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**Electronic fee collection —  
Application interface definition for  
autonomous systems —**

**Part 3:  
Context data**

*Perception du télépéage — Définition de l'interface d'application pour  
les systèmes autonomes —*

*Partie 3: Données du contexte*

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## Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 204, *Intelligent transport systems*.

This edition of ISO 17575-3 cancels and replaces ISO/TS 17575-3:2011, which has been technically revised. The following changes have been made:

- conversion from a Technical Specification to an International Standard;
- amendments to reflect changes to the underlying base standards, especially ISO 14906;
- major changes regarding
  - integration of functionalities for the support of complex toll domains that consist of more than one partition from ISO/TS 17575-2:2010,
  - changes in the security scheme details,
  - introduction of protocol version identification,
  - harmonization of the identification of toll contexts amongst the parts of ISO 17575,
  - improvement of the possibility to use rounding rules,
  - enabling the use of a second alternative currency in tariffs,
  - adaptation of the charge reporting configuration to changes in ISO 17575-1:2016,
  - enabling the use of toll context partitions which may be present in one single toll context,
  - support of optional geographic data files (GDF) based description of toll liable networks (embracing such data definitions from ISO 12855:2012,
  - revised terms and definitions ([Clause 3](#)), and
  - editorial and formal corrections as well as changes to improve readability.

ISO 17575 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Electronic fee collection — Application interface definition for autonomous systems*:

- *Part 1: Charging*
- *Part 2: Communication and connection to the lower layers*
- *Part 3: Context data*

In this edition of the ISO 17575-series the contents of ISO/TS 17575-4:2011 were incorporated into ISO 17575-3:2016. ISO/TS 17575-4:2011 will be withdrawn once ISO 17575-3 has been published.

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## Introduction

### 0.1 Autonomous systems

ISO 17575 is a series of standards defining the information exchange between the Front End and the Back End in electronic fee collection (EFC) based on autonomous on-board equipment (OBE). EFC systems automatically collect charging data for the use of road infrastructure including motorway tolls, zone-based fees in urban areas, tolls for special infrastructure such as bridges and tunnels, distance-based charging, and parking fees.

Further introductory explanations of autonomous systems in EFC and, in particular, the considerations with respect to business and technical architecture that form the base for interfaces within such system and their interoperable specification are provided in ISO 17575-1:2016.

### 0.2 Location of the specification interface

In order to abstract from, and become independent of, these architectural implementation choices, the primary scope of ISO 17575 is the data exchange between Front End and Back End (see the corresponding vertical line in [Figure 1](#)). For every toll scheme, the Back End will send context data, i.e. a description of the toll scheme in terms of charged objects, charging rules and, if required, the tariff scheme to the Front End, and will receive usage data from the Front End.

It has to be noted also that the distribution of tasks and responsibilities between service provider and toll charger will vary individually. Depending on the local legal situation, toll chargers will require “thinner” or “thicker” data, and might or might not leave certain data processing tasks to service providers. Hence, the data definitions in ISO 17575 may be useful on several interfaces.

ISO 17575 also provides for basic media-independent communication services that may be used for communication between Front End and Back End, which might be line-based or an air-link, and can also be used for the air-link between OBE and central communication server.

