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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 7240-13:2005), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- This edition takes into account new techniques in communication and the availability of new technologies and concepts.
- This edition is applicable to electrical wires, optical fibre or radio frequency connections. The previous edition was only applicable to electrical wires.
- Clarification introduced that it is possible to use this document to establish compatibility with fire protection equipment such as sprinkler flow switches and electrically activated sprinkler heads.
- Levels (field, control and management) and a network transmission path for the basis of system configuration introduced.
- References to EN standards have been replaced with the appropriate IEC standard references.
- Introduction of [Annex A](#), Example of levels used in FDAS.
- Introduction of [Annex B](#), Classification of functions of the FDAS.
- Introduction of [Annex C](#), Example methodology for theoretical analysis.
- Introduction of [Annex D](#), Software design documentation.
- Introduction of [Annex E](#), Flowchart for assessment of compatibility/connectability.
- Introduction of [Annex F](#), previously [Annex A](#), upgraded to the latest fire detection and alarm system functions diagram from ISO 7240-1.

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