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## **Foreword**

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## Introduction

This International Standard prescribes the overall parameters within which subsidiary International Standards are constructed. The architecture description defined in this International Standard is a consistent extension to ISO 14814 (AVI reference architectures and terminology).

ISO 14814 provides an architecture context for AVI/AEI for road transport. This International Standard extends this architecture context to include intermodal and multimodal movements.

This International Standard is part of a series of International Standards defining AVI/AEI in the Intelligent Transport Systems/Road Transport and Traffic Telematics (ITS/RTTT) environment. The following documents have been issued from ISO TC 204 to form a family of International Standards for the sector:

ISO 14814	AVI/AEI Reference architectures and terminology;
ISO 14816	AVI/AEI Numbering and data structures;
ISO 14815	AVI/AEI System specification;
ISO 17261	AVI/AEI Intermodal goods transport reference architectures and terminology;
ISO 17262	AVI/AEI Intermodal goods transport: Numbering and data structures;
ISO 17263	AVI/AEI Intermodal goods transport: System parameters;
ISO 17264	AVI/AEI Intermodal goods transport: Interface requirements;

An AVI/AEI interaction in an ITS/RTTT environment comprises an identification of On-Board Equipment (OBE) by a reader/interrogator and can transfer additional data.

The data component in an ITS/RTTT environment provides the basis for unambiguous identification of the OBE, and may also share a medium for a bi-directional interactive exchange of data between the host and OBE and to other equipment (such as smart cards etc.).

The principles of data presentation determined in ISO 17262 have been adopted to provide an interoperable architecture within an International Standard framework. The use of Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1) PER is therefore an integral part of the data architecture determined in this International Standard.

The numbering and data structure are capable of operation both by read/write devices, and by read only devices where there is no requirement (and sometimes no possibility) to write to the OBE.

A key feature of the structure is to provide interoperability of data constructs.

Within the ITS/RTTT sector, applications can range from simple vehicle and equipment identification to complex international systems.

The reference architecture model and the data construct schemes described in this family of International Standards/Technical Specifications extend the approved AVI conceptual architecture to provide a comprehensive conceptual and logical system architecture to describe the relationships and functionality for a wide range of media so that the currency of the International Standard remains good for both existing and future technologies. This International Standard recognises that there are existing AVI/AEI applications and provides a means of supporting such data constructs within this International Standard.

In many cases it is necessary or desirable to use one air carrier frequency and protocol, but this is not always possible or even desirable in all situations.

In accordance with the resolutions of ISO TC 204 and CEN TC 278 the use of Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1) from ISO 8824 as a data definition structure is adopted. Its usage provides maximum interoperability and conformance to existing ITS/RTTT and related International Standards and Technical Specifications.

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# Intelligent transport systems — Automatic vehicle and equipment identification — Intermodal goods transport architecture and terminology

## 1 Scope

This International Standard describes the conceptual and logical architecture for automatic vehicle and equipment identification (AVI/AEI) and supporting services in an intermodal/multimodal environment.

It presents a high level view of AEI intermodal and multimodal system architecture, and describes the key sub systems, their associated interfaces and interactions and how they fit into system wide functions such as management, security and information flow.

This International Standard identifies the context of intermodal/multimodal AEI within the overall AVI/AEI context and key external inter-dependencies and interfaces to the intermodal/multimodal sector IT infrastructure. These include interfaces to the external and internal users of the intermodal/multimodal system services and their associated IT systems, interfaces to intermodal/multimodal management systems, existing intermodal/multimodal networks and system operations, and specifically interfaces to item identification and the domain of JTC 1/SC 31, item logistics International Standards. As an architecture it is designed to be complementary and interlocking to that domain.

This International Standard is intended to be complementary and consistent with the work of ISO/TC 104, Freight containers.

It extends the conceptual and communication AVI architecture determined in ISO 14814 and is neither frequency nor air interface protocol specific. It provides maximum interoperability, has a high population capability, and provides the possibility of upwards migration to more capable systems.

It does not include the air interface nor any implementation aspect, only the reference architectures. Subsequent International Standards define data structures for general AVI/AEI and for specific sectors of application.

