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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) This edition has been completely revised with respect to the previous edition;
- b) Alignment with updated versions of IEC 62351-3:2023 and IEC 62351-5:2023;
- c) Definition of specific profiles for application layer and transport layer;

- d) Introduction of Session Initiation Request to handle situations in which the called station reestablishes a connection;
- e) Inclusion of multicast security for the unbalanced mode of IEC 60870-5-101 including key management;
- f) Consideration of RBAC based on IEC 62351-8.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60870, which is a technical specification, describes messages and data formats for implementing IEC 62351-5:2023 for secure communication as an extension to IEC 60870-5-101 and IEC 60870-5-104.

The purpose of this document is to permit the receiver of any IEC 60870-5-101/-104 Application Protocol Data Unit (APDU) to verify that the APDU was transmitted by an authorized user and that the APDU was not modified in transit.

This document is also intended to be used, together with the definitions of IEC 62351-3:2023, in conjunction with the IEC 60870-5-104 companion standard.

The state machines, message sequences, and procedures for exchanging these messages are defined in IEC 62351-5:2023. This document describes only the message formats, selected options, critical operations, addressing considerations and other adaptations required to implement IEC 62351 in the IEC 60870-5-101 and IEC 60870-5-104 protocols.

NOTE The version handling is controlled by configuration and not dynamically changed, therefore unexpected / unknown messages are neglected and not processed.

In addition to the previous edition, this new edition of this document also addresses role-based access control, by utilizing the IEC 62351-8 RBAC approach and the already defined role to permission mapping from IEC 62351-5:2023.

The scope of this document does not include security for IEC 60870-5-102 or IEC 60870-5-103. IEC 60870-5-102 is in limited use only and will therefore not be addressed. Users of IEC 60870-5-103 desiring a secure solution need to implement IEC 61850 using the security measures from in IEC 62351 referenced in IEC 61850.

Management of keys, certificates or other cryptographic credentials within devices or on communication links other than IEC 60870-5-101/104 is out of the scope of this document and might be addressed by other IEC 62351 publications in the future.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 60870-5-101:2003, *Telecontrol equipment and systems – Part 5-101: Transmission protocols – Companion standard for basic telecontrol tasks*

IEC 60870-5-104:2006, *Telecontrol equipment and systems – Part 5-104: Transmission protocols – Network access for IEC 60870-5-101 using standard transport profiles*

IEC TS 62351-2, *Power systems management and associated information exchange – Data and communications security – Part 2: Glossary of terms*

IEC 62351-3:2023, *Power systems management and associated information exchange – Data and communications security – Part 3: Communication network and system security – Profiles including TCP/IP*

IEC 62351-5:2023, *Power systems management and associated information exchange – Data and communications security – Part 5: Security for IEC 60870-5 and derivatives*

IEC 62351-8, *Power systems management and associated information exchange – Data and communications security – Part 8: Role-based access control for power system management*