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FDIS	Report on voting
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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 3.

The special typographical conventions and nomenclature used in this standard are defined in IEC 61162-400, annex A.

Annexes A, B and C form an integral part of this standard. Annex D is for information only.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until June 2005. At this date, the publication will be

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- withdrawn;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

INTRODUCTION

International Standard IEC 61162 is a four-part standard which specifies four digital interfaces for applications in marine navigation, radiocommunication and system integration.

The four parts are:

IEC 61162-1 Single talker and multiple listeners

IEC 61162-2 Single talker and multiple listeners, high speed transmission

IEC 61162-3 Multiple talkers and multiple listeners – Serial data instrument network

IEC 61162-4 Multiple talkers and multiple listeners – Ship systems interconnection.

Part 4 of the standard is sub-divided into a number of individual standards with part numbers in the IEC 61162-400 series. A full reference to part 4 can be found in IEC 61162-400, clause 4.

This part of the standard, IEC 61162-401: A-profile specification, defines the application functionality and its implementation in an application layer protocol.

Relationship with the other parts of the IEC 61162 series of standards is defined in annex B to IEC 61162-400.

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1 Scope

1.1 General

IEC 61162-4 series specifies a communication system for use in integrated ship control systems.

IEC 61162-400 defines the overall functional scope for the communication system.

1.2 Application profile

This part of IEC 61162 describes the application profile (A-profile – corresponding to ISO-OSI layers 5 to 7 [ISO 7498]) of the communication protocol which is the basis for the communication system. It relies on the realization of layers 1 to 4 (the T-profile) as described in part 410.

The description of the A-profile is in terms of services offered to the application using the protocol and of message contents and sequences used to realize these services.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of IEC 61162. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of IEC 61162 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

IEC 61162-400, *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems – Digital interfaces – Part 400: Multiple talkers and multiple listeners – Ship systems interconnection – Introduction and general principles*

IEC 61162-410, *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems – Digital interfaces – Part 410: Multiple talkers and multiple listeners – Ship systems interconnection – Transport profile requirements and basic transport profile*

IEC 61162-420, *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems – Digital interfaces – Part 420: Multiple talkers and multiple listeners – Ship systems interconnection – Companion standard requirements and basic companion standards*

IEEE 754: *IEEE Standard for Binary Floating-Point Arithmetic*

ISO/IEC 8859-1, *Information technology – 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets – Part 1: Latin alphabet No. 1*

ISO/IEC 10646-1, *Information Technology – Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set (UCS) – Part 1: Architecture and Basic Multilingual Plane*

RFC 2500:1999, *Internet Official Protocol Standards – Internet Activities Board standard*

NOTE RFC (request for comments) is a document issued by the Internet engineering task force (IETF), the International standardization body for the Internet, that describes a part of the Internet protocol. Some RFCs are accepted as official Internet standards and listed in the “Internet Official Protocol Standards” itself an RFC.

3 Definitions

This clause is divided into definition of terms (terms), definition of abbreviations (abbreviations), definitions of nomenclature (conventions), definition of data types (data types) and definition of literal formats. Other definitions valid for this part of IEC 61162 are contained in part 400 of this standard.

3.1 Terms

For the purpose of this part of IEC 61162, the following terms apply:

3.1.1

anonymous broadcast (ABC)

a broadcast service where the sender does not know to which MAU it is sending data. Similarly the listener may not know which sender it should listen for

3.1.2

array

a linear indexed sequence of identical data types. The index runs from zero and upwards. Arrays can have variable lengths (with a fixed upper limit) or fixed lengths. The difference between these two types is normally only visible during transmission between modules where the real length of a variable length array is transmitted as an attribute

3.1.3

bit order

this standard numbers bits in an octet from zero to seven. Bit seven is the most significant bit; bit zero the least significant

3.1.4

character

this standard provides two mechanisms for the transmission of characters:

- a) an 8-bit character based on ISO/IEC 8859-1 (also called ISO Latin-1). This set covers most national alphabets based on the Latin letters;
- b) a 16-bit character based on ISO/IEC 10646-1. This standard specifies the use of the 16-bit form Universal Character Set 2 (UCS-2) which covers most of the commonly used character sets in the world

NOTE 1 Later revisions of the standard may also support 32-bit characters.

NOTE 2 Any reference to *character* in this standard implies the 8-bit character if not otherwise stated.

3.1.5

companion standard

these are the mechanisms to define and describe how the A-profile services are used to implement some application functions and interfaces (see IEC 61162-420)

3.1.6

connection

an association between two interfaces or two MCPs, one each on a server and a client MAU. A connection must be established before transactions can be activated