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## European foreword

This document (EN 13757-3:2018) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 294 "Communication systems for meters", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by October 2018 and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by October 2018.

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This document falls under Mandate EU M/441 "Standardisation mandate to CEN, CENELEC and ETSI in the field of measuring instruments for the development of an open architecture for utility meters involving communication protocols enabling interoperability" by providing the relevant definitions and methods for meter data transmission on application layer level. The M/441 Mandate is driving significant development of standards in smart metering.

The following significant technical changes have been incorporated in the new edition of this European Standard:

- extension of application select;
- introduction of second level table for VIFE = FDh;
- introduction of inverse compact load profile;
- introduction of new VIFE for descriptor;
- extension of VIFE = FCh table;
- extension of definitions for DIF = 0Fh/1Fh;
- transport and security services were moved to EN 13757-7;
- informative annexes from previous version of EN 13757-3 were moved to a new technical report CEN/TR 17167.

EN 13757 is currently composed with the following parts:

- *Communication systems for meters — Part 1: Data exchange;*
- *Communication systems for meters — Part 2: Wired M-Bus communication;*
- *Communication systems for meters — Part 3: Application protocols ;*

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- *Communication systems for meters and remote reading of meters — Part 4: Wireless meter readout (Radio meter reading for operation in SRD bands);*
- *Communication systems for meters — Part 5: Wireless M-Bus relaying;*
- *Communication systems for meters — Part 6: Local Bus;*
- *Communication systems for meters — Part 7: Transport and security services ;*
- *CEN/TR 17167, Communication systems for meters — Accompanying TR to EN 13757-2,-3 and -7, Examples and supplementary information.*

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## Introduction

This European Standard belongs to the EN 13757 series, which covers communication systems for meters. EN 13757-1 contains generic descriptions and a communication protocol. EN 13757-2 contains a physical and a link layer for twisted pair based Meter-Bus (M-Bus). EN 13757-4 describes wireless communication (often called wireless M-Bus or wM-Bus). EN 13757-5 describes the wireless network used for repeating, relaying and routing for the different modes of EN 13757-4. EN 13757-6 describes a twisted pair local bus for short distance (Lo-Bus). EN 13757-2 describes transport mechanism and security methods for data. The Technical Report CEN/TR 17167 contains informative annexes for EN 13757-2, EN 13757-3:2018 and EN 13757-7.

These upper M-Bus protocol layers can be used with various Physical Layers and with Data Link Layers and Network Layers, which support the transmission of variable length binary transparent messages. Frequently, the Physical and Link Layers of EN 13757-2 (twisted pair) and EN 13757-4 (wireless) as well as EN 13757-5 (wireless with routing function) or the alternatives described in EN 13757-1 are used. These upper M-Bus protocol layers have been optimized for minimum battery consumption of meters, especially for the case of wireless communication, to ensure long battery lifetimes of the meters. Secondly, it is optimized for minimum message length to minimize the wireless channel occupancy and hence the collision rate. Thirdly, it is optimized for minimum requirements towards the meter processor regarding requirements of RAM size, code length and computational power.

An overview of communication systems for meters is given in EN 13757-1, which also contains further definitions.

This standard concentrates on the meter communication. The meter communicates with one (or occasionally several) fixed or mobile communication partners which again might be part of a private or public network. These further communication systems might use the same or other application layer protocols, security, privacy, authentication, and management methods.

To facilitate common communication systems for CEN-meters (e.g. gas, water, thermal energy and heat cost allocators) and for electricity meters, in this standard occasionally electricity meters are mentioned. All these references are for information only and are not standard requirements. The definition of communication standards for electricity meters (possibly by a reference to CEN standards) remains solely in the responsibility of CENELEC.

NOTE 1 CEN/TR 17167:2018, Annex C specifies how parts of this standard and of EN 13757-2 and EN 13757-4 can be used to implement smart meter functionalities. Similar functionalities could also be implemented using other physical and link layers.

NOTE 2 For information on installation procedures and their integration in meter management systems, see CEN/TR 17167:2018, Annex D.

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## 1 Scope

This European Standard specifies application protocols for communication systems for meters.

This European Standard specifies application protocols, especially the M-Bus application protocol.

This European Standard is intended to be used with the lower layer specifications determined in EN 13757-2, EN 13757-4, EN 13757-5, EN 13757-6 and EN 13757-7.

## 2 Normative references

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

EN 13757-2, *Communication systems for meters - Part 2: Wired M-Bus communication*

EN 13757-4, *Communication systems for meters and remote reading of meters - Part 4: Wireless meter readout (Radio meter reading for operation in SRD bands)*

EN 13757-5, *Communication systems for meters - Part 5: Wireless M-Bus relaying*

EN 13757-6, *Communication systems for meters - Part 6: Local Bus*

EN 13757-7, *Communication systems for meters — Part 7: Transport and security services*

ISO/IEC 8859-1, *Information technology — 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets — Part 1: Latin alphabet No. 1*

ISO/IEC/IEEE 60559:2011, *Information technology — Microprocessor Systems — Floating-Point arithmetic*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

### 3.1

#### **byte**

octet of bits

### 3.2

#### **datagram**

unit of data transferred from source to destination

Note 1 to entry: In previous versions of EN 13757-3 datagram was called telegram.

### 3.3

#### **fragment**

datagram of a fragmented message

### 3.4

#### **Final DIFE**

additional last DIFE with the value 00h that marks a storage number as a register number