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Introduction

ISO/IEC 12139-1 was published in July 2009. There were also standardization activities on high speed powerline communication in other standards development organizations; IEEE P1901 WG and ITU-T SG15. IEEE Std 1901-2010 was approved in October 2010, and G.hn(G.9960/G.9961) consented in ITU-T in June 2010.

Since powerline is a shared medium of frequency, the different-standard-devices which use powerline could cause harmful interference to each other when used in the same vicinity. Therefore, it is important to study harmonized coexistence to prevent possible harmful interference between devices that adopt standards from different standards organizations.

An IEC SMB decision 135/18 in June 2009 requested that ISO/IEC JTC1/SC 6 initiate maintenance work rapidly to solve any coexistence problems with the G.hn(G.9960) series of ITU-T Recommendations and any other relevant standards from the IEC or elsewhere.

To solve the coexistence problem, ISO/IEC JTC1/SC 6 established a Study Group on High Speed PLC Harmonization (SGPLC) among High Speed PLC International Standards at their meeting in January 2010. The final goal of SGPLC was to achieve harmonized coexistence not only between ISO/IEC 12139-1 and ITU-T G.9960 but between ISO/IEC 12139-1 and IEEE Std 1901-2010. The study report was presented and was approved for its results.

In this document, to guarantee backward compatibility with the ISP (Inter System Protocol) of IEEE Std 1901-2010, time domain multiplex general resource allocation is extended to support another non-interoperable in-home system such as ISO/IEC 12139-1 based powerline communication system while the maximum number of non-interoperable systems supported at the same time remains unchanged as four.