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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2014. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

The main changes with respect to the previous edition are listed below:

- addition of a new PDU type which called "Short PDU type II" in 4.2;
- update of Table 4;
- addition of examples of Synchronous Command communication in 9.2.1, Figure 27 and Figure 28.

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INTRODUCTION

This document is one of a series produced to facilitate the interconnection of automation system components. It is related to other standards in the set as defined by the "three-layer" fieldbus reference model described in IEC 61158-1.

The application protocol provides the application service by making use of the services available from the data-link or other immediately lower layer. The primary aim of this document is to provide a set of rules for communication expressed in terms of the procedures to be carried out by peer application entities (AEs) at the time of communication. These rules for communication are intended to provide a sound basis for development in order to serve a variety of purposes:

- as a guide for implementers and designers;
- for use in the testing and procurement of equipment;
- as part of an agreement for the admittance of systems into the open systems environment;
- as a refinement to the understanding of time-critical communications within OSI.

This document is concerned, in particular, with the communication and interworking of sensors, effectors and other automation devices. By using this document together with other standards positioned within the OSI or fieldbus reference models, otherwise incompatible systems can work together in any combination.

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1 Scope

1.1 General

The Fieldbus Application Layer (FAL) provides user programs with a means to access the fieldbus communication environment. In this respect, the FAL can be viewed as a "window between corresponding application programs".

This part of IEC 61158 provides common elements for basic time-critical and non-time-critical messaging communications between application programs in an automation environment and material specific to Type 24 fieldbus. The term "time-critical" is used to represent the presence of a time-window, within which one or more specified actions are required to be completed with some defined level of certainty. Failure to complete specified actions within the time window risks failure of the applications requesting the actions, with attendant risk to equipment, plant and possibly human life.

This document defines in an abstract way the externally visible behavior provided by the Type 24 fieldbus application layer in terms of

- the abstract syntax defining the application layer protocol data units conveyed between communicating application entities,
- the transfer syntax defining the application layer protocol data units conveyed between communicating application entities,
- the application context state machines defining the application service behavior visibly between communicating application entities, and
- the application relationship state machines defining the communication behavior visibly between communicating application entities.

The purpose of this document is to define the protocol provided to

- define the representation-on-wire of the service primitives defined in IEC 61158-5-24, and
- define the externally visible behavior associated with their transfer.

This document specifies the protocol of the Type 24 fieldbus application layer, in conformance with the OSI Basic Reference Model (ISO/IEC 7498-1) and the OSI Application Layer Structure (ISO/IEC 9545).

1.2 Specifications

The principal objective of this document is to specify the syntax and behavior of the application layer protocol that conveys the application layer services defined in IEC 61158-5-24.

A secondary objective is to provide migration paths from previously existing industrial communications protocols. It is this latter objective which gives rise to the diversity of protocols standardized in the IEC 61158-6 series.