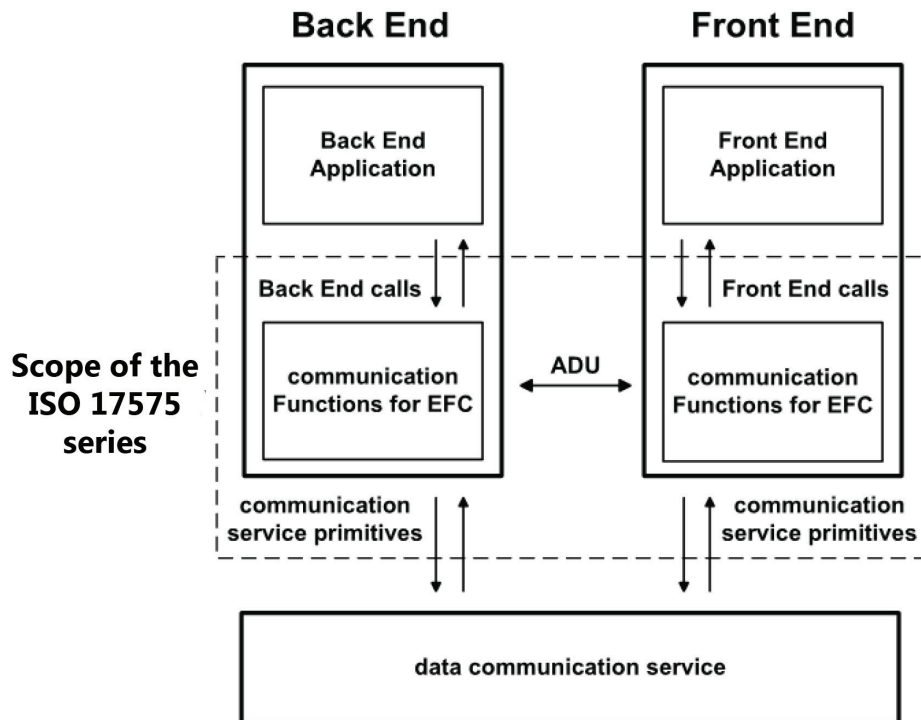


Figure 1 — Scope of ISO 17575

### 0.3 The parts of ISO 17575

*Part 1: Charging*, defines the attributes for the transfer of usage data from the Front End to the Back End. The contents of charge reports might vary between toll regimes, hence, attributes for all requirements are offered, ranging from attributes for raw localization data, for map-matched geographic objects and for completely priced toll transactions. A toll regime comprises a set of rules for charging, including the charged network, the charging principles, the liable vehicles and a definition of the required contents of the charge report.

*Part 2: Communication and connection to lower layers*, defines basic communication services for data transfer over the OBE air-link or between Front End and Back End. The data defined in ISO 17575-1 and ISO 17575-3 can, but need not be, exchanged using the communication stack as defined in ISO 17575-2.

*Part 3: Context data*, defines the data to be used for a description of individual charging systems in terms of charged geographical objects and charging and reporting rules. For every toll charger's system, attributes as defined in ISO 17575-3 are used to transfer data to the Front End in order to instruct it on which data to collect and report.

### 0.4 Application needs covered by ISO 17575

The ISO 17575-series of standards

- is compliant with the architecture defined in ISO 17573:2010,
- supports charges for use of road sections (including bridges, tunnels, passes, etc.), passage of cordons (entry/exit), and use of infrastructure within an area (distance, time),
- supports fee collection based on units of distance or duration, and based on occurrence of events,
- supports modulation of fees by vehicle category, road category, time of usage and contract type (e.g. exempt vehicles, special tariff vehicles, etc.),
- supports limiting of fees by a defined maximum per period of usage,
- supports fees with different legal status (e.g. public tax, private toll),
- supports differing requirements of different toll chargers, especially in terms of
  - geographic domain and context descriptions,
  - contents and frequency of charge reports,
  - feedback to the driver (e.g. green or red light), and
  - provision of additional detailed data on request, e.g. for settling of disputes,
- supports overlapping geographic toll domains,
- supports adaptations to changes in
  - tolled infrastructure,
  - tariffs, and
  - participating toll schemes, and
- supports the provision of trust guarantees by the service provider to the toll charger for the data originated from the Front End.

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# Electronic fee collection — Application interface definition for autonomous systems —

## Part 3: Context data

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 17575 defines the content, semantics and format of the data exchange between a Front End (OBE plus optional proxy) and the corresponding Back End in autonomous toll systems. It defines the data elements used to specify and describe the toll context details. Context data are transmitted from the Back End to the Front End to configure it for the charging processes of the associated toll context.

In ISO 17575, context data is the description of the properties of a single instance of an electronic fee collection (EFC) context. This single instance of an EFC context operates according to one of the basic tolling principles such as

- road section charging,
- area charging (according to travelled distance or duration of time), and
- cordon charging.

EFC context data comprise a set of rules for charging, including the description of the charged network, the charging principles, the liable vehicles and a definition of the required contents of the charge report. This set of rules is defined individually for each EFC context according to local needs.

The following data and associated procedures are defined in this part of ISO 17575:

- data providing toll context overview information;
- data providing tariff information (including definitions of required tariff determinants such as vehicle parameters, time classe, etc.);
- data providing context layout information;
- data providing reporting rules information.

This part of ISO 17575 also provides the required definitions and data specifications to be applied when one single toll context is split into more than one toll context partitions. This is applicable to cases where one EFC scheme and the rules applied cannot be described with a single set of context data.

