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Synopsis

This document sets out requirements for RFID compatibility between train and track, including management of application codes.

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One	05/09/2015	Sets out the technical requirements for the RFID on-board reader and track based beacon interface using the data format structure and communications protocol for Automatic Selective Door Operation (ASDO) functionality, which was originally set out in Appendix 2 of GMRT2473 issue two.
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Superseded documents

The following Railway Group documents are superseded, either in whole or in part as indicated:

Superseded documents	Sections superseded	Date when sections are superseded
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Part 1 Purpose and Introduction

1.1 Purpose

1.1.1 This document is a standard on track to train RFID compatibility.

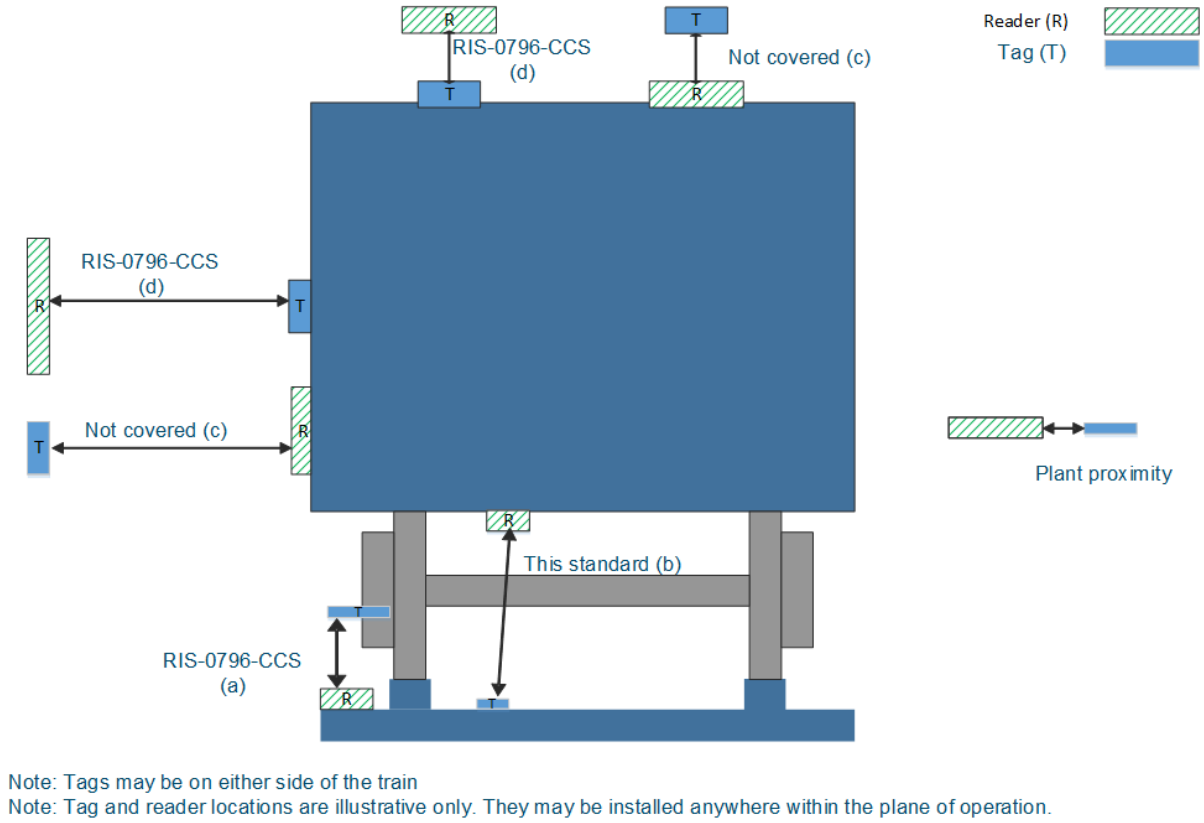
1.1.2 This document sets out the process for managing data structures for new applications and the change control process for existing applications. Industry governance for these data structures will be through the approval of the application-specific standard in which they are documented, in accordance with the Railway Group Standards Code and Manual.

1.2 Scope

1.2.1 The scope of this document is the system where the tag (transmitting part of the RFID interface) is mounted on the track on a sleeper and the reader is mounted on the underside of the train and the protocol is IP-X tag talks only (TTO).

1.2.2 The interface covered by this document is one of the four possible configurations of RFID readers and tags, as shown in Figure *1*. The four configurations are:

a) Reader on track; tag on vehicle. Tag positioned on underside of vehicle, for example axle or underframe.(This is covered by RIS-0796-CCS.)
b) Reader on underframe; tag on track. (This document.)
c) Reader on side / roof of train; tag trackside or on infrastructure above track. (No existing applications, so not currently covered by a RIS.)
d) Reader trackside or on infrastructure above track; tag on side or roof of train. (This is covered by RIS-0796-CCS.)



Note: Tags may be on either side of the train
Note: Tag and reader locations are illustrative only. They may be installed anywhere within the plane of operation.

Figure 1: RFID interfaces and the rail industry standards covering them

1.3 Application of this document

1.3.1 Compliance requirements and dates have not been specified because these are the subject of internal procedures or contract conditions.

1.3.2 If you plan to do something that does not comply with a requirement in this RIS, you can ask a Standards Committee to comment on your proposed alternative. If you want a Standards Committee to do this, please submit your deviation application form to RSSB. You can find advice and guidance on using alternative requirements on RSSB's website www.rssb.co.uk.

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1.5 Structure of this document

1.5.1 This document sets out a series of requirements that are sequentially numbered. This document also sets out the rationale for the requirement, explaining why the

requirement is needed and its purpose and, where relevant, guidance to support the requirement. The rationale and the guidance are prefixed by the letter 'G'.

