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## INTRODUCTION

The IEC 61784-2 series provides additional Communication Profiles (CP) to the existing Communication Profile Families (CPF) of the IEC 61784-1 series and additional CPFs with one or more CPs. These profiles meet the industrial automation market objective of identifying Real-Time Ethernet (RTE) communication networks coexisting with ISO/IEC/IEEE 8802-3 – commonly known as Ethernet. These RTE communication networks use provisions of ISO/IEC/IEEE 8802-3 for the lower communication stack layers and additionally provide more predictable and reliable real-time data transfer and means for support of precise synchronization of automation equipment.

More specifically, these profiles help to correctly state the compliance of RTE communication networks with ISO/IEC/IEEE 8802-3, and to avoid the spreading of divergent implementations.

Adoption of Ethernet technology for industrial communication between controllers and even for communication with field devices promotes the use of Internet technologies in the field area. This availability would be unacceptable if it causes the loss of features required in the field area for industrial communication automation networks, such as:

- real-time,
- synchronized actions between field devices like drives,
- efficient, frequent exchange of very small data records.

These new RTE profiles can take advantage of the improvements of Ethernet networks in terms of transmission bandwidth and network span.

Another implicit but essential requirement is that the typical Ethernet communication capabilities, as used in the office world, are fully retained, 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 the diverse application requirements. RTE performance indicators, whose values will be provided with RTE devices based on communication profiles specified in the IEC 61784-2 series, enable the user to match network devices with application-dependent performance requirements of an RTE network.

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### Part 2-0: Additional real-time fieldbus profiles based on ISO/IEC/IEEE 8802-3 – General concepts and terminology

#### 1 Scope

The IEC 61784-2 series defines additional Communication Profiles (CPs) for the existing Communication Profile Families (CPFs) of the IEC 61784-1 series and additional CPFs with one or more CPs. These additional CPs are based on the IEC 61158 series, the IEC 61784-1 series, and use provisions from ISO/IEC/IEEE 8802-3 (commonly known as Ethernet) for the lower communication stack layers. These Real-Time Ethernet (RTE) communication profiles provide Real-Time Ethernet communication solutions able to coexist with ISO/IEC/IEEE 8802-3 based applications.

NOTE 1 All CPs are based on standards or draft standards or International Standards published by the IEC or on standards or International Standards established by other standards bodies or open standards processes.

NOTE 2 The RTE communication profiles use ISO/IEC/IEEE 8802-3 communication networks and its related network components or IEC 61588 and in some cases amend those standards to obtain RTE features.

This part of IEC 61784-2 defines:

- a common terminology for all CPFs in the IEC 61784-2 series (see 3.1 to 3.3);
- conventions to be used in the specification of the RTE communication profiles (see 3.4);
- how conformance of a device to a CPF or a CP should be stated (see Clause 4).

This document also specifies:

- basic principles of performance indicators expressing RTE performance of a CP (see 5.1);
- how an application-dependent class could be used to find out a suitable CP to meet application requirements (see 5.2);
- characteristics of RTE performance indicators (see 5.3);
- the methodology of a conformance test for an RTE end device for one or more CPs (see Clause 6).

#### 2 Normative references

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ISO/IEC/IEEE 8802-3, *Telecommunications and exchange between information technology systems – Requirements for local and metropolitan area networks – Part 3: Standard for Ethernet*

IEEE Std 802-2014, *IEEE Standard for Local and Metropolitan Area Networks: Overview and Architecture*

IEEE Std 802.1AB-2016, *IEEE Standard for Local and metropolitan area networks – Station and Media Access Control Connectivity Discovery*

IEEE Std 802.1AS-2020, *IEEE Standard for Local and Metropolitan Area Networks – Timing and Synchronization for Time-Sensitive Applications*

IEEE Std 802.1Q-2018, *IEEE Standard for Local and Metropolitan Area Networks – Bridges and Bridged Networks*

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

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

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC/IEEE 8802-3, IEEE Std 802-2014, IEEE Std 802.1AB-2016, IEEE Std 802.1AS-2020, IEEE Std 802.1Q-2018, and the following, apply.

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##### **3.1.1**

###### **active network**

network in which data transmission between non-immediately-connected devices is dependent on active elements within those intervening devices that form the connection path

[SOURCE: IEC 61918:2018, 3.1.3, modified – The note to entry has been deleted]

##### **3.1.2**

###### **cyclic**

repetitive in a regular manner

##### **3.1.3**

###### **end-station**

system attached to a network that is an initial source or a final destination of MAC frames transmitted across that network

Note 1 to entry: A network layer router is, from the perspective of the network, an end-station. A switch, in its role of forwarding MAC frames from one link to another, is not an end-station.

##### **3.1.4**

###### **field area**

place in a manufacturing or process site where field devices are located