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The main changes are as follows:

- the annexes have been moved to ISO 11783 electronic database (<http://www.isobus.net/>);
- the technical requirements of parameter definitions have been clarified;
- all requirements from annexes have been moved to the main clauses except parameter definitions.

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## Introduction

ISO 11783 specifies a communications system for agricultural equipment based on the ISO 11898-1<sup>[1]</sup> protocol. SAE J1939<sup>[2]</sup> documents, on which parts of ISO 11783 are based, were developed jointly for use in truck and bus applications and for construction and agriculture applications. Joint documents were completed to allow electronic units that meet the truck and bus SAE J1939 specifications to be used by agricultural and forestry equipment with minimal changes.

General information on ISO 11783 is to be found in ISO 11783-1. The purpose of ISO 11783 is to provide an open, interconnected system for on-board electronic systems. It is intended to enable electronic control units (ECUs) to communicate with each other, providing a standardized system.

The ISO 11783 series specifies a serial data network for control and communications on forestry or agricultural tractors and mounted, semi-mounted, towed or self-propelled implements. Its purpose is to standardize the method and format of transfer of data between sensors, actuators, control elements and information storage and display units, whether mounted on, or part of, the tractor or implement.