1.5.2 Some subjects do not have specific requirements but the subject is addressed through guidance only and, where this is the case, it is distinguished under a heading of 'Guidance' and is prefixed by the letter 'G'.

1.6 Approval and Authorisation

1.6.1 The content of this document was approved by Rolling Stock Standards Committee on 08 October 2021 .

1.6.2 This document was authorised by RSSB on 19 November 2021.

Part 2 Railway Undertaking - Architecture Interface

2.1 RFID protocol

2.1.1 The RFID protocol shall be transmitted by the on-board reader in the radio frequency (RF) range 865.7 MHz to 867.9 MHz, with an effective radiated power (ERP) not exceeding 2 W.

Rationale

G 2.1.2 The intended emissions lie within the IR 2030/13/3 - UK Interface Requirements 2030 Licence Exempt Short Range Devices frequency band, and at the power levels regulated for the purposes of RFID by Ofcom and the Radio Equipment Directive (RED) and referenced to ETSI EN 302 208 v3.1.0.

Guidance

G 2.1.3 The RED came into force on 13 June 2016.

G 2.1.4 Independent channel frequency hopping technology can be incorporated to mitigate potential radio interference issues within this frequency band.

G 2.1.5 The Great Britain (GB) rail industry has successfully used an ERP of 500 mW for this RFID data transmission.

2.2 Data transfer

2.2.1 The data transfer shall occur when the on-board reader, which includes an integral antenna, and the track based beacon are at a distance of 1 m.

Rationale

G 2.2.2 At the required operating frequency and ERP, at distances greater than 1 m between the on-board reader and track based beacon, the data transmission is unreliable.

Guidance

G 2.2.3 Within the 1 m operating distance an optimum data transfer occurs at approximately 500 mm between the on-board reader and track based beacon.

G 2.2.4 *G 3.1.7* sets out options for when the beacon cannot include an integral antenna.

2.3 Speed of train

2.3.1 The RFID system shall not be used at speeds exceeding 75 mph (120 km/h).

Rationale

G 2.3.2 The GB rail industry trials have only validated and verified reliable readings for trains travelling at a maximum of 75 mph (120 km/h).

Guidance

G 2.3.3 None.

Part 3 On-Board Subsystem

3.1 Reader mounting

3.1.1 The RFID on-board readers shall be designed to be mounted on the underside of the vehicle.

3.1.2 The lateral position of the on-board readers mounted on the underside of the vehicle shall be limited to ± 30 mm of the train / vehicle centreline.

3.1.3 There shall be a clear, unobstructed line of sight between the reader and the beacon when they are within 1 m of each other, to enable data transmission to occur.

Rationale

G 3.1.4 The readers are mounted to enable an unobstructed line of sight for data transmission to occur at distances ≤ 1 m between the on-train reader and the track based beacon. Obstructions absorb and reflect varying levels of ultra-high frequencies (UHFs), depending on the composition of the material, and may prevent beacon activation or reduce the reliability of the reader receiving the pre-programmed data.

Guidance

G 3.1.5 The 30 mm limitation of the lateral position from the centreline enables the data transmission between the track based beacon and the on-board reader to occur within the 1 m range, taking account of cant deficiencies and overthrow of the vehicle.

G 3.1.6 Further details on designing and mounting devices are set out in GIRT7073, GMRT2173 and GERT8073.

G 3.1.7 If space does not permit a reader with an integral antenna to be installed at a suitable location on the underframe, then a separate antenna may be mounted on the underside of the vehicle.

G 3.1.8 In positioning the reader within the train consist, all operational scenarios where the beacon is expected to transfer data are considered.

G 3.1.9 As the train consist can vary in length, due to coupling and uncoupling of vehicles and units, the position of the reader in respect to the whole train formation can also vary. This can affect whether the data transmission between the on-board reader and track based beacon distance of 1 m is achieved for all applications on all routes.

G 3.1.10 The emitted UHF reader signal spreads outwards from the on-board reader, commonly referred to as the ‘cone of acceptance’.

G 3.1.11 As the UHF band signal emitted from the reader spreads out in a conical shape, part of that signal can, at approximately 1 m from the beacon, start to receive data from the tag. Similarly, having passed over the beacon, the reader continues to receive consistent data until the on-board reader exceeds 1 m from the tag. While passing over the beacon, the optimum read reliability is achieved when the centre of the reader and centre of the beacon become directly aligned.

Part 4 Trackside Subsystem

4.1 Beacon specification

4.1.1 The beacon shall be:

a) A passive UHF read / write transponder.
b) IP-X tag talks only (TTO) format.
c) Capable of receiving the on-board reader UHF signal within an operating coverage range of ≤ 1 m.

Rationale

G 4.1.2 A pre-programmed application identification (ID) code, and user configured data, are transmitted back to the reader by varying the levels of RF energy (signal) returned from the beacon.

G 4.1.3 The most expedient data transfer speed is achieved by a TTO method, which avoids the additional time required for a reader talks first.

G 4.1.4 The maximum ERP of the on-board emitted UHF signal regulated by Ofcom, as set out in IR 2030/13/3, limits the operating range cone of acceptance for track beacon activation to ≤ 1 m.

Guidance

G 4.1.5 The RFID passive beacon is energised from RF energy that the on-board reader transmits, removing the need for any electrical power to be supplied to the beacons, thus making trackside installation simpler and cheaper than using a battery or dedicated electrical supply.

G 4.1.6 Active beacons, that use a power supply, are excluded due to the complexity of providing the power.

G 4.1.7 Battery operated beacons are excluded due to the increased maintenance implications and the disposal requirements, for environmental reasons.

G 4.1.8 Application of this specified format will achieve consistency across the rail network and provide benefits when developing RFID for further applications.

