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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 15784-2:2015), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Amendment ISO 15784-2:2015/Amd 1:2020.

The main changes are as follows:

- support for Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) versions other than SNMP version 3 have been removed;
- support for the Simple Transportation Management Protocol (STMP) has been removed;
- the security stack has been updated to support Transport Layer Security (TLS) version 1.3.

A list of all parts in the ISO 15784 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

## Introduction

### 0.1 Background

The need for standardized communication with intelligent transport system (ITS) field devices is growing around the world. A number of countries base their field device communications on the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP).

There is a growing view and empirical evidence that standardizing this activity will result in improved ITS performance, reduced cost, reduced deployment time and improved maintainability. This document creates a standard for ITS field device communications based on several simple concepts:

- a) maximization of the use of the SNMP standards, which are widely used in the management of network devices;
- b) provision of a consistent definition of the transport and networking layers;
- c) promotion of the adoption of recommended security features; and
- d) promotion of the use of interoperable data definitions for the management of field devices, such as those defined in the ISO 26048 series and regional standards while also supporting vendor and project-specific data.

By using this approach, agencies can specify open procurement and systems can be expanded geographically in an open and non-proprietary manner which reduces costs, accelerates deployment and simplifies integration.

### 0.2 Overview

SNMP is a collection of planned and proven concepts and principles. SNMP employs the sound principles of abstraction and standardization. This has led to SNMP being widely adopted for communication between management systems and devices on the internet, and other communications networks.

This document requires the use of SNMP version 3 (SNMPv3), as defined by the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF). SNMP versions prior to SNMPv3 did not include adequate security. Even if the network itself is secure, previous versions of SNMP permit access control based on the unauthenticated contents of the SNMP message, rather than using the authenticated identity from the lower layers.

This document does not specify any requirements that contradict or cause non-conformance to the standards listed in the normative references section of this document.

The data to be exchanged by SNMP is defined in Management Information Bases (MIBs), which are defined separately in the firewall MIB, RFCs, the ISO 26048 series, regional standards, vendor specifications and project specifications.

### 0.3 Document approach and layout

This document provides:

- a) an overview of the content of SNMP, including conformance and conventions ([Clause 5](#));
- b) a description of the reference architecture for systems that implement this document ([Clause 6](#));
- c) technical requirements for entities claiming conformance to this document ([Clause 7](#));
- d) performance requirements for entities claiming conformance to this document ([Clause 8](#));
- e) a primer for understanding the protocol defined in this document (see [Annex A](#));
- f) example encodings of messages conforming to this document (see [Annex B](#));
- g) an electronic profile requirements list for implementations to use (available at: <https://standards.iso.org/iso/15784/-2/ed-2/en/>);

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- h) an electronic management information base (MIB) that defines the firewall objects (available at: <https://standards.iso.org/iso/15784/-2/ed-2/en/>).

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# Intelligent transport systems — Data exchange involving roadside modules communication —

## Part 2: Centre to field device communications using Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP)

### 1 Scope

This document specifies a mechanism for exchanging data and messages in the following cases:

- a) exchange between a traffic management centre and ITS roadside equipment for traffic management;
- b) exchange between ITS roadside equipment used for traffic management.

This document is not applicable to:

- communication between traffic management centres and in-vehicle units;
- communication between ITS roadside equipment and in-vehicle units;
- in-vehicle communication;
- in-cabinet communication;
- motion video transmission from a camera or recorded media.

This document is suitable for use when both of the following conditions apply:

- 1) The data to be exchanged can be defined as one or more elements that can be retrieved or stored – SNMP can support a wide variety of devices and has adopted the concept of a management information base (MIB), which identifies the configuration, control and monitoring parameters for ITS roadside equipment. This standardized approach is commonly used for network management applications for devices such as routers, switches, bridges and firewalls. It is also used in many regions to control devices such as dynamic message signs.
- 2) Guaranteed, deterministic, real-time exchange of data is not critical – SNMP operations typically require less than 100 ms, but the underlying network can cause multi-second delays in delivering messages or even lost messages; thus, SNMP is not intended for applications that require reliable sub-second communications.

This document can be used for:

- intermittent exchange of any defined data (normal SNMP operations allow messages to be structured by combining any group of elements into a retrieval or storage request);
- repeated, frequent exchanges of the same message structure (with potentially different values), even on relatively low-bandwidth links;

NOTE 1 The dynamic object feature, defined in ISO/TS 26048-1, can be used to eliminate a considerable amount of overhead that is normally associated with SNMP communications to make it more suitable for low-bandwidth links.

- allowing ITS roadside equipment to issue exception reports when special conditions arise.

NOTE 2 Exception reporting uses SNMP notifications in combination with the notification management features defined in ISO/TS 26048-1.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/TS 14812, *Intelligent transport systems — Vocabulary*

ISO/TS 26048-1, *Intelligent transport systems — Field device SNMP data interface — Part 1: Global objects*

RFC 2578, *Structure of Management Information Version 2 (SMIPv2), April 1999*

RFC 2579, *Textual Conventions for SMIPv2, April 1999*

RFC 2580, *Conformance Statements for SMIPv2, April 1999*

RFC 3411, *An Architecture for Describing SNMP Management Frameworks, December 2002*

RFC 3412, *Message Processing and Dispatching, December 2002*

RFC 3413, *SNMP Applications, December 2002*

RFC 3414, *User-based Security Model, December 2002*

RFC 3415, *View-based Access Control Model, December 2002*

RFC 3416, *Version 2, of SNMP Protocol Operations, December 2002*

RFC 3417, *Transport Mappings, December 2002*

RFC 3418, *Management Information Base (MIB) for the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), December 2002*

RFC 3430, *Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP) over Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) Transport Mapping, December 2002*

RFC 3826, *The Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) Cipher Algorithm in the SNMP User-based Security Model, June 2004*

RFC 4001, *Textual Conventions for Internet Network Addresses, February 2005*

RFC 5590, *Transport Subsystem for the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), June 2009*

RFC 5591, *Transport Security Model for the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), June 2009*

RFC 6353, *Transport Layer Security (TLS) Transport Model for the Simple Network Management Protocol (SNMP), July 2011*

RFC 7860, *HMAC-SHA-2 Authentication Protocols in User-Based Security Model (USM) for SNMPv3, April 2016*

RFC 8446, *The Transport Layer Security (TLS) Protocol Version 1.3, August 2018*

RFC 9147, *The Datagram Transport Layer Security (DTLS) Protocol Version 1.3, April 2022*

RFC 9456, *Updates to the TLS Transport Model for SNMP, November 2023*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/TS 14812 and the following apply.