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## INTRODUCTION

Various electrically controlled sensors and switches are used in homes and similar environments for many different applications. Examples of such applications are lighting, heating, energy management, blinds control, different forms of security control and entertainment (audio and video).

In most cases the device, e.g. a switch initiating an action, and the device, e.g. a lamp, are installed at different places. The distance can be bridged by wires, infrared or radio transmission. Presently equipment at both ends of a wireless transmission link needs to be powered by line or battery.

While wireless transmissions are especially attractive to retrofit homes, power maintenance of battery-driven devices is a burden. In addition, these batteries require scarce materials. Since the command and control messages sent by control and sensor devices in homes are very short, they can be powered using new techniques for energy harvesting, provided they use a wireless protocol that operates on relatively low power. Energy available in the environment of a device is captured and stored (harvested) to power operation of the device. Examples of energy sources are mechanical actuation, solar radiation, temperature differences, etc. If this is executed, at least one device in the link neither needs a battery nor a wire. Energy harvesting devices need very limited power and use an energy efficient radio protocol to send data to other conventionally powered devices in the home. In order to ensure interoperability of such devices from different sources within a home, an International Standard for a protocol is required that uses the little power that energy harvesting devices can provide and at the same time spans distances to be bridged within a home environment.

Several such devices used within a home often come from different sources. They are required to interwork with each other using a common internal network (in this document called a home network) and supporting a home automation system. When a home automation system meets ISO/IEC HES Standards, it is called a home electronic system (HES).

Alternative transmission technologies are specified by ISO/IEC 14543 (all parts). ISO/IEC 14543-3-10 and ISO/IEC 14543-3-11 are optimized for energy harvesting based on similar techniques, but with different modulation schemes. ISO/IEC 14543-3-10 and ISO/IEC 14543-3-11 specify two lower layer wireless short-packet protocols: ISO/IEC 14543-3-10 uses an amplitude modulated (AM) signal and ISO/IEC 14543-3-11 a frequency modulated (FM) signal.

Amplitude modulated wireless communications are more energy efficient but less adapted to mobile devices. This is because the impedance of a mobile antenna is affected by the environment of the mobile device, for example, when the device is held in the hand or moved to metal surface. Changes in impedance affect the amplitude linearity of the radio frequency output amplifier, but have no impact on the frequency itself. Thus an AM wireless system is more sensitive to changes in environment than an FM wireless system. Also frequencies above 800 MHz are better suited for mobile devices, since they require smaller antennas. Thus the frequency 315 MHz is not used in the FM specification, which makes the FM wireless system more efficient for mobile devices.

Compared to the AM wireless system, the FM wireless system provides more flexibility in the size of various pieces of information that can be transmitted. This includes the possibility to have larger payloads, different lengths of the identifiers of originators and destinations, and greater variability of structures and lengths of the telegram types. The number of steps a telegram can be repeated is two for the AM wireless system and 15 for the FM wireless system.



They are both efficient enough to

- support energy harvesting products for sensors and switches that require neither cabling nor batteries, and
- extend the life of battery-operated devices.

Both an AM and an FM system can be active at the same time, since each system is so constructed that only permitted messages are accepted. Collisions can be avoided by listen-before-talk (LBT) technology or overcome by redundant transmissions.

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#### **1 Scope**

This part of ISO/IEC 14543 specifies a wireless protocol for low-powered devices such as energy harvesting devices in a home environment. This wireless protocol is specifically designed to keep the energy consumption of such sensors and switches extremely low.

The design is characterized by

- keeping the communications very short, infrequent and mostly unidirectional, and
- using communication frequencies that provide a good range even at low transmit power and avoid collisions from disturbers.

This allows the use of small and low-cost energy harvesting devices that can compete with similar battery-powered devices. The messages sent by energy harvesting devices are received and processed mainly by line-powered devices such as relay switch actuators, repeaters or gateways. Together these form part of a home automation system, which, when conforming to ISO/IEC 14543 (all parts), is defined as a home electronic system.

This document specifies OSI Layers 1 to 3 of the amplitude modulated wireless short-packet (AMWSP) protocols.

The AMWSP protocol system consists of two and optionally three types of components that are specified in this document. These are the transmitter, the receiver and optionally the repeater. Repeaters are needed when the transmitter and the receiver are located in such a way that no good direct communication between them can be established.

Protection against malicious attacks is handled in the upper layers and thus not treated in this document.

#### **2 Normative references**

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

ETSI EN 300 220-1 V3.1.1, *Short Range Devices (SRD) operating in the frequency range 25 MHz to 1 000 MHz; Part 1: Technical characteristics and methods of measurement*

#### **3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms**

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

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