G 4.1.9 The generic RFID data format structure is compatible with BS ISO/IEC 18000-6 Type D beacon.

4.2 Beacon installation

4.2.1 The beacon shall be installed on a sleeper between the running rails, on the centreline between them, with a tolerance of ± 5 mm.

4.2.2 The vertical position of the nominal plane of the beacon shall be between 135 mm and 170 mm below the top of the rail.

Rationale

G 4.2.3 Providing a fixed position for the beacon between the running rails enables the installation of the on-board reader on the underside of the train to be adjusted to maintain a data transmission range of ≤ 1 m.

G 4.2.4 This represents the 140 mm (highest) to 165 mm (lowest) below top of rail distance, with a 5 mm tolerance.

Guidance

G 4.2.5 The mounting and fixing on different types of sleeper material affects the height of the beacon, relative to the top of the rail, as set out in *4.2.2*.

G 4.2.6 If the design includes an encapsulating material to protect the passive RFID device from mechanical damage, consider the effect this may have on signal penetration from the on-board reader.

4.3 Beacon installation design

4.3.1 The design shall be capable of data transmission between 1 m of the on-board reader and track based beacon, under environmental conditions of rain / snow / ice / leaf build-up and other typical railway debris such as metallic powder contamination from rail grinding and friction brake systems.

Rationale

G 4.3.2 Data transmission between the on-board reader and track based beacon within a 1 m range is unreliable in conditions other than typically found in the railway environment; for example, where a beacon is immersed in water, or completely covered by metal, for example foil.

Guidance

G 4.3.3 Ingress protection (IP67) provides protection against the effects of immersion in water to a depth between 15 cm and 1 m.

4.4 Potential interference with other RFID systems

4.4.1 Requirements to mitigate potential interference between the RFID system set out in this document and ISO/IEC 18000-63 RFID readers and tags is an open point in this document.

Rationale

G 4.4.2 Analysis and management of the potential interference, as stated in the guidance, provide mitigation of the potential for interference; that is, tags not being read from other RFID systems.

Guidance

G 4.4.3 Suitable requirements to manage the hazards associated with interference can be identified through application of a suitable risk assessment and management methodology.

G 4.4.4 Factors which can mitigate the potential for interference are:

a) Using different channels for the readers.
b) The orientation of the tags and readers; that is, one system operating laterally and the other vertically.
c) Reduced reading range.

G 4.4.5 The current recommendation is that tags used for the system set out in RIS-0796-CCS are placed at least 70 m from the antennas for these systems. This distance is taken from the Affini report.

G 4.4.6 Research is currently being undertaken to determine suitable mitigation methods.

G 4.4.7 Testing may be used to determine whether there is an issue at each site.

Part 5 Management of Application Codes

5.1 Allocated application codes

5.1.1 Only allocated application codes, as set out in Appendix *A* and the associated protocols, shall be used.

5.1.2 The database of allocated unique RFID application codes for the rail vehicle and track technical interface shall be maintained by RSSB.

Rationale

G 5.1.3 Only using allocated application codes and associated data protocols allows potential future use of existing applications.

G 5.1.4 The re-use of existing applications provides benefits including:

a) The prevention of the proliferation of bespoke applications that provide the same functionality, which results in repeating the installation and transmission of the same data.
b) The optimisation of the use of the limited available data and message capacity.
c) The reduction in the time and effort required to design a bespoke application.

Guidance

G 5.1.5 The values allocated at the date of publication are set out in Appendix *A*. The specification of the application codes and variables for each application will be included in the appendices that follow Appendix *A*, one appendix for each application.

G 5.1.6 Availability of an application code for a function does not automatically permit the function to be used. Use of the function is still subject to the Route Compatibility Assessment Process.

5.2 Data structure

5.2.1 Each beacon data structure shall start with a 64-bit unique identification (UID) code, known as page 0, followed by 7 x 64-bit pages of user electrically erasable programmable read-only memory (EEPROM) pages that can be written to, read and locked with the appropriate programming tool.

5.2.2 The first four bits of each EEPROM page (pages 1-7) shall identify the page number, and contain hex values h1x to h7x.

5.2.3 Each EEPROM page has its own Consultative Committee for International Telephony and Telegraphy-Cyclic Redundancy Check (CCITT-CRC) 16-bit, which shall verify the tag data.

5.2.4 The last two bytes (6 and 7) of each page shall contain a CCITT-CRC 16-bit checksum of the data contained on each page.

5.2.5 The bits within each page shall be ordered from the most significant bit (MSB) – 63, to least significant bit (LSB) – 0 where the MSB of the page starts within Byte 0 (see Figure *2*).

5.2.6 Page 15 of each tag shall provide configuration indication of the total number of pages where the default is the maximum seven EEPROM pages and the minimum is zero EEPROM pages.

5.2.7 Information passed from the Control, Command and Signalling (CCS) trackside subsystem to the CCS on-board subsystem (data transmission) shall be as shown in Figure *2*.

5.2.8 The Rail Industry Standard (RIS) reserved two version control bits shall use:

a) Byte 0 LSB binary digit 56.
b) Byte 1 MSB binary digit 55.

5.2.9 The RIS reserved application code for a specific application shall be programmed using seven bits from Byte 1 MSB binary digit 54 to Byte 1 LSB binary digit 48.

Rationale

G 5.2.10 Reducing the number of different programmed pages increases the number of reads, which benefits applications operating at higher speeds.

G 5.2.11 The on-board reader is programmed to receive data in the generic format.

Guidance

G 5.2.12 A page within the beacon data structure consists of 8 bytes, where page 0 is the factory setting and contains the serial number of the tag. The whole page 0 is the UID of the tag.

G 5.2.13 Each specific application code is assigned a unique binary number, as set out in Appendix *A*.

