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The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

FDIS	Report on voting
57/487/FDIS	57/499/RVD

Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

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

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until 2005. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed;
- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

INTRODUCTION

IEC 60870-5-101 provides a communication profile for sending basic telecontrol messages between a central telecontrol station and telecontrol outstations, which uses permanent directly connected data circuits between the central station and individual outstations.

In some applications, it may be required to send the same types of application messages between telecontrol stations using a data network containing relay stations which store and forward the messages and provide only a virtual circuit between the telecontrol stations. This type of network delays messages by varying amounts of time depending on the network traffic load.

In general, the variable message delay times mean that it is not possible to use the link layer as defined in IEC 60870-5-101 between telecontrol stations. However, in some cases it is possible to connect telecontrol stations having all three layers of the companion standard IEC 60870-5-101 to suitable data networks using Packet Assembler Disassembler (PAD) type stations to provide access for balanced communication.

In all other cases this companion standard, which does not use the link functions of IEC 60870-5-101, may be used to provide balanced access via a suitable transport profile.

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1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 60870 applies to telecontrol equipment and systems with coded bit serial data transmission for monitoring and controlling geographically widespread processes. It defines a telecontrol companion standard that enables interoperability among compatible telecontrol equipment. The defined telecontrol companion standard utilizes standards of the IEC 60870-5 series. The specifications of this part present a combination of the application layer of IEC 60870-5-101 and the transport functions provided by a TCP/IP (Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol). Within TCP/IP, various network types can be utilized, including X.25, FR (Frame Relay), ATM (Asynchronous Transfer Mode) and ISDN (Integrated Service Data Network). Using the same definitions, alternative ASDUs (Application Service Data Unit) as specified in other IEC 60870-5 companion standards (for example, IEC 60870-5-102) may be combined with TCP/IP, but this is not described further in this part.

NOTE Security mechanisms are outside the scope of this standard.

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The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of IEC 60870. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of IEC 60870 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

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 60870-5-101:1995, *Telecontrol equipment and systems – Part 5: Transmission protocols – Section 101: Companion standard for basic telecontrol tasks*
Amendment 1 (2000)

IEC 60870-5-102:1996, *Telecontrol equipment and systems – Part 5: Transmission protocols – Section 102: Companion standard for the transmission of integrated totals in electric power systems*

ITU-T Recommendation X.25:1996, *Interface between Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) and Data Circuit-terminating Equipment (DCE) for terminals operating in the packet mode and connected to public data networks by dedicated circuit*

IEEE 802.3:1998, *Information technology – Telecommunications and information exchange between systems – Local and metropolitan area networks – Specific requirements – Part 3: Carrier sense multiple access with collision detection (CSMA/CD) access method and physical layer specifications*

RFC 791, *Internet Protocol, Request for Comments 791 (MILSTD 1777) (September, 1981)*

RFC 793, *Transmission Control Protocol, Request for Comments 793 (MILSTD 1778) (September, 1981)*

RFC 894, *Internet Protocol on Ethernet Networks*

RFC 1661, *Point-to-Point Protocol (PPP)*

RFC 1662, *PPP in HDLC Framing*

RFC 1700, *Assigned Numbers, Request for Comments 1700 (STD 2) (October, 1994)*

RFC 2200, *Internet Official Protocol Standards, Request for Comments 2200 (June, 1997)*

3 General architecture

This standard defines the use of an open TCP/IP-interface to a network, containing for example a LAN for telecontrol equipment, which transports IEC 60870-5-101 ASDUs. Routers which include the different WAN-types (for example, X.25, Frame Relay, ISDN, etc.) may be connected via a common TCP/IP-LAN-interface (see figure 1). Figure 1 shows a redundant configuration in the central station in addition to a non-redundant system.

Motivations:

The use of separate routers offers the following advantages.

– There is no need for network-specific software in end systems.

– There is no need for routing functionality in end systems.

– There is no need for network management in end systems.

– It facilitates obtaining end systems from manufacturers that specialize in telecontrol equipment.

– It facilitates obtaining individual separate routers, to suit a variety of networks from manufacturers specializing in this non-telecontrol specific field.

– It is possible to change the network type by replacing only the router type, without affecting the end systems.

– It is particularly suitable for converting existing end systems that conform to IEC 60870-5-101.

– It is suitable for present and future implementations.

