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Foreword

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The main change compared to the previous edition is the improvement of the specification of the mode selection and switching mechanism.

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Introduction

In 2002, Ecma International formed Task Group 19 of Technical Committee 32 to specify near field communication (NFC) signal interfaces and protocols. The NFC devices are wireless, closely-coupled devices communicating at 13,56 MHz.

Although ISO/IEC 18092 (NFCIP-1), ISO/IEC 14443 and ISO/IEC 15693 all specify 13,56 MHz as their working frequency, they specify distinct communication modes. These are defined as NFC, PCD, PICC and VCD communication modes.

This document (NFCIP-2) specifies the mechanism to detect an external RF field and select one communication mode out of those four possible communication modes. Furthermore, NFCIP-2 requires that subsequent behaviour be as specified in the standard specifying the selected communication mode.

In 2018, the work to revise this document started to improve mode selection and switching to address latest use cases. Furthermore, harmonization with NFC Forum requirement specification is intended.