G 5.2.14 Page 0 is programmed by the manufacturer, who sets the version control bits and adds the relevant values to each page of the tag.

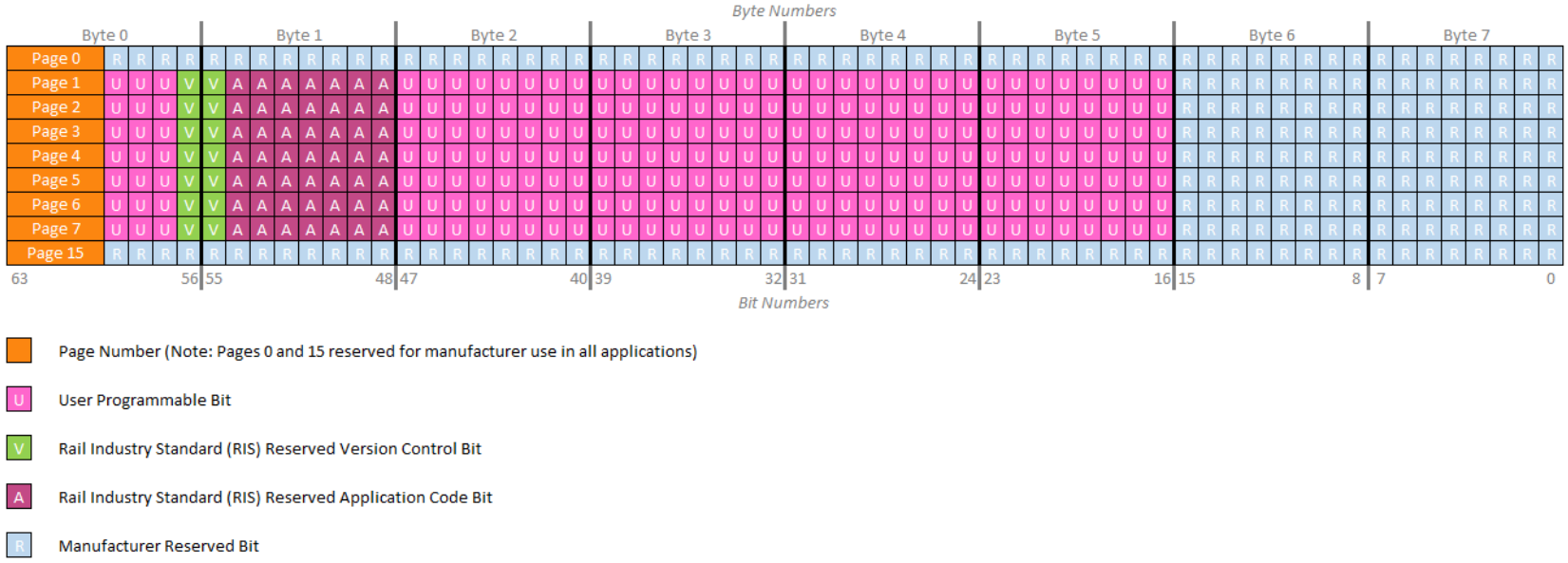


Figure 2: Generic RFID data format structure

5.3 Proposing a new application code

5.3.1 Registration of a new RFID application code shall be submitted according to the provisions for changing documents set out in the Standards Manual.

5.3.2 The new application code shall be selected from the list set out in Table *1* that are currently unallocated.

5.3.3 The proposal shall include the following:

a) Identities of parties applying applicable train types and operating routes.
b) Outline description of system functionality, including why the application is required and what the application code and its associated variables are used for.
c) Justification for issue of a new application code, if an application code performing the same function exists.
d) Data structure and values, which include:
    i) The application code and variables proposed to provide the functions.
    ii) The data structures.
    iii) Description of all the useable programmable bits.
e) Number of configured pages that are expected to be read.
f) The proposal form shall set out the page number(s) of any repeated pages.

Rationale

G 5.3.4 This is a standard industry process to manage change to standards.

G 5.3.5 The limited application codes provide a Hamming distance of four between the application codes to reduce the chance of the incorrect application code being read.

G 5.3.6 The details of the application are included to support the management of RFID application codes.

G 5.3.7 Details of the application structure, variables and specific values are needed to help any potential future use of existing applications.

G 5.3.8 When an application performing the same function already exists, a new application code is only assigned where the need for a new protocol is justified.

G 5.3.9 Details of design principles and implementation rules relating to why and how the data are implemented are essential to facilitate the correct re-use of existing applications.

Guidance

G 5.3.10 Where an additional application is identified, a unique seven digit application code is required as per the data message format structure set out in Appendix A. To support a unique database application code for each additional application, an application code register is maintained by RSSB on behalf of the industry.

G 5.3.11 An additional application code can be generated that encompasses other individual application codes within the register.

Guidance on design

G 5.3.12 The full list of possible application codes which also shows the allocated application is set out in Table *1*.

G 5.3.13 It is good practice to consider the data requirements for other similar fleet / route / operator needs in designing a common data field length when proposing the use of a new application code.

G 5.3.14 When designing a new function, consider whether requirements for any potential future applications (for example other rolling stock types or other routes) can be met, so that the same function could be future proof.

G 5.3.15 Co-ordination and cross-industry discussions are encouraged, especially for functions that are expected to be widely applicable.

G 5.3.16 The process for proposing a new RFID application code is shown in Figure *3* with the key steps shown in the left column. More details of how to change a standard, by submitting a Request for Help form, can be found on the RSSB website.