[Annex A](#) provides the data type specification using ASN.1 notation.

The protocol implementation conformity statements (PICS) proforma are provided in [Annex B](#).

[Annex C](#) provides a graphical presentation of the structure of the toll context data.

[Annexes D, E and F](#) contain further information and descriptions, which may support the understanding and the implementation of the rules specified in this part of ISO 17575.

[Annex G](#) provides information how this part of ISO 17575 can be used in a European Electronic Toll Service (EETS) environment, with reference to EU Decision 2009/750.

## 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 612, *Road vehicles — Dimensions of motor vehicles and towed vehicles — Terms and definitions*

ISO 1176, *Road vehicles — Masses — Vocabulary and codes*

ISO 4217, *Codes for the representation of currencies and funds*

ISO/IEC 8824-1:2008, *Information technology — Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Specification of basic notation — Part 1*

ISO/IEC 8825-2:2008, *Information technology — ASN.1 encoding rules: Specification of Packed Encoding Rules (PER) — Part 2*

ISO 12813:2015, *Electronic fee collection — Compliance check communication for autonomous systems*

ISO 14906:2011/Amd1:2015, *Electronic fee collection — Application interface definition for dedicated short-range communication*

ISO 17575-1:2016, *Electronic fee collection — Application interface definition for autonomous systems — Part 1: Charging*

EN 15509:2014, *Electronic fee collection — Interoperability application profile for DSRC*

NIMA TR8350.2, Third Edition — Amendment 1, January 2000, Department of Defense — *World Geodetic System 1984, Its Definition and Relationships With Local Geodetic Systems, issued by National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA), US Department of Defense*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1 area charging

charging based on road usage within a given area

[SOURCE: ISO 17575-1:2016, 3.1]

### 3.2 attribute

addressable package of data consisting of a single data element or structured sequences of data elements

[SOURCE: ISO 17575-1:2016, 3.2]

### 3.3 authenticator

data, possibly encrypted, that is used for authentication

[SOURCE: EN 15509:2014, 3.3]

### 3.4 Back End

part of a back office system interfacing to one or more *Front Ends* (3.11)

[SOURCE: ISO 17575-1:2016, 3.4]

**3.5****charge object**

geographic or road related object for the use of which a charge is applied

[SOURCE: ISO 17575-1:2016, 3.5]

**3.6****charge report**

information containing road usage and related information originated at the *Front End* (3.11)

[SOURCE: ISO 17575-1:2016, 3.6]

**3.7****cordon**

border line of an area

[SOURCE: ISO 17575-1:2016, 3.7]

**3.8****cordon charging**

charging for the crossing of a *cordon* (3.7)

[SOURCE: ISO 17575-1:2016, 3.8]

**3.9****data element**

coded information, which might itself consist of lower level information structures

[SOURCE: ISO 17575-1:2016, 3.9]

**3.10****data set**

logical set of *data elements* (3.9) with a semantic relation

Note 1 to entry: Data set is used only for better understanding and is fully independent from implementation solutions.

**3.11****Front End**

part of a tolling system consisting of an *OBE* (3.13) and possibly a *proxy* (3.14) where road tolling information and usage data are collected and processed for delivery to the *Back End* (3.4)

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 19299:2015, 3.17]

Note 1 to entry: The Front End comprises the *on-board equipment* (3.13) and an optional *proxy* (3.14).

**3.12****layout**

technical description of the location of tolled objects including their borders

**3.13****on-board equipment****OBE**

all required equipment on-board a vehicle for performing required EFC functions and communication services

**3.14****proxy**

optional part of a *Front End* (3.11) that communicates with external equipment and processes the data received into an agreed format to be delivered to the *Back End* (3.4)

[SOURCE: ISO 17575-1:2016, 3.13]

**3.15**

**road section charging**

tolling principle where the fee is due if predefined sections of roads are used

[SOURCE: ISO 17575-1:2016, 3.14]

**3.16**

**toll**

charge, tax or duty levied in connection with using a vehicle in a *toll domain* (3.20)

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 19299:2015, 3.42, modified — “any” has been deleted from before “charge”.]

Note 1 to entry: The definition is the generalization of the classic definition of a toll as a charge, a tax, or a duty for permission to pass a barrier or to proceed along a road, over a bridge, etc. The definition also includes fees regarded as an (administrative) obligation, e.g. a tax or a duty.

