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supporting ISO/IEC 18000-6C**

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## Foreword

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ISO/IEC TR 24729 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology — Radio frequency identification for item management — Implementation guidelines*:

- *Part 1: RFID-enabled labels and packaging supporting ISO/IEC 18000-6C*
- *Part 2: Recycling and RFID tags*

## Introduction

This Part of ISO/IEC TR 24729 provides background, reference information, and practical knowledge in the selection and application of passive RFID transponders to transport units and pallets (see Layers 2 and 3 of Figure 1) used to move and distribute commercial packaged goods. This may be accomplished with inlays or conventional labels, tickets and tags *with embedded or attached RFID transponders*. This document does not address applications where the transponder is embedded in the container itself.

The assumptions for this document are:

1. RFID transponders may be placed separately from human- and machine-readable labels or information on to the transport unit or pallet. However, if RFID is to be supplied, it is important to have all three on the transport unit or pallet.
2. RFID transponders will increase in reliability therefore non-reads will be minimized.
3. ISO/IEC TR 24729-2 will describe the disposition of non-readable transponders.

The performance of RFID devices, particularly those operating at UHF frequencies (860-960 MHz) are strongly influenced by the construction of the RFID-enabled label, where it is applied to the object, and the RF characteristics of the underlying object or objects. In this regard, much more care has to be taken in selection and placement of the RFID-enabled label on the object than with a conventional bar code label. This, in turn, requires the additional knowledge and practical guidelines for RFID-enabled label selection and usage provided herein.



# Information technology — Radio frequency identification for item management — Implementation guidelines —

## Part 1: RFID-enabled labels and packaging supporting ISO/IEC 18000-6C

### 1 Scope

This Part of ISO/IEC TR 24729 provides guidance on the use of RFID enabled labels and packaging in the supply chain. Guidance is provided for transponder selection, as well as the selection of media, adhesives, facestocks, and inks. Techniques are described to minimize electrostatic discharge and transponder damage. Methods are described to verify transponder data. Placement and attachment guidance is provided for inlays, conveyable cases and containers, palletized/unit load material, as well as non-conveyables and non-palletized materials.

One type of RFID referred to within this document is the EPCglobal Class 1 Generation 2 technology. The “Class” structure originally embraced by EPCglobal has, for the most part, been overtaken by events. Consequently, this technology may be referred to as UHF Gen 2 or by its ISO designation, ISO/IEC 18000, Part 6C.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

ISO/IEC 646, *Information technology — ISO 7-bit coded character set for information interchange*

ISO/IEC 13239, *Information technology — Telecommunications and information exchange between systems — High-level data link control (HDLC) procedures*

ISO/IEC 15417, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture techniques — Code 128 bar code symbology specification*

ISO/IEC 15418, *Information technology — EAN/UCC Application Identifiers and Fact Data Identifiers and Maintenance*

ISO 15394, *Packaging — Bar code and two-dimensional symbols for shipping, transport and receiving labels*

ISO/IEC 15434, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture techniques — Syntax for high-capacity ADC media*

ISO/IEC 15438, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture techniques — PDF417 bar code symbology specification*

ISO/IEC 15459-5, *Information technology — Unique identifiers — Part 5: Unique identifier for returnable transport items (RTIs)*

ISO/IEC 15961, *Information technology — Radio frequency identification (RFID) for item management — Data protocol: application interface*

ISO/IEC 15962, *Information technology — Radio frequency identification (RFID) for item management — Data protocol: data encoding rules and logical memory functions*

ISO/IEC 16022, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture techniques — Data Matrix bar code symbology specification*

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ISO/IEC 16388, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture techniques — Code 39 bar code symbology specification*

ISO 17363, *Supply chain applications of RFID – Freight containers*

ISO 17364, *Supply chain applications of RFID – Returnable transport items (RTIs)*

ISO 17365, *Supply chain applications of RFID – Transport units*

ISO 17366, *Supply chain applications of RFID – Product packaging*

ISO 17367, *Supply chain applications of RFID – Product tagging*

ISO/IEC 18000-6, *Information technology — Radio frequency identification for item management — Part 6: Parameters for air interface communications at 860 MHz to 960 MHz*

ISO/IEC 18000-7, *Information technology — Radio frequency identification for item management — Part 7: Parameters for active air interface communications at 433 MHz*

ISO/IEC 18004, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture techniques — QR Code 2005 bar code symbology specification*

ISO/IEC 18046, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture techniques — Radio frequency identification device performance test methods*

ISO/IEC 18047-6, *Information technology — Radio frequency identification device conformance test methods — Part 6: Test methods for air interface communications at 860 MHz to 960 MHz*

ISO/IEC 19762 (all parts), *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture (AIDC) techniques — Harmonized vocabulary*

ISO 21067, *Packaging — Vocabulary*

ISO 22742, *Packaging — Linear bar code and two-dimensional symbols for product packaging*

ISO/IEC 24723, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture techniques — EAN.UCC Composite bar code symbology specification*

ISO/IEC 24724, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture techniques — Reduced Space Symbology (RSS) bar code symbology specification*

ISO/IEC 24728, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture techniques — MicroPDF417 bar code symbology specification*

IEC 61000-4-2 Ed. 1.2 b:2001, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) — Part 4-2: Testing and measurement techniques — Electrostatic discharge immunity test*

ITU Recommendation X.25, *Interface between data terminal equipment (DTE) and data circuit-terminating equipment (DCE) for terminals operating in the packet mode and connected to public data networks by dedicated circuit*

FCC Part 15.247, *U.S. Code, Title 47 — Telecommunication Chapter I — Federal Communications Commission, Part 15 — Radio Frequency Devices — Section 15.247 — Operation within the Bands 902-928 MHz, 2400-2483.5 MHz, and 5725-5850 MHz*

ETSI EN 302 208-1 V1.1.1, *European Standard (Telecommunications series), Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Radio Frequency Identification Equipment operating in the band 865 MHz to 868 MHz with power levels up to 2 W; Part 1: Technical requirements and methods of measurement*

AIM Global NASAG-0401, v1.4, *AIM Global Standard for the use of the AIM RFID Emblem™ and Index to identify RFID-enabled labels*

*GS1 General Specifications*

*EPC™ Radio-Frequency identity protocols, Class-1 Generation-2 UHF RFID, Protocol for communications at 860 MHz – 960 MHz, Version 1.0.9*

*EPC Tag Data Standards version 1.3*

*EPC Tag Data Standards version 1.1, Rev 1.27*

*MIL-STD-129P, Military Marking for Shipment and Storage*

*Department of Defense Guide to Uniquely Identifying Items, v1.5*