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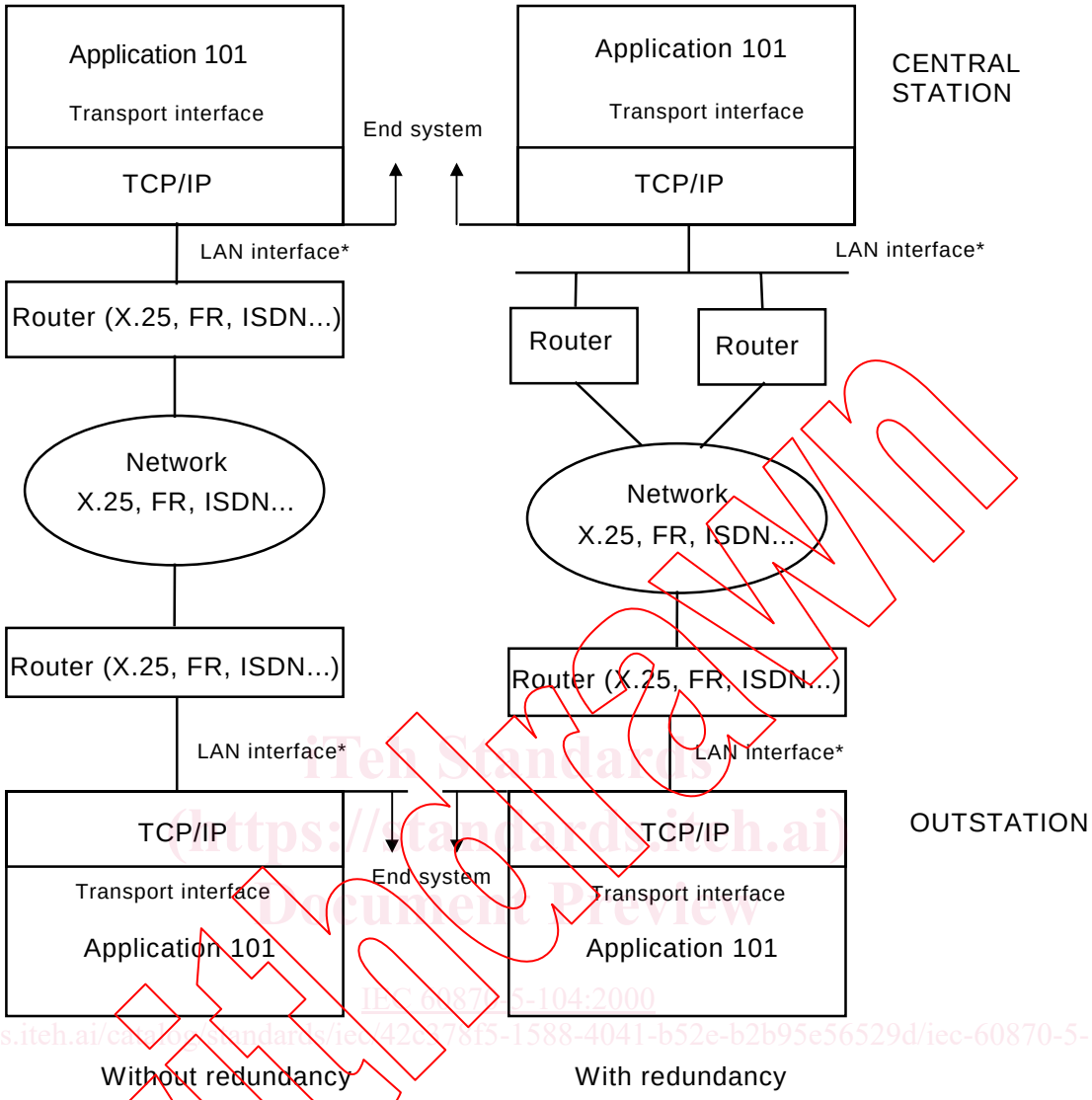

* The LAN interface may be redundant.

Figure 1 – General architecture (example)

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4 Protocol structure

Figure 2 shows the protocol structure of the end system.

