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European foreword

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Introduction

This document belongs to a series of parts of EN 13757, which covers communication systems for meters and remote reading of meters. EN 13757-1 contains generic descriptions and a communication protocol. EN 13757-2 contains a physical and a link layer for twisted pair based Meter-Bus (M-Bus). EN 13757-3 contains detailed description of the application protocols especially the M-Bus Protocol. EN 13757-4 describes wireless communication (often called wireless M-Bus or wM-Bus). EN 13757-5 describes the wireless network used for repeating, relaying and routing for the different modes of EN 13757-4. EN 13757-6 describes a twisted pair local bus for short distance (Lo-Bus). EN 13757-7 describes transport mechanism and security methods for data.

These upper M-Bus protocol layers can be used with various physical layers and with link layers and network layers, which support the transmission of variable length binary transparent messages. Frequently, the physical and link layers of EN 13757-2 (twisted pair) and EN 13757-4 (wireless) as well as EN 13757-5 (wireless with routing function) or the alternatives described in EN 13757-1 are used. These upper M-Bus protocol layers have been optimized for minimum battery consumption of meters, especially for the case of wireless communication to ensure long battery lifetimes of the meters. Secondly, it is optimized for minimum message length to minimize the wireless channel occupancy and hence the collision rate. Thirdly, it is optimized for minimum requirements towards the meter processor regarding requirements of RAM size, code length and computation power.

An overview of communication systems for meters is given in EN 13757-1, which also contains further definitions.

This document concentrates on the meter communication. The meter communicates with one (or occasionally several) fixed or mobile communication partner, which again might be part of a private or public network. These further communication systems might use the same or other application layer protocols, security, privacy, authentication, and management methods.

To facilitate common communication systems for CEN-meters (e.g. gas, water, thermal energy meters and heat cost allocators) and for electricity meters in this document occasionally electricity meters are mentioned. All these references are for information only and are not standard requirements. The definition of communication standards for electricity meters (possibly by a reference to CEN standards) remains solely in the responsibility of CEN/CLC.

Table 1 gives an overview of the annexes as well as a reference to the corresponding Annexes in the former EN 13757-3:2013 where applicable.

Table 1 — Relation between the annexes of this Technical report and EN 13757-3:2013

Annex	Description	Annex in EN 13757-3:2013
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1 Scope

This Technical Report contains additional information to the requirements determined in EN 13757-2, EN 13757-3 and EN 13757-7, in particular examples for the implementation, datagram examples secured by security mechanism of part 7 and additional non-normative requirements beyond meter communication itself.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

byte

octet of bits

3.2

data integrity

property that data has not been altered or destroyed in an unauthorized manner

3.3

datagram

unit of data transferred from source to destination

3.4

integrity

see data integrity

3.5

key derivation

technique by which a (potentially large) number of keys are generated ("derived") from a single initial key and non-secret variable data with each resulting key using a non-reversible process

3.6

message

functional set of data transferred from source to destination

Note: A message may consist of one or more datagrams.

3.7

persistent key

cryptographic key which shall be kept a prolonged period