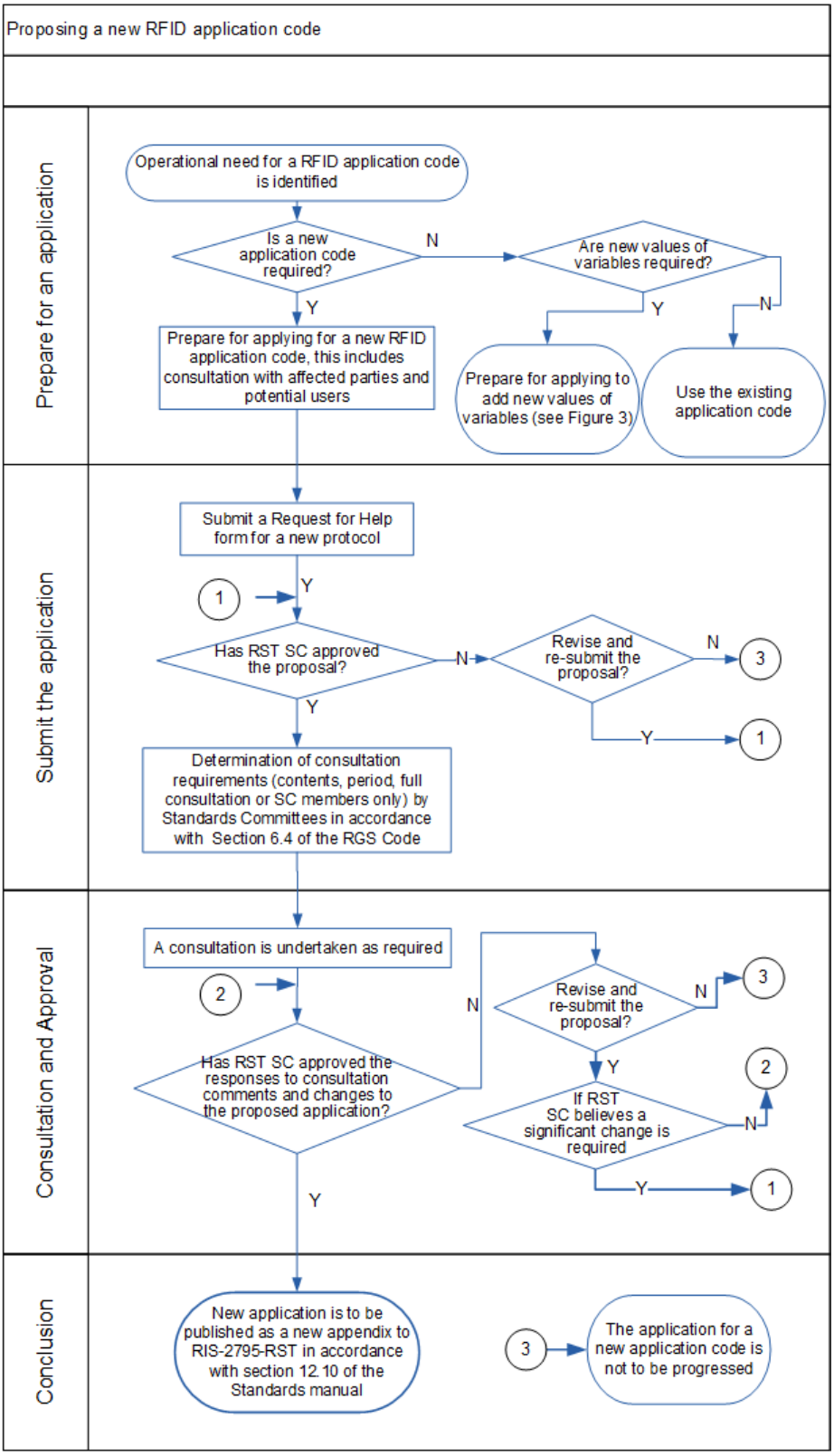


Figure 3: New application code

Guidance on how to prepare for an application

G 5.3.17 When an operational need for an RFID application code arises, the first step is to check whether it is possible to make use of an existing application code. If an existing application code can be used, follow the steps shown in Figure 4.

G 5.3.18 The applicant is encouraged to engage with potential stakeholders at the early stage of the development process so that any potential issues can be identified and resolved before the proposal is submitted. This could also support the applicant in identifying and considering the needs of potential future users to improve the re-usability of the application.

