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- a) The protocol is now independent of application (Path_Check_Request is sent periodically);
- b) Failure_Notify message has been removed;
- c) Frame format had been changed;
- d) New MAC address had been added.

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These protocols retain fully the typical Ethernet communication capabilities as used in the office world, so that the software involved remains applicable.

The market is in need of several network solutions, each with different performance characteristics and functional capabilities, matching diverse application requirements. These solutions support different redundancy topologies and mechanisms which are introduced in IEC 62439-1 and specified in the other parts of the IEC 62439 series. IEC 62439-1 also distinguishes between the different solutions, giving guidance to the user.

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Part 5: Beacon Redundancy Protocol (BRP)

1 Scope

The IEC 62439 series is applicable to high-availability automation networks based on the ISO/IEC/IEEE 8802-3 (IEEE 802.3) Ethernet technology.

This part of the IEC 62439 series specifies a redundancy protocol that is based on the duplication of the network, the redundancy protocol being executed within the end nodes, as opposed to a redundancy protocol built in the switches. Fast error detection is provided by two beacon nodes, the switchover decision is taken in every node individually. The cross-network connection capability enables singly attached end nodes to be connected on either of the two networks.

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IEC 60050-191, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Chapter 191: Dependability and quality of service*

IEC 62439-1, *Industrial communication networks – High availability automation networks – Part 1: General concepts and calculation methods*

ISO/IEC TR 8802-1, *Information technology – Telecommunications and information exchange between systems – Local and metropolitan area networks – Specific requirements – Part 1: Overview of Local Area Network Standards*

ISO/IEC/IEEE 8802-3:2014, *Standard for Ethernet*

ISO/IEC 10164-1, *Information technology – Open Systems Interconnection – Systems Management: Object Management Function*

IEEE 802.1D, *IEEE Standard for Local and metropolitan area networks: Media Access Control (MAC) Bridges*

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3 Terms, definitions, abbreviations, acronyms, and conventions

3.1 Terms and definitions

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