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## European foreword

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This document is part of a series of European Standards under the general title *Open Data Communication in Building Automation, Controls and Building Management — Control Network Protocol*, which comprises the following parts:

- *Part 1: Protocol Stack*
- *Part 2: Twisted Pair Communication*
- *Part 3: Power Line Channel Specification*
- *Part 4: IP-Communication*
- *Part 5: Implementation*
- *Part 6: Application elements*
- *Part 7: Communication via internet protocols*
- *Part 8: Communication using Broadband over Power Line Networks — with internet protocols (this document)*
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**Introduction**

This document has been prepared to provide mechanisms through which various vendors of building automation, control, and building management systems may exchange information in a standardized way. It defines communication capabilities.

This document is intended to be used by all involved in design, manufacture, engineering, installation and commissioning activities.



## 1 Scope

This document specifies a communication protocol for networked control systems. The protocol provides peer-to-peer communication for networked control using web-services. This document describes services in layer 1 and layer 2.

The layer 1 (physical layer) specification describes the MAC sub-layer interface to the physical layer. The layer 2 (data link layer), as described in EN 14908-1, is integrated in UDP/IP communication using IPv4 and IPv6 protocols.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 14908-1:2014, *Open Data Communication in Building Automation, Controls and Building Management - Control Network Protocol - Part 1: Protocol Stack*

IEEE 1901-2010, *IEEE Standard for Broadband over Power Line Networks: Medium Access Control and Physical Layer Specifications*

ITU-T G.9905, *Centralized metric-based source routing*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 14908-1, IEEE 1901 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
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### 3.1 channel

logical link between one or more communication nodes

Note 1 to entry: Usually used interchangeably with a link. However, multiple channels can be multiplexed on a given link. For example, PL-10 and PL-20 can be used to implement two different channels on the same power cable.

### 3.2 CNP/IP

control network protocol with control services defined by EN 14908-1 layers 4 through 7, and transport services based on the link protocol

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