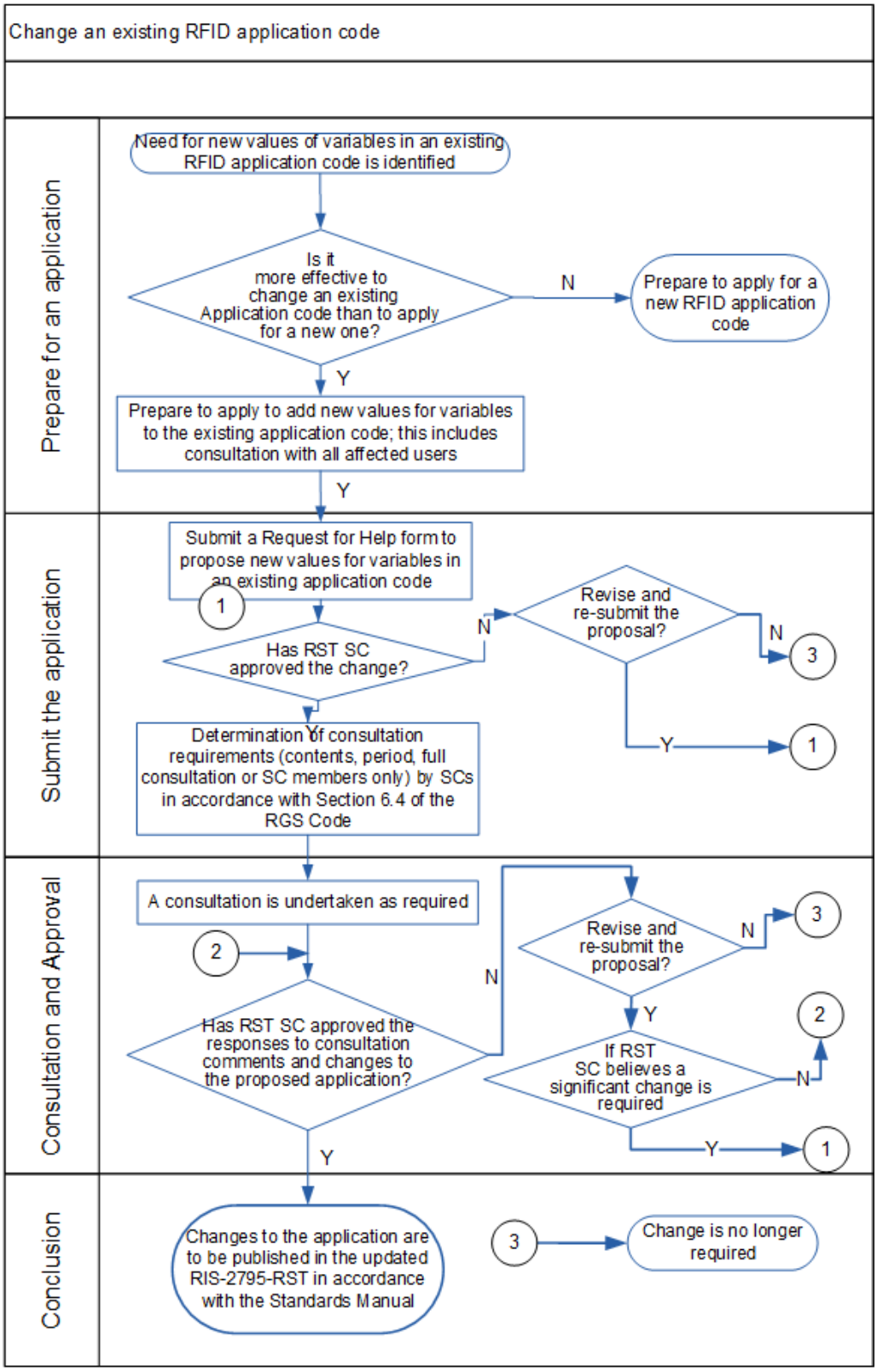


Figure 4: Change existing application code

Guidance on how to submit the application

G 5.3.19 If a new application is considered to be justified, the procedure for change to a RIS, as set out in in section 14 of the Standards Manual, needs to be applied.

G 5.3.20 The first step of this process, in accordance with the 'How to change standards' page at the RSSB website, is to complete a 'Request for Help' form. A link to the application form and details of where to submit the form are provided at the web page.

G 5.3.21 The completed form is submitted to the lead Standards Committee (SC) (Rolling Stock (RST) SC), for consideration. The procedure for consultation is set out in sections 6.5 and 6.6 of the Railway Group Standards Code.

Guidance on consultation and approval

G 5.3.22 If the lead SC approves the proposal, an industry-wide consultation is undertaken in accordance with sections 6.5 and 6.6 of the Standards Manual.

G 5.3.23 The consultation process provides the opportunity for industry to advise any commonality with existing and future RFID application codes, and whether there are safety or functional implications for the applications in use.

G 5.3.24 Any responses to consultation comments are approved by the relevant SC before being published and sent to those parties who commented on the proposed change.

Guidance on conclusion of an application

G 5.3.25 After SC approval, the new RFID application code is published as an additional appendix to this standard.

5.4 Specifying new values for variables in an existing application code

5.4.1 A proposal shall be submitted, in accordance with the Standards Manual, for changes to RFID application code variables that have an impact on existing users or potential future users.

Rationale

G 5.4.2 This is a recognised industry process for managing changes to the content of a RIS.

G 5.4.3 Changes that have an impact on existing users, or potential future use, need to be reflected in the document, to avoid incompatibility and support re-usability of the associated application.

Guidance

G 5.4.4 Some application codes may have variables with multiple values where some values of the variables were not specified in the original description of the application code. Other parties may use the spare values for additional functions within the scope of the operation of the system using the application code.

G 5.4.5 The process for change to a RIS is set out in in section 14 of the Standards Manual.

G 5.4.6 The process for proposing a change to an existing RFID application code is shown in Figure 4. More details of how to change a standard can be found at https://www.rssb.co.uk/standards-and-the-rail-industry/how-to-change-standards.

G 5.4.7 An assessment of the impact of change is needed to accompany the proposal. In some circumstances a new RFID application code could be needed depending on the outcome of the assessment.

G 5.4.8 Prior consultation with affected parties reduces the risk of the proposal being challenged at the industry consultation stage.

5.5 Decommissioning

5.5.1 A proposal shall be submitted for the decommissioning of a use of an RFID application code.

Rationale

G 5.5.2 This is a recognised industry process for managing changes to the content of a RIS.

G 5.5.3 This supports the whole life management of RFID application codes.

Guidance

G 5.5.4 Prior consultation with affected parties reduces the risk of the proposal being challenged at the industry consultation stage.

G 5.5.5 The table for the use of RFID application codes and associated details are updated after the proposal is approved by the relevant SCs.