**3.17**

**tolled area**

geographic area where a *toll* (3.16) is charged for road usage

**3.18**

**toll context**

logical view as defined by *attributes* (3.2) and functions of the basic elements of a toll scheme consisting of a single basic tolling principle, a spatial distribution of the *charge objects* (3.5) and a single behaviour of the related *Front End* (3.11)

[SOURCE: ISO 17575-1:2016, 3.17]

**3.19**

**toll context data**

information defined by the responsible toll charger as necessary to establish the *toll* (3.16) due for using a vehicle on a particular *toll context* (3.18) and to conclude the toll transaction

[SOURCE: ISO 12855:2015, 3.15]

**3.20**

**toll domain**

area or part of a road network where a certain *toll regime* (3.21) is applied

[SOURCE: ISO 17573:2010, 3.18, modified — “certain” has been added.]

**3.21**

**toll regime**

set of rules, including enforcement rules, governing the collection of *toll* (3.16) in a *toll domain* (3.20)

[SOURCE: ISO 17573:2010, 3.20]

**3.22**

**toll scheme**

organizational view of a *toll regime* (3.21), including the actors and their relationships

## 4 Abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the following abbreviated terms apply.

ADU	Application data unit (ISO 14906)
ASN.1	Abstract Syntax Notation One (ISO/IEC 8824-1)
CCC	Compliance check communication (ISO 12813)

CN	Cellular network
DSRC	Dedicated short-range communication (ISO 14906)
DST	Daylight saving time
EFC	Electronic fee collection (ISO 14906)
GDF	Geographic Data Files (ISO 14825)
GNSS	Global Navigation Satellite Systems
HOT	High occupancy tolling
ID	Identifier
OBE	On-board equipment
PICS	Protocol implementation conformance statements
UTC	Coordinated Universal Time
VAT	Value added tax

## 5 General concept and overview

To enable a Front End to operate autonomously in a toll domain in the expected manner, a particular set of data elements containing application data has to be available to the Front End. These data elements shall contain a description of the rules that apply in a toll domain. This includes information regarding tariffs, vehicle classes, description of the charge objects, etc.

The data elements may be made available to the Front End using the communication services described in ISO 17575-2:2016.

For the purpose of data transfer an application data unit (ADU) is defined, which comprises a header (mainly containing identification and data management information) and a data body (containing the application data elements itself).

The ADU header allows for identification of the data originator and the data sender. Furthermore, it contains information about the toll context to which the application data belong. Finally, the ADU header carries a sequence number.

This part of ISO 17575 is based on the assumption that one toll scheme may consist of multiple parts. The data requirements provided in this part of ISO 17575 support this concept. In addition, Front Ends may be used in more than one toll scheme. In such cases, the Front End might have the capability to manage multiple sets of toll context data elements (one per toll scheme). See [Figure 2](#).

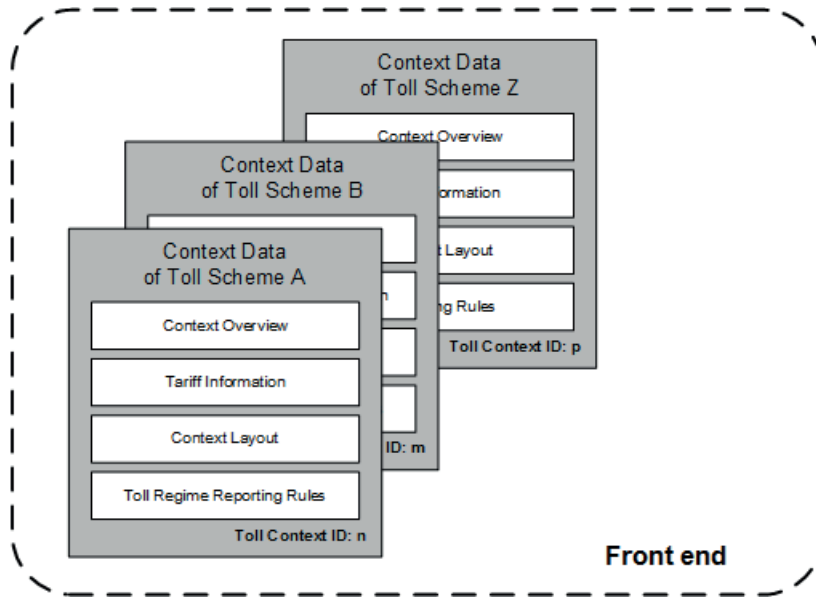


Figure 2 — Logical structure of toll context descriptions in a Front End

There may be a maximum number of toll contexts a Front End can manage. This number may depend on the memory size, the complexity of the toll context data and the envisaged use of the Front End. Front Ends may also be designed in a way to support the context description for one particular toll scheme only. Other Front End designs may support context descriptions for more than one toll scheme.

