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This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 3.

Annex A forms an integral part of this standard.

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- IEC 60839-7-1: General
- IEC 60839-7-2: Common application layer protocol
- IEC 60839-7-3: Common data link layer protocol
- IEC 60839-7-4: Common transport layer protocol
- IEC 60839-7-5: Alarm system interfaces employing a two-wire configuration in accordance with ISO/IEC 8482
- IEC 60839-7-6: Alarm system interfaces employing ITU-T Recommendation V.24/V.28 signalling
- IEC 60839-7-7: Alarm system interfaces for plug-in alarm system transceivers
- IEC 60839-7-11: Serial protocol for use by digital communicator systems using ITU-T Recommendation V.23 signalling at interfaces with the PSTN
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## ALARM SYSTEMS –

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#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60839 specifies the transport layer message structure, formats and transmission procedures to be used at standard interfaces in alarm transmission systems. This should be used at all such interfaces where equipment from one supplier is intended to inter-work with equipment from other suppliers, and where the underlying system architecture does not provide the necessary facilities to support the common application layer.

The structure follows the OSI recommendations for a layered protocol to allow flexibility in the choice and use of lower level transmission media and protocols, whilst maintaining support for the common application layer protocol.

This standard applies equally to the transmission of alarms and other messages to/from intrusion, fire, access control and social alarm systems, and to the transmission of information to/from other similar systems.

The physical management of the authentication keys required by this standard is not included.

#### 2 Normative references

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 60839-7-1, *Alarm systems – Part 7-1: Message formats and protocols for serial data interfaces in alarm transmission systems – General*

#### 3 Definitions

For the purpose of this part of IEC 60839, the definitions in IEC 60839-7-1 apply.

#### 4 Abbreviations

The abbreviations in IEC 60839-7-1 apply.

#### 5 General

The transport layer is responsible for the formatting of messages from the application layer into a form suitable for transmission to the remote location, and for the addition of facilities not available from the underlying transport mechanism.

Although a link using this protocol may be point-multipoint, or multipoint-multipoint, the transport layer described here presumes that such systems will comprise a number of logical point-point communications which will proceed independently.

In such communications, one device is defined as the ORIGINATOR and one as the RECEIVER in order that the standard may be defined generally. The calling standard shall identify which of these functions is assigned to which equipment.

## 6 Transport layer message format

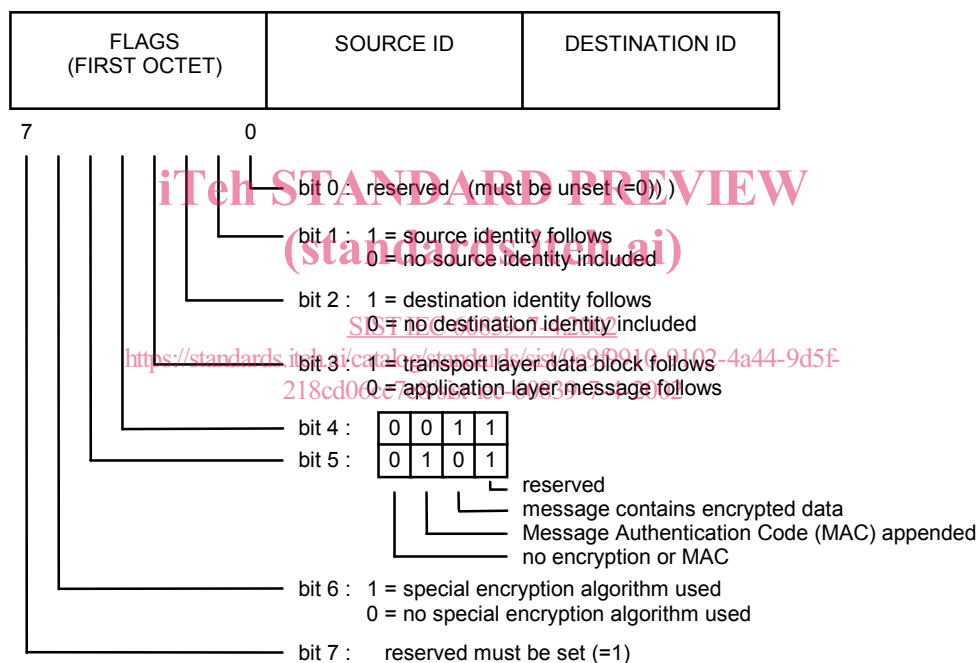
Each application layer message or transport layer data block shall be formatted into transport layer message with the addition of a header as defined below.

