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The following major technical changes have occurred between the PAS edition and this edition:

a) Syntax for network segments, links and parameters has been added in Annex A for consistency with IEC 61499-1.
b) Syntax for parameters instead of constant data connections has been included for consistency with IEC 61499-1.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

IEC 61499 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Function blocks:*

Part 1: Architecture

Part 2: Software tool requirements

Part 3: Tutorial information

Part 4: Rules for compliance profiles [1]

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until the maintenance result date indicated on the IEC web site under "http://webstore.iec.ch" in the data related to the specific publication. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed;
- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

A bilingual version of this standard may be issued at a later date.

[1] Under consideration.

INTRODUCTION

The IEC 61499 series consists of four Parts:

- Part 1 contains:
  - general requirements, including an introduction, scope, normative references, definitions, and reference models;
  - rules for the declaration of *function block types*, and rules for the behaviour of *instances* of the types so declared;
  - rules for the use of function blocks in the *configuration* of distributed Industrial-Process Measurement and Control *Systems* (IPMCSs);
  - rules for the use of function blocks in meeting the communication requirements of distributed IPMCSs;
  - rules for the use of function blocks in the management of *applications, resources* and *devices* in distributed IPMCSs.
- Part 2 (this part of IEC 61499) defines requirements for *software tools* to support the following systems engineering tasks enumerated in Clause 1 of IEC 61499-1:
  - the specification of *function block types*;
  - the functional specification of *resource types* and *device types*;
  - the specification, analysis, and validation of distributed IPMCSs;
  - the *configuration*, *implementation*, operation, and maintenance of distributed IPMCSs;
  - the exchange of *information* among *software tools*.

  It is assumed that such software tools may be used in the context of an Engineering Support System (ESS) as described in Clause C.1 of IEC 61499-1.
- Part 3 has the purpose of increasing the understanding, acceptance, and both generic and domain-specific applicability of IPMCS architectures and software tools meeting the requirements of the other Parts, by providing:
  - answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) regarding the IEC 61499 series;
  - examples of the use of IEC 61499 constructs to solve frequently encountered problems in control and automation engineering.
- Part 4 defines rules for the development of *compliance profiles* which specify the features of IEC 61499-1 and 61499-2 to be implemented in order to promote the following attributes of IEC 61499-based systems, devices and software tools:
  - interoperability of devices from multiple suppliers;
  - portability of software between software tools of multiple suppliers; and
  - configurability of devices from multiple vendors by software tools of multiple suppliers.

FUNCTION BLOCKS –

Part 2: Software tool requirements

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61499 defines requirements for *software tools* to support the following systems engineering tasks enumerated in Clause 1 of IEC 61499-1:

– the specification of *function block types*;

– the functional specification of *resource types* and *device types*;

– the specification, analysis, and validation of distributed IPMCSs;

– the *configuration*, *implementation*, operation, and maintenance of distributed IPMCSs;

– the exchange of *information* among *software tools*.

It is assumed that such software tools may be used in the context of an Engineering Support System (ESS) as described in Clause C.1 of IEC 61499-1.

It is beyond the scope of this part of IEC 61499 to specify the entire life cycle of industrial-process measurement and control systems (IPMCSs), or the entire set of tasks and activities required to support an IPCMS over its life cycle. However, other standards which do specify such tasks and activities may extend or modify the requirements specified in this Part.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 61499-1, *Function blocks - Part 1: Architecture*

IEC 61499-4, *Function Blocks - Part 4: Rules for compliance profiles*[2]

The normative references given in IEC 61499-1 apply to this part of IEC 61499.

2 To be published.