
- withdrawal of DES for EA09 and TDES for DKGA03 cryptographic algorithms, but DES for DKGA02 remains in use;
- addition of MISTY1 cryptographic algorithm using a 128-bit DecoderKey with supporting key change tokens;
- transfer of SGC values to the meter via key change tokens;
- revision of the test/display token requirements;
- revision of the KMS to reflect current best practice;
- revision of the TID roll over management guidelines;
- definition of BaseDate is referenced to Coordinated Universal Time;
- disassociation of IIN from the standard definition;
- various clarifications and enhancements to support the above.

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INTRODUCTION

The IEC 62055 series covers payment systems, encompassing the customer information systems, point of sale systems, token carriers, payment meters and the respective interfaces that exist between these entities. At the time of preparation of this document, IEC 62055 comprised the following parts, under the general title, *Electricity metering – Payment systems*:

- Part 21: Framework for standardization
- Part 31: Particular requirements – Static payment meters for active energy (classes 1 and 2)
- Part 41: Standard transfer specification (STS) – Application layer protocol for one-way token carrier systems
- Part 42: Transfer reference numbers (TRN) – Application layer protocol for one-way token carrier systems
- Part 51: Standard transfer specification (STS) – Physical layer protocol for one-way numeric and magnetic card token carriers
- Part 52: Standard transfer specification (STS) – Physical layer protocol for a two-way virtual token carrier for direct local connection

Part 4x series specify application layer protocols and Part 5x series specify physical layer protocols.

NOTE 1 Part 42 is not interoperable with Part 41, Part 51 and Part 52.

NOTE 2 Part 42 was in preparation at the time of publication of this edition of Part 41.

The standard transfer specification (STS) is a secure message protocol that allows information to be carried between point of sale (POS) equipment and payment meters and it caters for several message types such as credit, configuration control, display and test instructions. It further specifies devices and codes of practice that allow for the secure management (generation, storage, retrieval and transportation) of cryptographic keys used within the system.

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The token carrier, which is not specified in this part of IEC 62055, is the physical device or medium used to transport the information from the POS equipment to the payment meter. Three types of token carriers are currently specified in IEC 62055-51 and IEC 62055-52; the magnetic card, the numeric token carrier and a virtual token carrier, which have been approved by the STS Association. New token carriers can be proposed as new work items through the National Committees or through the STS Association.

Although the main implementation of the STS is in the electricity supply industry, it inherently provides for the management of other utility services such as water and gas. It should be noted that certain functionalities may not apply across all utility services, for example, MaximumPowerLimit in the case of a water meter. Similarly, certain terminology may not be appropriate in non-electrical applications, for example, Load Switch in the case of a gas meter. Future revisions of the STS may allow for other token carrier technologies like smart cards and memory keys with two-way functionality and to cater for a real-time clock and complex tariffs in the payment meter.

Not all the requirements specified in this document are compulsory for implementation in a particular system configuration and as a guideline, a selection of optional configuration parameters are listed in Clause C.12.

The STS Association is registered with the IEC as a Registration Authority for providing maintenance services in support of the STS (see Clause C.1 for more information).

Publication of the first edition of IEC 62055-41 in May 2007 resulted in its rapid adoption as the preferred global standard for prepayment meters in many IEC member countries and a