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INTRODUCTION

Telecontrol systems serve for monitoring and control of processes which are geographically widespread. They include all equipment and functions for acquisition, processing, transmission and display of the necessary process information. The performance of a telecontrol system is determined basically by:

1) the data integrity of information transfer, from a source to its destination, and

2) the speed with which information is transferred to its destination.

The data integrity is defined as the unchangeability of an information content from a source to its destination, while the speed of information transfer is measured by the overall transfer time.

The high responsibility which is associated with the transmission of information such as commands and the occurrence of adverse environmental conditions necessitate standards for data acquisition and of data transmission which fulfil stringent requirements of data integrity and transmission efficiency.

It should be noted that although this series of standards has been produced specifically for telecontrol systems used in electrical power systems, they may also be applied to other fields of application, e.g. gas and water supply and distribution, etc.

The aim of these standards is to provide adequate information for correct planning and reliable operation of telecontrol systems. The standards are divided into different parts, listed in Clause 2 of this report.

This part of this series of telecontrol standards is intended to give the user a general survey of the systems and their elements, thus presenting the necessary basic information for a thorough understanding of the following parts of these standards.

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1. Scope

This series of standards applies to telecontrol equipment and systems with coded bit serial data transmission for monitoring and control of geographicallywidespread processes.

2. Object

This series of standards describes configurations and functions of telecontrol systems and of related elements. It defines the functional requirements, logical characteristics and interface conditions of the basic elements and the rules those elements shall follow in co-existing with other elements.

These standards do not define the internal physical characteristics of such elements nor the layout, construction or material used.

The following subjects are outside the scope of these standards:

- ripple control systems;
- properties of transmission channels and local bus (highway) systems for communication between process input/output elements;
- teleprotection and locally automated functions even though they may sometimes be implemented within a telecontrol system.

These standards are subdivided into several parts, which are sub-divided into several sections and issued as separate publications bearing the following titles and scopes:

IEC Publication 870-1-1: Part 1: General considerations, Section One - General principles (which constitutes this report)

This report explains the structural elements, configurations and basic functions of telecontrol systems.

It gives an overview of functional elements which contribute to basic structures and possible choice of telecontrol systems configurations.

It deals with functions which are typical for any process to be monitored and controlled but emphasizes the specific problems which characterize geographically widespread processes, such as the dominant influence of telecommunication links with restricted bandwidth and often low signal-to-noise ratio.

However, this report shall only serve as an introduction to the detailed standards and recommendations laid down in Parts 2-5 quoted below.

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