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This Standards Publication is a NEMA Adoptive Standard based on Part 5 of IEC 61131, *Programmable Controllers*.

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Properly constructed industrial control equipment is, however, only one factor in minimizing the hazards which may be associated with the use of electricity. The reduction of hazard involves the joint efforts of the various equipment manufacturers, the system designer, the installer, and the user. Information is provided herein to assist users and others in the proper selection of control equipment.

The industrial control manufacturer has limited or no control over the following factors which are vital to safe installation:

- environmental conditions
- system design
- equipment selection and application
- installation
- operating practices
- maintenance

This publication is not intended to instruct the user of control equipment with regard to these factors except insofar as suitable equipment to meet needs can be recognized in this publication and some application guidance is given.

This Standards Publication is necessarily confined to defining the construction requirements for industrial control equipment and to providing recommendations for proper selection for use under normal or certain specific conditions. Since any piece of industrial control equipment can be installed, operated, and maintained in such a manner that hazardous conditions may result, conformance with this publication does not by itself assure a safe installation. When, however, equipment conforming with these standards is properly selected and is installed in accordance with the National Electrical Code and properly maintained, the hazards to persons and property will be reduced.

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PROGRAMMABLE CONTROLLERS –

Part 5: Communications

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This part should be read in conjunction with the other parts of IEC 61131. IEC 61131 consists of the following parts under the general title: *Programmable controllers.*

Part 1:1992, General information.

Part 2:1992, Equipment requirements and tests.

Part 3:1993, Programming languages.

Part 4:1994, User guidelines (published as technical report IEC TR 61131-4)

Part 5:2000, Communications

Part 8:2000, Guidelines for the application and implementation of programming languages (published as technical report IEC TR 61131-8)

Annexes A and B form an integral part of this standard.

Annex C is for information only.

Where a conflict exists between this and other IEC standards (except basic safety standards), the provisions of this standard should be considered to govern in the area of programmable controllers and their associated peripherals.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until 2006. At this date, the publication will be

- reconfirmed;
- withdrawn;
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

A bilingual version of this standard may be issued at a later date.

PROGRAMMABLE CONTROLLERS –

Part 5: Communications

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61131 specifies communication aspects of a programmable controller. It specifies from the viewpoint of a PC how any device can communicate with a PC as a server and how a PC can communicate with any device. In particular, it specifies the behavior of the PC as it provides services on behalf of other devices and the services the PC application program can request from other devices. It is not intended to specify how any device can communicate with any device using a PC as a router or gateway. The behavior of the PC as a communication client and server is specified independent of the particular communication subsystem, but the communication functionality may be dependent on the capabilities of the communication subsystem used.

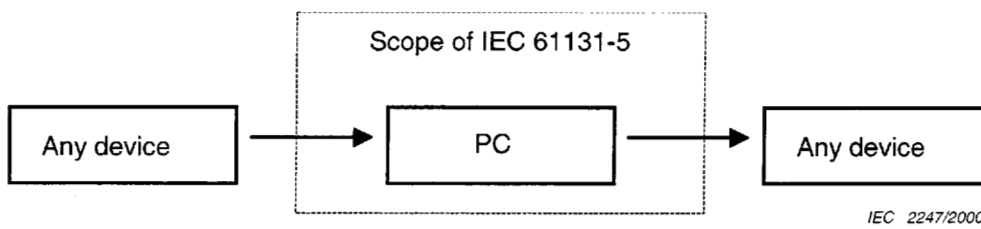

Figure 1 – Scope of this part of IEC 61131

The scope of this part is a subset of the "communication model" shown in figure 2 of IEC 61131-3; namely figures 2c and 2d are included in the scope of this part. Additionally, the means defined in this part of IEC 61131 may be used for communications within a program or between programs.

The mapping of the PC behavior to some particular communications subsystems is provided in the annexes.

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IEC 60050-351:1998, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 351: Automatic control*

IEC 61131-1:1992, *Programmable controllers – Part 1: General Information*

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