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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 11784:1996), which have been technically revised. It also incorporates the Amendments ISO 11784:1996/Amd. 1:2004 and ISO 11784:1996/Amd. 2:2010.

The main changes are as follows:

- references to ISO 24631-1 has been included to specify the granting and the use of the manufacturer's numbers;
- the following new annexes have been added:
  - Conditions for using ISO 11784 coding ([Annex A](#));
  - Conditions of use of transponder registration ([Annex B](#));
  - Conditions of use of manufacturer codes ([Annex C](#));
  - Steps RA shall take if rules as defined in this document are disrespected ([Annex D](#));
- information related to the Registration Authority for (shared) manufacturer codes has been added.

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## Introduction

This document specifies the structure of the radio-frequency (RF) identification code for animals. RF identification of animals requires that the bits transmitted by a transponder are interpretable by a transceiver.

Usually, the bit stream contains data bits, defining the identification code and a number of bits to ensure correct reception of the data bits. This document specifies the structure of the identification code.

The transmission protocols between transponder and transceiver are the subject of ISO 11785<sup>[1]</sup>.

This document does not specify the characteristics for advanced transponders. These characteristics are the subject of the ISO 14223 series<sup>[2],[3],[4]</sup>.

This document does not specify the characteristics of the injection sites for injectable transponders. These characteristics are the subject of ISO 15639<sup>[5],[6]</sup>.

This document does not specify the characteristics of the evaluation protocols (including granting and use of a manufacturer code). These characteristics are the subject of the ISO 24631 series<sup>[7],[8]</sup>.

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