### 6.1 Transmission of transport layer data block

Transport layer data shall be formatted in accordance with annex A and transmitted with a transport layer header as defined in 6.2.

## 6.2 Transport layer header

The transport layer header shall be as follows:



Bit 4 should be set when the application message or the transport data are encrypted. Bit 5 should be set to indicate that the message contains a message authentication code (MAC). The option of using encryption and a MAC should not be used since this effectively lowers the security. Where a special high security algorithm is used for either the encryption or the MAC bit 6 should be set, otherwise the standard algorithm defined in this standard should be used.

Bit 3 indicates whether the data is a transport layer data block or an application layer message.

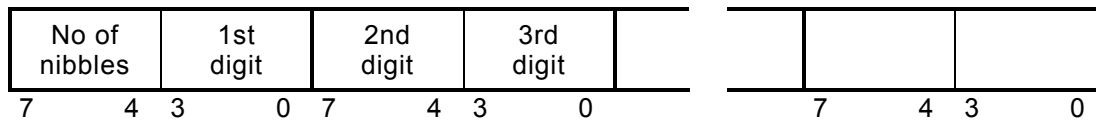
The transport layer header may include the source identity, the destination identity, both or neither as defined in bits 1 and 2.

Maximum length for SOURCE ID and DESTINATION ID is eight octets equal to seven digits each.

Where both identities are included, the source identity shall always be first.

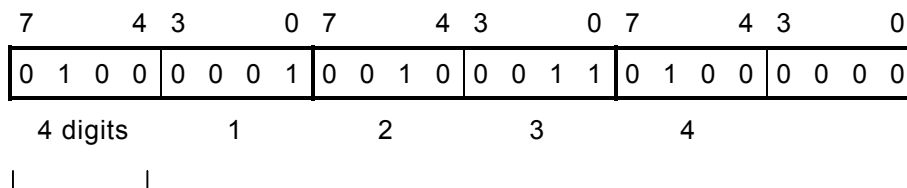


The format of the identity is as follows:



The first nibble (bits 4-7 of the first octet) is the number of digits in the address. The actual identity digits shall be contained in subsequent nibbles in HEX format, starting with the lower nibble of the first octet. The identity shall contain only sufficient octets to include the number of digits required. If the number of digits is even, the last nibble (bits 0-3 of the last octet) shall be zero.

As an example, if the identity is 1234 this would be transmitted as:



## 7 Authentication

The following procedure shall be adopted following the establishment of the connection in order to confirm the identity of the equipment.

### 7.1 Configuration

As part of their initialization/configuration each item of equipment shall be programmed with a master key (Mk).

### 7.2 Initialization

With a connection established, the ORIGINATOR shall generate two random numbers R1 and Rs, and shall transmit R1 to the RECEIVER encrypted with Mk as transport layer message type 1 (see annex A). Rs is the random seed used by the encryption algorithm for the transmission of R1.

The RECEIVER shall decode R1 and shall then generate a random number R2, together with a secondary key Ki. It shall then return a transport layer message type 2 to the ORIGINATOR which contains R2 together with R1 and Ki. This message shall be encrypted using Mk and Ki as shown below and in annex A.

The value of the secondary key (Ki) and the random numbers R1 and R2 shall only be stored in volatile memory and should not be capable of being displayed in either the RECEIVER or ORIGINATOR.

The ORIGINATOR shall decode the message to evaluate R1, R2 and Ki. The correct reception of R1 confirms the identity of the RECEIVER. If correct, it shall then send a transport layer message type 3 containing R2 encrypted using Ki. The correct decoding of R2 at the RECEIVER confirms the identity of the ORIGINATOR.

A message shall be generated to both the alarm system and the annunciation equipment to indicate that the value of Ki has been set.