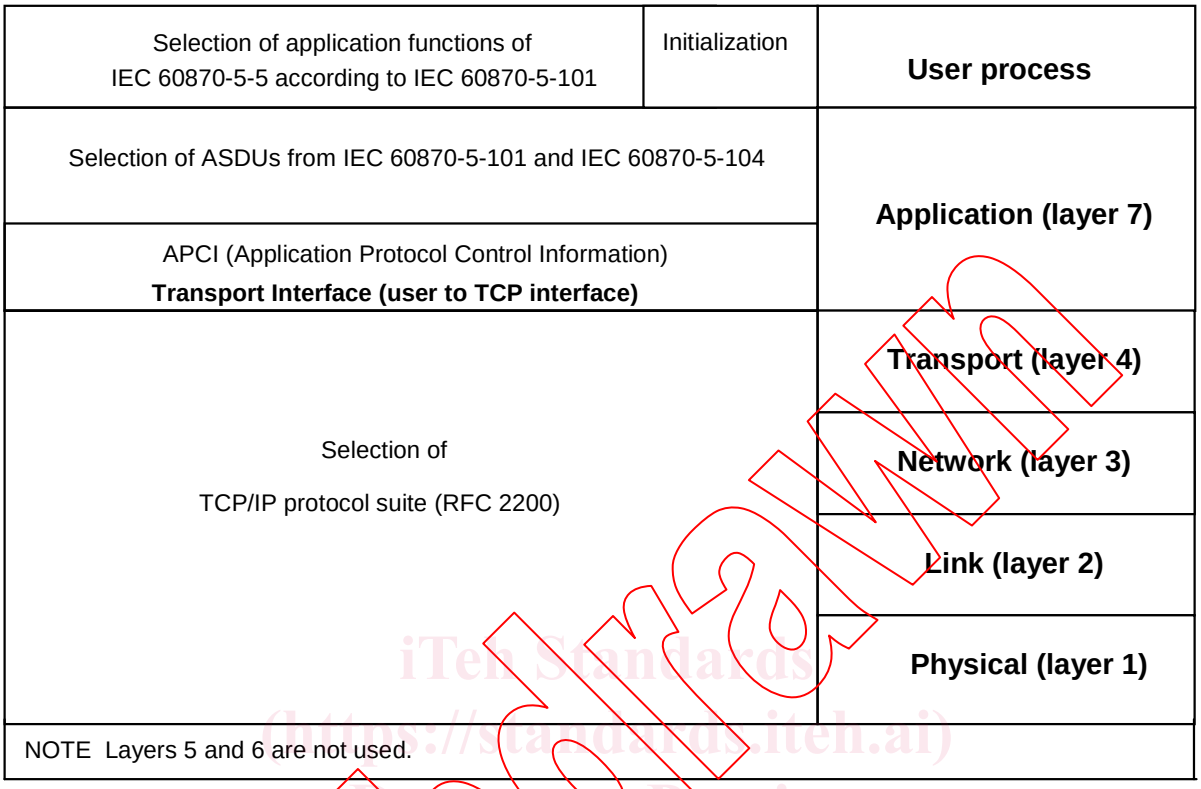

Figure 2 – Selected standard provisions of the defined telecontrol companion standard

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Figure 3 shows the recommended selection of the TCP/IP Protocol suite (RFC 2200) used in this standard. At the time of publication, the RFCs indicated were valid, but may have been replaced in the meantime by equivalent, relevant RFCs. The relevant RFCs are available at the Internet address http://www.ietf.org.

The Ethernet 802.3 stack shown may be used by a telecontrol station end system or DTE (Data Terminal Equipment) to drive a separate router as shown in the example in figure 1. If a redundant configuration is not required, a point-to-point interface (for example, X.21) to the separate router may be used instead of a LAN interface, thus retaining more of the original hardware when converting end systems originally conforming to IEC 60870-5-101.

Other compatible selections from RFC 2200 are also permitted.

This standard uses the TCP/IP transport profile as defined in other referenced standards, without alteration.

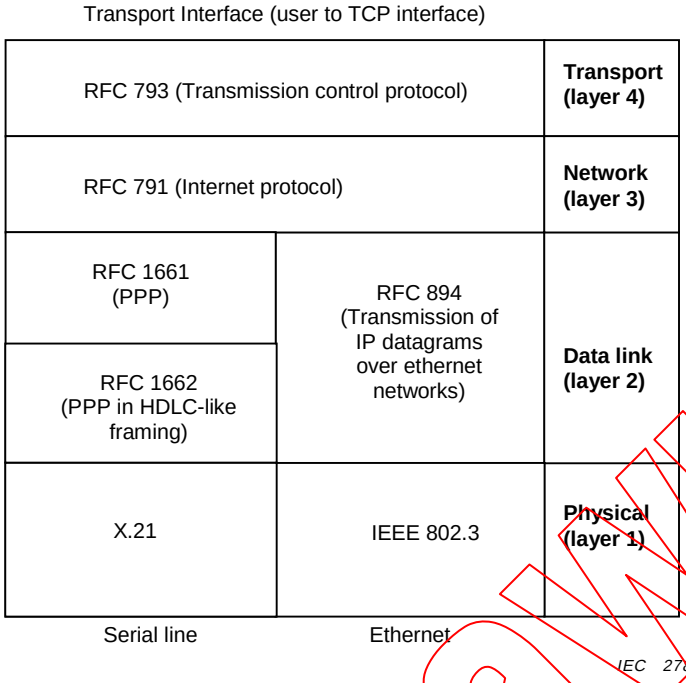

Figure 3 – Selected standard provisions of the TCP/IP protocol suite RFC 2200 (example)

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5 Definition of Application Protocol Control Information (APCI)

The transport interface (User to TCP interface) is a stream-oriented interface which does not define any start or stop mechanism for the ASDUs of IEC 60870-5-101. In order to detect the start and the end of the ASDUs, each APCI includes the following delimiting elements: a start character, the specification of the length of the ASDU, plus the control field (see figure 4). Either a complete APDU (or, for control purposes, only the APCI fields) may be transferred (see figure 5).