## 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.

ISO/IEC 8824-1, *Information technology — Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Specification of basic notation*

ISO/IEC 8824-2, *Information technology — Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Information object specification*

ISO/IEC 8824-3, *Information technology — Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Constraint specification*

ISO/IEC 8824-4, *Information technology — Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1): Parameterization of ASN.1 specifications*

ISO/IEC 8825-2:1996, *Information technology — ASN.1 encoding rules: Specification of Packed Encoding Rules (PER)*

ISO 14813-6, *Intelligent transport systems — Reference model architecture(s) for the ITS sector — Part 6: Data presentation in ASN.1*

ISO 14816, *Road transport and traffic telematics — Automatic vehicle and equipment identification — Numbering and data structure*

ISO 17262, *Intelligent transport systems — Automatic vehicle and equipment identification — Numbering and data structures*

ISO 17263, *Intelligent transport systems — Automatic vehicle and equipment identification — System parameters*

ISO 14817, *Transport information and control systems — Requirements for an ITS/TICS central Data Registry and ITS/TICS Data Dictionaries*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 8824-1, ISO 8824-2, ISO 8824-3, ISO 8824-4, ISO 14816 and the following apply.

#### 3.1

##### **address**

data element designating the originating source or destination of data being transmitted

#### 3.2

##### **Automatic Equipment Identification**

##### **AEI**

process of identifying equipment or entities that uses the surface transportation infrastructures by means of OBE's combined with the unambiguous data structure defined in these International Standards

NOTE Within this series of International Standards, "Equipment" indicates large equipment that is carried in, or forms an integral part of, a trailer or trailer mounted unit.

#### 3.3

##### **air interface**

conductor-free medium between an OBE and the reader/interrogator through which the linking of the OBE to the reader /interrogator is achieved by means of electro-magnetic signals

#### 3.4

##### **application identifier**

one item of a data element construct (usually the first octet) that uniquely identifies the domain of an ITS/RTTT information exchange at an explicitly defined reference point, usually at reference points "Alpha", "Beta" or "Zeta"

NOTE 1 This octet identifies that the message is a specific RTTT message.

NOTE 2 See Figure 5.

#### 3.5

##### **ASN.1**

##### **Abstract Syntax Notation One**

International Standard for representing data types and structures

NOTE The encoding rules for this abstract syntax notation are defined in ISO 8825-2.

#### 3.6

##### **Automatic Vehicle Identification**

##### **AVI**

process of identifying vehicles using OBE combined with the unambiguous data structure defined in these International Standards

#### 3.7

##### **AVI/AEI system operator**

commercial operator of an AVI/AEI/RTTT system that uses OBE(s) for the purposes defined in this International Standard

#### 3.8

##### **bi-directional dialogue**

two way communications between fixed equipment and OBE(s)

### 3.9

#### **bill of lading**

document which evidences a contract of the carriage and the taking over or loading of the goods by the carrier, and by which the carrier undertakes to deliver the goods against surrender of the document

NOTE A provision in the document that the goods are to be delivered to the order of a named person, or to order, or to bearer, constitutes such an undertaking. The document has the following functions:

- a receipt for goods, signed by a duly authorised person on behalf of the carriers;
- a document of title to the goods described therein;
- evidence of the terms and conditions of carriage agreed upon between the two parties.

### 3.10

#### **communication control**

fixed equipment function to control the communication between fixed equipment and OBE

### 3.11

#### **compatibility**

capability of two or more items or components of equipment or material to exist and/or function in the same system or environment without modification, adaptation or mutual interference

### 3.12

#### **consignment**

separately identifiable amount of goods (available to be) transported from one consignor to one consignee via one or more than one modes of transport and specified in one single transport document

### 3.13

#### **consignor**

#### **goods provider**

party that provides goods to another party

NOTE A consignor can be a manufacturer, trader, agent, or individual.

### 3.14

#### **container**

receptacle for the transport of goods, especially one readily transferable from one form of transport to another

NOTE See also non-ISO Container.

### 3.15

#### **Dedicated Short Range Communication**

#### **DSRC**

means of effecting local (short range) transactions between fixed equipment and OBE(s) using an “air interface” comprising inductive or propagated signals between the fixed equipment and OBE(s)

### 3.16

#### **data element structure**

framework comprising a number of data elements in a prescribed form

NOTE Also known as a “message”.

### 3.17

#### **Electronic Data Interchange**

#### **EDI**

passing of a data message, or series of messages, between computers and/or between different software systems

NOTE Within this context an EDI message is normally compatible with the form specified in ISO 9897. EDI is an instance of an EDT transaction.

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