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- provides clarifications and corrections to the first edition of IEC 61850-7-3.

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This document is part of a set of specifications, which details layered substation communication architecture. This architecture has been chosen to provide abstract definitions of classes and services such that the specifications are independent of specific protocol stacks and objects. The mapping of these abstract classes and services to communication stacks is outside the scope of IEC 61850-7-x and may be found in IEC 61850-8-x (station bus) and IEC 61850-9-x (process bus).

IEC 61850-7-1 gives an overview of this communication architecture. This part of IEC 61850 defines constructed attributed classes and common data classes related to applications in the power system using IEC 61850 modeling concepts like substations, hydro power or distributed energy resources. These common data classes are used in IEC 61850-7-4 to define compatible dataObject classes. The SubDataObjects, DataAttributes or SubAttributes of the instances of dataObject are accessed using services defined in IEC 61850-7-2.

This part of IEC 61850 is used to specify the abstract common data class and constructed attribute class definitions. These abstract definitions are mapped into concrete object definitions that are to be used for a particular protocol (for example MMS, ISO 9506 series).

Note that there are common data classes used for service tracking, that are defined in IEC 61850-7-2.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61850 specifies constructed attribute classes and common data classes related to substation applications. In particular, it specifies:

- common data classes for status information,
- common data classes for measured information,
- common data classes for control,
- common data classes for status settings,
- common data classes for analogue settings and
- attribute types used in these common data classes.

This International Standard is applicable to the description of device models and functions of substations and feeder equipment.

This International Standard may also be applied, for example, to describe device models and functions for:

- substation to substation information exchange,
- substation to control centre information exchange,
- power plant to control centre information exchange,
- information exchange for distributed generation, or
- information exchange for metering.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC/TS 61850-2, *Communication networks and systems in substations – Part 2: Glossary*

IEC 61850-7-1, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-1: Basic communication structure – Principles and models*¹

IEC 61850-7-2, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-2: Basic information and communication structure – Abstract communication service interface (ACSI)*

IEC 61850-7-4, *Communication networks and systems for power utility automation – Part 7-4: Basic communication structure – Compatible logical node classes and data object classes*

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