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- adding a calculation method for RSTP (rapid spanning tree protocol, IEEE 802.1Q),
- adding two new redundancy protocols: HSR (High-availability Seamless Redundancy) and DRP (Distributed Redundancy Protocol),
- moving former Clauses 1 to 4 (introduction, definitions, general aspects) and the Annexes (taxonomy, availability calculation) to EN 62439-1, which serves now as a base for the other documents,
- moving Clause 5 (MRP) to EN 62439-2 with minor editorial changes,
- moving Clause 6 (PRP) to EN 62439-3 with minor editorial changes,
- moving Clause 7 (CRP) to EN 62439-4 with minor editorial changes, and
- moving Clause 8 (BRP) to EN 62439-5 with minor editorial changes,
- adding a method to calculate the maximum recovery time of RSTP in a restricted configuration (ring) to EN 62439-1 as Clause 8,
- adding specifications of the HSR (High-availability Seamless Redundancy) protocol, which shares the principles of PRP to EN 62439-3 as Clause 5, and
- introducing the DRP protocol as EN 62439-6.

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| IEC 62439-1        | 2010        | Industrial communication networks - High availability automation networks - Part 1: General concepts and calculation methods   | EN 62439-1    | 2010        |
| ISO/IEC 8802-3     | 2000        | Information technology - Telecommunications - and information exchange between systems - Local and metropolitan area networks - Specific requirements - Part 3: Carrier sense multiple access with collision detection (CSMA/CD) access method and physical layer specifications | -             | -           |
| IEEE 802.1D        | 2004        | IEEE Standard for Local and Metropolitan Area Networks - Media Access Control (MAC) Bridges  | -             | -           |
| IEEE 802.1Q        | -           | IEEE Standard for Local and Metropolitan Area Networks - Virtual Bridged Local Area Networks   | -             | -           |

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## INTRODUCTION

The IEC 62439 series specifies relevant principles for high availability networks that meet the requirements for industrial automation networks.

In the fault-free state of the network, the protocols of the IEC 62439 series provide ISO/IEC 8802-3 (IEEE 802.3) compatible, reliable data communication, and preserve determinism of real-time data communication. In cases of fault, removal, and insertion of a component, they provide deterministic recovery times.

These protocols retain fully the typical Ethernet communication capabilities as used in the office world, so that the software involved remains applicable.

The market is in need of several network solutions, each with different performance characteristics and functional capabilities, matching diverse application requirements. These solutions support different redundancy topologies and mechanisms which are introduced in IEC 62439-1 and specified in the other Parts of the IEC 62439 series. IEC 62439-1 also distinguishes between the different solutions, giving guidance to the user.

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# INDUSTRIAL COMMUNICATION NETWORKS – HIGH AVAILABILITY AUTOMATION NETWORKS –

## Part 2: Media Redundancy Protocol (MRP)

### **1 Scope**

The IEC 62439 series is applicable to high-availability automation networks based on the ISO/IEC 8802-3 (IEEE 802.3) (Ethernet) technology.

This part of the IEC 62439 series specifies a recovery protocol based on a ring topology, designed to react deterministically on a single failure of an inter-switch link or switch in the network, under the control of a dedicated media redundancy manager node.

### **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.

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### **3 Terms, definitions, abbreviations, acronyms, and conventions**

#### **3.1 Terms and definitions**

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-191, as well as in IEC 62439-1, apply.

#### **3.2 Abbreviations and acronyms**

For the purposes of this document, the abbreviations and acronyms given in IEC 62439-1 apply, in addition to the following.

MRC      Media Redundancy Client