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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.

Annexes A and B form an integral part of this standard.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until 2004. At this date, the publication will be

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- withdrawn;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

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

IEC 60839-7-2 forms one of a number of related parts presented under the general title: Alarm systems – Part 7: Message formats and protocols for serial data interfaces in alarm transmission systems:

- IEC 60839-7-1: General
- IEC 60839-7-2: Common application layer protocol
- IEC 60839-7-3: Common data link layer protocol
- IEC 60839-7-4: Common transport layer protocol
- IEC 60839-7-5: Alarm system interfaces employing a two-wire configuration in accordance with ISO/IEC 8482
- IEC 60839-7-6: Alarm system interfaces employing ITU-T Recommendation V.24/V.28 signalling
- IEC 60839-7-7: Alarm system interfaces for plug-in alarm system transceivers
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- IEC 60839-7-20: Terminal interfaces employing ITU-T Recommendation V.24/V.28 signalling

## ALARM SYSTEMS –

### Part 7-2: Message formats and protocols for serial data interfaces in alarm transmission systems – Common application layer protocol

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60839 specifies a common application layer protocol (message structure, formats and transmission procedures) to be used at standard interfaces in alarm transmission systems. This should be used at all such interfaces where equipment from one supplier is intended to inter-work with equipment from other suppliers, where the underlying system architecture does not impose its own application layer on the interface (e.g. as in some bus systems).

The structure follows the OSI recommendations for a layered protocol to allow flexibility in the choice and use of lower level transmission media and protocols.

The common application layer protocol defined has a minimum subset that should be provided by all equipment which supports this standard, and has defined extensions which may be offered. The protocol is also designed such that it can be extended beyond the messages defined herein in order to provide further facilities and manufacturer specific extensions.

This standard applies equally to the transmission of alarms and other messages to/from intrusion, fire and social alarm systems, and to the transmission of information to/from other similar systems.

#### 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of IEC 60839. 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 60839 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 60839-7-1, *Alarm systems – Part 7-1: Message formats and protocols for serial data interfaces in alarm transmission systems – General*

IEC 60839-7-4, *Alarm systems – Part 7-4: Message formats and protocols for serial data interfaces in alarm transmission systems – Common transport layer protocol*

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

#### 3 Definitions

For the purpose of this part of IEC 60839, the definitions in IEC 60839-7-1 apply.