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- *Part 1: Reference architecture and definition of parameters to be standardized*
- *Part 2: Parameters for air interface communications below 135 kHz*
- *Part 3: Parameters for air interface communications at 13,56 MHz*
- *Part 4: Parameters for air interface communications at 2,45 GHz*
- *Part 6: Parameters for air interface communications at 860 MHz to 960 MHz General*
- *Part 61: Parameters for air interface communications at 860 MHz to 960 MHz Type A*
- *Part 62: Parameters for air interface communications at 860 MHz to 960 MHz Type B*
- *Part 63: Parameters for air interface communications at 860 MHz to 960 MHz Type C*
- *Part 64: Parameters for air interface communications at 860 MHz to 960 MHz Type D*
- *Part 7: Parameters for active air interface communications at 433 MHz*

## Introduction

This part of ISO/IEC 18000 defines the physical and logical requirements for a passive-backscatter, Interrogator-talks-first (ITF), radio-frequency identification (RFID) system operating in the 860 MHz – 960 MHz frequency range. The system comprises Interrogators, also known as Readers, and Tags, also known as Labels or Transponders.

An Interrogator transmits information to a Tag by modulating an RF signal in the 860 MHz – 960 MHz frequency range. The Tag receives both information and operating energy from this RF signal. Tags are passive, meaning that they receive all of their operating energy from the Interrogator's RF signal.

An Interrogator receives information from a Tag by transmitting a continuous-wave (CW) RF signal to the Tag; the Tag responds by modulating the reflection coefficient of its antenna, thereby backscattering an information signal to the Interrogator. The system is ITF, meaning that a Tag modulates its antenna reflection coefficient with an information signal only after being directed to do so by an Interrogator.

Interrogators and Tags are not required to talk simultaneously; rather, communications are half-duplex, meaning that Interrogators talk and Tags listen, or vice versa.

The described backscatter radio frequency identification (RFID) system that supports the following system capabilities:

- identification and communication with multiple tags in the field;
- selection of a subgroup of tags for identification or with which to communicate;
- reading from and writing to or rewriting data many times to individual tags;
- user-controlled permanently lockable memory;
- data integrity protection;
- Interrogator-to-tag communications link with error detection;
- tag-to-Interrogator communications link with error detection;
- support for both passive back-scatter tags with or without batteries.

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# Information technology — Radio frequency identification for item management —

## Part 63:

## Parameters for air interface communications at 860 MHz to 960 MHz Type C

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 18000 defines the air interface for radio frequency identification (RFID) devices operating in the 860 MHz to 960 MHz Industrial, Scientific, and Medical (ISM) band used in item management applications. It provides a common technical specification for RFID devices that can be used by ISO committees developing RFID application standards. This part of ISO/IEC 18000 is intended to allow for compatibility and to encourage inter-operability of products for the growing RFID market in the international marketplace. It defines the forward and return link parameters for technical attributes including, but not limited to, operating frequency, operating channel accuracy, occupied channel bandwidth, maximum effective isotropic radiated power (EIRP), spurious emissions, modulation, duty cycle, data coding, bit rate, bit rate accuracy, bit transmission order, and, where appropriate, operating channels, frequency hop rate, hop sequence, spreading sequence, and chip rate. It further defines the communications protocol used in the air interface.

This part of ISO/IEC 18000 specifies the physical and logical requirements for a passive-backscatter, Interrogator-Talks-First (ITF) systems. The system comprises Interrogators, also known as readers, and tags, also known as labels. An Interrogator receives information from a tag by transmitting a continuous-wave (CW) RF signal to the tag; the tag responds by modulating the reflection coefficient of its antenna, thereby backscattering an information signal to the Interrogator. The system is ITF, meaning that a tag modulates its antenna reflection coefficient with an information signal only after being directed to do so by an Interrogator.

In detail, this part of ISO/IEC 18000 contains Type C.

Type C uses PIE in the forward link and a random slotted collision-arbitration algorithm.

This part of ISO/IEC 18000 specifies

- physical interactions (the signalling layer of the communication link) between Interrogators and tags,
- logical operating procedures and commands between Interrogators and Tags.
- the collision arbitration scheme used to identify a specific tag in a multiple-tag environment.
- optional security commands that allow the use of crypto suites of ISO/IEC 29167.