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INTRODUCTION

Communication network dependability is highly influenced by the design and implementation of the network service functions, which aim to achieve user satisfaction in service performance.

Network evolution, service growth and functional renewal in communications have long been challenges to the providers of network services, not just for the broad range of services now in existence, but also for those service-related activities experienced by the end-users.

To sustain viable business in network services, it is prudent for the communications industry to provide the

- needed network service functions,
- adequate network capacity and performance capability,
- security of service,
- quality of service, and
- dependability of service.

This International Standard addresses one of the most important issues concerning the assessment and delivery of dependability of service to ensure network service performance. It also addresses the network dependability assurance strategies and methodology applications for enhancing and sustaining network operation.

This International Standard describes a generic methodology for dependability assessment and assurance of communication networks. It also provides relevant assessment and assurance methods to support communication networks for dependability engineering application, such as those conforming to IEC 61907 and ITU-T¹ Recommendations concerning dependability.

It presents an approach for network dependability analysis and evaluation that ensures dependable network design for effective implementation.

The objective of this standard is to achieve a cost-effective solution for realizing the network dependability performance and to assure the benefits from the network dependability of service operation.

¹ ITU-T: International Telecommunications Union – Telecommunications.

METHODOLOGY FOR COMMUNICATION NETWORK DEPENDABILITY ASSESSMENT AND ASSURANCE

1 Scope

This International Standard describes a generic methodology for dependability assessment and assurance of communication networks from a network life cycle perspective. It presents the network dependability assessment strategies and methodology for analysis of network topology, evaluation of dependability of service paths, and optimization of network configurations in order to achieve network dependability performance and dependability of service. It also addresses the network dependability assurance strategies and methodology for application of network health check, network outage control and test case management to enhance and sustain dependability performance in network service operation.

This standard is applicable to network service providers, network designers and developers, and network maintainers and operators for assurance of network dependability performance and assessment of dependability of service.

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IEC 60300-3-15, *Dependability management – Part 3-15: Application guide – Engineering of system dependability*

IEC 61907, *Communication network dependability engineering*

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-191 and IEC 61907, as well as the following, apply.

3.1.1

communication network

system of communication nodes and links that provides transmission of analogue and digital signals

EXAMPLES Telecommunications networks, Internet, intranet, extranet, Wide Area Networks (WAN), Local Area Networks (LAN) and computer networking utilizing information technology.

Note 1 to entry: A network has its boundary. All nodes at the network boundary are called ends. In some applications, the term “node” is used instead of “end” as a communication access point to the network, as well as for interconnections between the transmission links.

Note 2 to entry: A “backbone” communication network consists of core network and high-speed transmission lines (national or international), connecting between major switching network nodes (interconnection of transmission lines) at various locations in a country or region.