NOTE The abbreviations used above are taken from clause 5 of IEC 60870-5-3 as follows.

APCI Application Protocol Control Information

ASDU Application Service Data Unit

APDU Application Protocol Data Unit

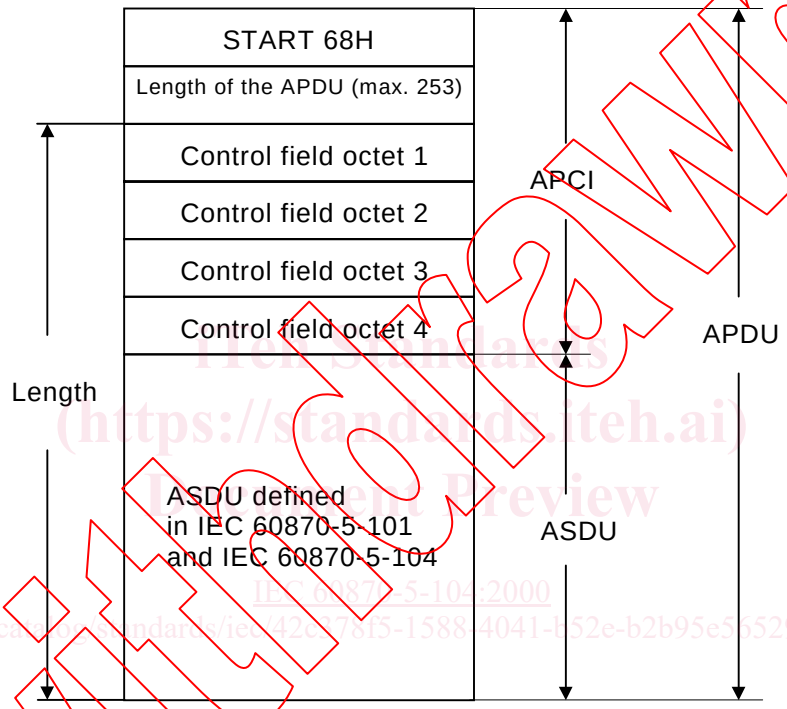

Figure 4 – APDU of the defined telecontrol companion standard

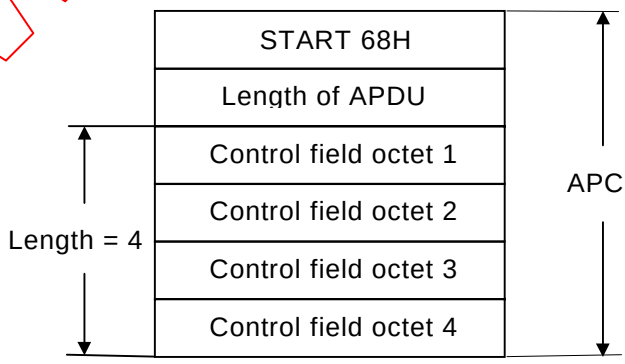

Figure 5 – APCI of the defined telecontrol companion standard

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START 68H defines the point of start within the data stream.

The length of the APDU defines the length of the body of the APDU, which consists of the four control field octets of the APCI plus the ASDU. The first counted octet is the first octet of the control field, the last counted octet is the last octet of the ASDU. The maximum length of the ASDU is limited to 249 because the maximum value of the field length of APDU is 253 ($APDU_{max}$ = 255 minus start and length octet) and the length of the control field is 4 octets.

The control field defines control information for the protection against loss and duplication of messages, start and stop of message transfers and the supervision of transport connections. The counter mechanism of the control field is defined according to 2.3.2.2.1 to 2.3.2.2.5 of the ITU-T X.25 recommendation.

Figures 6, 7 and 8 show the definition of the control field.

Three types of control field formats are used to perform numbered information transfer (I format), numbered supervisory functions (S format) and unnumbered control functions (U format).

Control field octet 1 bit 1 = 0 defines the I format. I format APDUs always contain an ASDU. The control information of an I format is shown in figure 6.

Bit 8 … 2	Bit 1	
Send Sequence Number N(S) LSB	0	octet 1
MSB Send Sequence Number N(S)		octet 2
Receive Sequence Number N(R) LSB	0	octet 3
MSB Receive Sequence Number N(R)		octet 4

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Figure 6 – Control field of type Information transfer format (I format)

Control field octet 1 bit 1 = 1 and bit 2 = 0 defines the S format. S format APDUs consist of the APCI only. The control information of an S format is shown in figure 7.

Bit 8 … 3	Bit 2	Bit 1	
0	0	1	octet 1
0			octet 2
Receive Sequence Number N(R) LSB		0	octet 3
MSB Receive Sequence Number N(R)			octet 4

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Figure 7 – Control field of type numbered supervisory functions (S format)