Context data are structured into logical data sets (see 8.3). Figure 3 gives an overview of these data sets and the type of information belonging to each data set.

Each data set comprises one or more EFC attributes. EFC attributes contain the application data. They are defined in Clause 8.

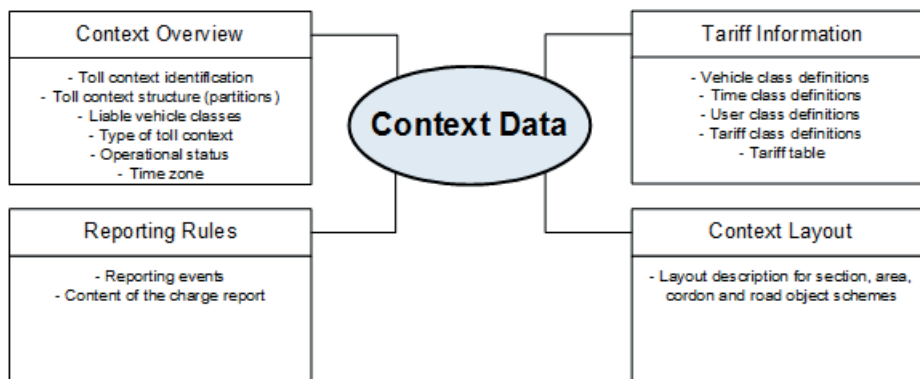


Figure 3 — Context data overview

A single toll scheme (and related toll context data) may be split into several parts. Each part of the toll scheme may be of different charging type (i.e. section charging, area charging and cordon charging), may have an individual layout and thus may require different toll context data. This part of ISO 17575 supports this concept by so-called toll context partitions. Details are specified in Clause 8.

The organization of the memory and the physical structure of the data within a Front End are outside the scope of this part of ISO 17575.

## 6 Procedural requirements and encoding rules

### 6.1 General

This clause provides normative requirements with regards to

- communication services to be applied for the exchange of context data,
- provisions offered in this part of ISO 17575 in order to enable version and validity control of context data, and
- encoding rules to be applied for context data.

### 6.2 Communication services

For the purpose of transmitting ADUs from the Back End to the Front End, the communication services defined in ISO 17575-2:2016 or any other appropriate communication services may be used.

NOTE 1 Details with respect to communication services are usually agreed between the operating entities of Back End and Front End.

NOTE 2 State-of-the-art communication frameworks (so-called middleware) designed for data exchange between IT systems and subsystems are appropriate candidate solutions.

### 6.3 Version and validity handling

#### 6.3.1 Protocol versioning

The Back End shall provide, with each submission of toll context data to the Front End, the application interface definition (syntax and semantics) that is used by the Back End by means of the `protocolVersion`.

The `protocolVersion` information shall be part of the ADU header of the message. The specification of the `protocolVersion` information is provided in [7.4](#) and in [A.2](#).

In cases where the receiving Front End does not support the application interface definition (as indicated by the `protocolVersion`) the Back End requests, the Front End shall provide a negative response to the Back End.

NOTE ISO/TS 17575-3:2011 id not support the version handling of application interface definitions by means of `protocolVersion`.

#### 6.3.2 Context data versioning

Each EFC attribute includes an optional data element containing version and validity information applicable for the respective EFC attribute. The data type of this data element shall always be `VersionAndValidity`. This data type shall comprise two data elements:

- `version`;
- `validFrom`.

The data element `version` shall give the version number of the respective EFC attribute. The data type shall be `VersionId` defined in ISO 17575-1:2016. The version number shall be used in an increasing order.

NOTE 1 This concept enables the Front End to autonomously detect missing versions of context data and potentially initiate an action to update the respective information in the Front End.

The data element `validFrom` shall give the start date and time of the validity of the respective EFC attribute. The data type shall be `GeneralizedTime` as defined in ISO 14906:2011/Amd1:2015.