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## 1. Overview

### 1.3 Introduction

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This standard specifies protocols, procedures, and managed objects that support the isolation of congesting data flows within data center environments. This is achieved by enabling systems to individually identify flows creating congestion, isolate those flows to the congesting queue, and signal to neighbors. This mechanism reduces head-of-line blocking for non-congesting flows sharing the same traffic class. Congestion Isolation is used with higher layer protocols that utilize end-to-end congestion control in order to reduce packet loss and latency. To this end, it:

- ct) Defines a means for VLAN-aware Bridges that support congestion isolation to identify flows that are creating congestion.
- cu) Defines a means for adjusting transmission selection for frames of congesting flows.
- cv) Provides a means for discovering peer VLAN-aware Bridges and stations that support congestion isolation.
- cw) Defines a means for signaling congestion isolation to supporting peer Bridges and stations.
- cx) Defines a means for recognizing a system's level and port orientation within the topology relative to the edge.

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IETF RFC 768 (STD0006), User Datagram Protocol, August 1980.<sup>9</sup>

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## 3. Definitions

*Insert the following definitions in the appropriate collating sequence, renumbering accordingly:*

**3.1 congesting flow:** A sequence of frames the end-to-end congestion controlled higher layer protocol treats as belonging to a single flow that is experiencing congestion within a congestion isolation aware system.

**3.2 congestion isolation aware system:** A Bridge component conforming to the congestion isolation provisions of this standard.

**3.3 Congestion Isolation Message (CIM):** A message transmitted by a congestion isolation aware system, conveying congesting flow information used by the upstream peer congestion isolation aware system.

**3.4 Congestion Isolation Point (CIP):** A Virtual Local Area Network (VLAN) Bridge or end station Port function that monitors a set of queues for congesting flows, isolates congesting flows to a congesting queue, and can generate Congestion Isolation Messages.

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## 4. Abbreviations

*Insert the following abbreviations into Clause 4, in the appropriate collating sequence:*

CI	Congestion Isolation
CIM	Congestion Isolation Message
CIP	Congestion Isolation Point

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## 5. Conformance

### 5.4 VLAN Bridge component requirements

#### 5.4.1 VLAN Bridge component options

*Insert new list item ag) at the end of the lettered list in 5.4.1 as follows:*

- ag) Support for Congestion Isolation (CI) operation (5.4.7).

#### 5.4.1.6 ETS Bridge requirements

*Insert new list item a) at the beginning of the lettered list in 5.4.1.6 as follows, renumbering all subsequent items:*

- a) Support the ETS algorithm (8.6.8.3).

*Insert 5.4.7 after 5.4.6 as follows:*

#### 5.4.7 VLAN Bridge requirements for congestion isolation (optional)

A VLAN-aware Bridge implementation that conforms to the provisions of this standard for congestion isolation in Clause 49 shall:

- a) Support, on one or more Ports, the creation of at least one Congestion Isolation Point (49.3.1).
- b) Support Explicit Congestion Notification (ECN) as defined by IETF RFC 3168 and associated updates along with Active Queue Management (AQM) as described in 49.2.1.
- c) Support per-stream classification and metering for CI as specified in 8.6.5.2.3.
- d) Support, at each Congestion Isolation Point, the variables and procedures of the Congestion Isolation Protocol (49.4).
- e) Support the ability to configure the variables controlling the operation of Congestion Isolation (12.33.1), the CI Peer Table (12.33.2), the CI Stream Table (12.33.3), and each CIP (12.33.4).
- f) Conform to the required capabilities of IEEE Std 802.1AB.
- g) Support the use of the Congestion Isolation TLV in LLDP (D.2.15).

A VLAN Bridge implementation that conforms to the provisions of this standard for congestion isolation may:

- h) Support the monitoring of more than one queue on a Bridge Port (49.4.1.2.5).
- i) Support transmission selection algorithms other than strict priority.
- j) Support the de-isolation of congesting flows by means other than the empty status of a congesting queue (49.2.6).
- k) Support the Congestion Isolation YANG model (48.3.8).
- l) Support Topology Recognition (49.5).