

English version

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goods transport – System parameters (ISO/TS 17263:2003)**

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## Foreword

This Technical Specification (CEN ISO/TS 17263:2003) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 278, "Road Transport and Traffic Telematics", the secretariat of which is held by NEN, in collaboration with Technical Committee ISO/TC 204, "Transport information and control systems".

This is the third part of a series of Technical Specifications defining Intermodal Goods Transport for AVI/AEI, and is the result from CEN/TC 278 Work Item 00278089. The following documents are published to form a series of standards for AVI/AEI in intermodal goods transport AVI/AEI:

- CEN ISO/TS 17261            Architecture and terminology (under preparation)
- CEN ISO/TS 17262            Numbering and data structures
- CEN ISO/TS 17263            System parameters
- CEN ISO/TS 17264            AVI/AEI interfaces (under preparation)

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## Introduction

This Technical Specification specifies parameters for a system for the automatic identification of equipment, vehicles and items (AEI) used in intermodal transport chains. This Technical Specification is designed to enable users and suppliers of AEI-Systems to specify or use a system or components of a system that will enable interoperability. Such systems are designed to read and transfer the identity and some further important data of equipment, vehicles and items used in intermodal transport to other partners in each possible transport chain to minimise the expenditure and to automate the process of transport observation and control. This pre standard is a part of a family of Standards for that purpose.

AEI systems are necessary as a basic tool for RTTT/TICS applications in intermodal transport operation. These information systems need real-time highly reliable data about the identity, status, time, location, etc. of the equipment, vehicles or items during the transport operation. The characteristics of an Intermodal Transport chain is that pieces of equipment or items will be loaded or unloaded more than once from *other* pieces of equipment or vehicles. AEI systems in such applications shall also be able to provide the identity of both units at the loading and unloading process. The purpose is to capture the event so that the information system reflects the real world.

## 1 Scope

### 1.1 General

This Technical Specification establishes an AEI-System based on radio frequency technologies. This system is intended for general application in RTTT/TICS. It allows the transfer of the identification codes and further information about equipment and vehicles used in intermodal transport into such RTTT/TICS and information systems related to Intermodal Transport processes. Within the intermodal context of the RTTT/TICS Sector, AEI systems have the specific objective of achieving an unambiguous identification of an ITU or related equipment or vehicle or item used in intermodal transport, and to make that identification automatically. Vehicles will be considered and handled under Intermodal aspects as „Intermodal Equipment“. Therefore a differentiation between AEI and AVI systems under the purpose of this standard is not required.

This Technical Specification is specifically aimed at DSRC-type air interfaces. The requirement and test methods may not apply for Intermodal AEI systems using long range communications such as Cellular Networks or Satellite, or vicinity communication such as inductively coupled antennas. The interoperability across the air interface (reference point Delta) is outside the scope of this Technical Specification. Please see CEN ISO/TS 17264 *Automatic Vehicle and Equipment Identification (AVI/AEI) - AVI/AEI Interfaces* (under preparation).

### 1.2 Aim

The aim of this standard is to define, describe and specify the System Parameters related to an intermodal AEI system to provide an enabling Standard, which, whilst allowing the system specifier to determine the performance levels and operating conditions, provides a framework for interoperability. Therefore this Technical Specification specifies:

- a) parameters and requirements of the identification system itself
- b) performance criteria necessary to ensure consistent and reliable operation of AEI systems within international transport processing
- c) requirements of the performance and the position of the electronic devices (tag) when installed on intermodal equipment
- d) requirements for the installation of readers, and performance data related to these components.

NOTE: These parameters of an AEI system shall be identical, compatible or interoperable world-wide in respect of systems complying to this Pre-Standard. Yet it is recognised that, at the implementation level, there may be requirements for regional or operational differences in the performance levels achieved against these parameters.