Appendices

Appendix A Allocated Application Codes

Application Code (Decimal)	Application Code (Binary)	Use	Description
1	0000001	ASDO (Any installation position in accordance with RIS-2747-RST)	See *B.1*
14	0001110	Automatic Power Change Over (APCO)	See *C.1*
23	0010111	ASDO (Beacon positioned between 10 m and 16 m from the start of the platform)	See *B.1*
24	0011000	ASDO (Beacon positioned between 30 m and 480 m from the signal, and after the last diverging points)	See *B.1*
36	0100100	Not yet allocated	N/A
43	0101011	Not yet allocated	N/A
50	0110010	Not yet allocated	N/A
61	0111101	Not yet allocated	N/A
66	1000010	Not yet allocated	N/A
77	1001101	Not yet allocated	N/A
84	1010100	Not yet allocated	N/A
91	1011011	Not yet allocated	N/A
103	1100111	Not yet allocated	N/A
104	1101000	Not yet allocated	N/A
113	1110001	Not yet allocated	N/A
126	1111110	Not yet allocated	N/A

Table 1: Permitted and allocated application codes

Note: The provision of codes for functionalities permits the functionality to be used. The bringing into use of a new functionality needs to be justified in the safety case for the system operator.

Appendix B Automatic Selective Door Operation (ASDO) Application Codes

B.1 Data format structure

B.1.1 Page 1 of EEPROM data for Automatic Selective Door Operation (ASDO) is repeated over EEPROM pages 2 to 4.

B.1.2 Page 15, the system configuration page, has noted that the seven EEPROM pages in this application are set to pages 1 to 4 only.

B.1.3 The system configuration page is factory set and records the pre-set number of pages to be programmed, where the minimum is zero pages and the maximum seven pages.

B.1.4 Readability reliability increases with repeatability by reducing the number of pages read in a cycle.

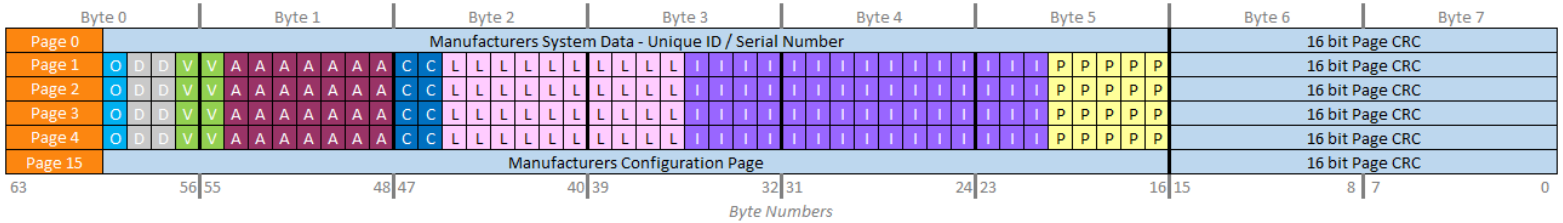
B.1.5 Readability reliability also increases if a page of information is repeated in the same cycle.

B.1.6 Appendix 2 of GMRT2473 issue two originally set out the data format structure and communications protocol for ASDO functionality.

B.1.7 The different application codes for ASDO reflect the need for precise beacon positioning when per vehicle ASDO systems are used, and/or the different signal sighting requirements of each TOC/fleet. The data within each application code is specified exactly the same so other ASDO systems may read either application code as a valid beacon. So long as the operator has established relevant application code, the ASDO system will apply the correct door pattern.

B.1.8 Further details on different ASDO systems are provided in RIS-2747-RST

B.1.9 The format of the structure is set out in Figure *5* .



Page Number

Manufacturer Reserved Bit

O SDO On / Off (1 bit within Byte 0). Defined as "0" = Off, "1" = On.

D Approach Direction (2 bits within Byte 0). Defined as "01" = Up, "10" = Down. **In Binary format.**

V RIS Reserved Version Control (2 bits, 1 bit in Byte 1, 1 bit in Byte 2). **In Binary format.**

A RIS Reserved Application Code (7 bits within Byte 1). **In Binary format.**

C Correct Side Door Enabled "CSDE" (2 bits within Byte 2). Defined as "01" = Left, "10" = Right, "11" = Both. **In Binary format.**

L Platform Length (6 bits in Byte 2, 4 bits in Byte 3). 0 - 1023 metres in 1 metre increments (decimal), converted from decimal to provide binary content.

I CRS Station ID (15 bits in total, 4 bits in byte 3, 8 bits in byte 4, 3 bits in byte 5). Individual CRS characters in binary format (A = 00001). Each character accomodates 5 bits.

P Platform number (5 bits within byte 5). Platform number (decimal) to be converted to binary.

Notes
1. Station ID is the standard 3-digit CRS code.
2. Page 1 is replicated as each page contains identical data.

Figure 5: ASDO data structure

Appendix C Automatic Power Change Over (APCO) Application Codes

C.1 Data format structure

C.1.1 This application code is for Automatic Power Change Over (APCO), either statically or manually.

C.1.2 *B.1.1* to *B.1.5* applies for this application code.

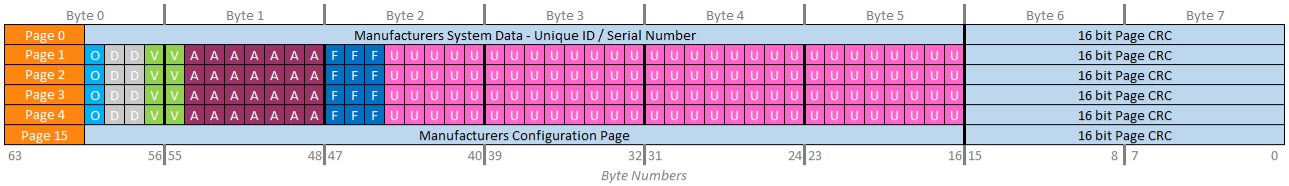
C.1.3 Further details on different APCO systems are provided in RIS-2713-RST.

C.1.4 There are spare values of variable F and 29 bits that are unused. New values for these may be requested using the process set out in *5.4*. The spare values of variable F are set out in Table *2*.

Spare 'Passes Information' Codes	Spare 'Demands Action' Codes
100	110
101	111
110	
111	

Table 2: Spare values of F

C.1.5 The data structure is set out in Figure *6*.



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Manufacturer Reserved Bit

O APCO On / Off (1 bit within Byte 0). Defined as "0" = Off, "1" = On. Determines whether "Function" F demands action or passes information

D Approach Direction (2 bits all within Byte 0). Defined as "01" = Up, "10" = Down. **In Binary format.**

V RIS Reserved Version Control (2 bits, 1 bit in Byte 1, 1 bit in Byte 2). **In Binary format.**

A RIS Reserved Application Code (7 bits all within Byte 1). **In Binary format.**

F Function Code (3 bits all within Byte 2). Determined by the value of "APCO On/Off" O bit as follows:

Function Code (Binary)	APCO On/Off Bit = 0 "Passes Information"	APCO On/Off Bit = 1 "Demands Action"
000	Test	Retract All Collectors
001	Arm Direction Detection	Change to AC
010	Trigger Direction Detection	Change to DC
011	Cancel Direction	Invalid
100	Not Defined	Charging Mode
101	Not Defined	Deploy All Collectors
110	Not Defined	Not Defined
111	Not Defined	Not Defined

U Not defined (29 bits, 5 bits in byte 2, all bits in bytes 3, 4 and 5). All set to zero.

Notes
1. Four configured pages are to be read.
2. Page 1 is replicated as each page contains identical data.
3. APCO On/Off and Approach Direction are intended to be consistent with the ASDO application data format.
4. The provision of beacons emitting the 'Test' message (APCO On / Off = 0, Function Code = 000) at known locations is a means of testing the on-board receiver.
5. Beacons read in the sequence 'Arm' then 'Trigger' allow the train to determine its current direction, according to the value of the associated 'Approach Direction' bits. Subsequent beacons with a APCO On / Off = 1 value, whose 'Approach Direction' value indicates the opposite direction will be ignored, reading either:
(a) a 'Cancel Direction' beacon **or**
(b) an 'Arm' beacon followed by anything other than a 'Trigger' beacon with the same 'Approach Direction' value as the 'Arm' beacon, which forces the train to forget it's current direction and to act on all subsequent 'Action' beacons, regardless of their 'Approach Direction' value.

Figure 6: APCO data structure

Definitions

active RFID tag	There are two types of active RFID tags: transponders and beacons. A transponder only communicated when it is in the immediate vicinity of a reader. A beacon broadcasts constantly. **Note:** Balises or Eurobalise are an apparatus in the track by means of which data are transmitted to a train to update the trainborne automatic protection equipment regarding the track and signal conditions of the line ahead. Source: *IEV 821-08-15*
antenna	That part of a radio transmitting or receiving system which is designed to provide the required coupling between a transmitter or a receiver and the medium in which the radio wave propagates. **Note:** In practice, the terminals of the antenna or the points to be considered as the interface between the antenna and the transmitter or receiver should be specified. **Note:** If a transmitter or receiver is connected to its antenna by a feed line, the antenna may be considered to be a transducer between the guided waves of the feed line and the radiated waves in space. Source: *IEV 712-01-01*
Automatic Power Change Over (APCO)	No definition.
Automatic Selective Door Operation (ASDO)	A type of door selection system.
beacon [generic non-technical]	A means of providing digital information, comprised of a tag embedded in a mechanical housing, known as balises or Eurobalises for certain applications.
Consultative Committee for International Telephony and Telegraphy (CCITT)	No definition.
Control Command and Signalling (CCS)	No definition.
cyclic redundancy check (CRC)	No definition.
effective radiated power (in a given direction) (ERP)	The product of the power supplied to an antenna and the relative gain of the antenna in a given direction, with respect to a half-wave dipole. Source: *IEC 60050*. *http://www.electropedia.org/*. IEV ref: 712-02-52. **Note:** The use of the concept of equivalent isotropically radiated power is to be preferred to that of effective radiated power.

Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory (EEPROM)	No definition.
hamming distance	The number of digit positions in which the corresponding digits of two n-bit bytes of the same length are different. Source: *IEV 721-08-05*
Ingress Protection (IP)	Ingress Protection as set out in *BS IEC 60529*.
IP-X	An RFID air-interface protocol.
ITU-T	Telecommunication Standardization Sector of the International Telecommunications Union.
least significant bit LSB	No definition.
most significant bit (MSB)	No definition.
Ofcom (Office of Communications)	No definition.
passive RFID tag	A type of RFID tag that does not contain an internal power source and is usually of a single or dual chip design. Passive RFID tags are beam-powered using the electromagnetic energy of a tag reader.
Radio and Telecommunications Terminal Equipment (RTTE)	No definition.
Radio Frequency (RF)	No definition.
Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)	A method of storing and retrieving data via electromagnetic transmission to a radio-frequency-compatible integrated circuit.
RFID reader	A device that is used to read and/or write data to RFID tags.
selective door operation (SDO)	A type of door selection system.
tag	An electronic identification device that is made up of an integrated chip and antenna.
Tag Talks Only (TTO)	Where no reader intervention (in the form of commands requiring reader modulation) is needed to effect transmission of the EEPROM data pages.
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track	The support system made up of rails and sleepers which is supported on either ballasted formation or other varying forms.
Ultra High Frequency (UHF)	No definition.

unique identification number (UID)	A non-essential serial number which assists in beacon identification during normal system operation. The UID provides a reference number for identifying the unique tag ID.
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write	The transfer of data to an RFID tag. The tag's internal operation can include reading data in order to verify the operation.

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IR 2030/13/3	UK Interface Requirements 2030 Licence Exempt Short Range Devices. Issued by Ofcom

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