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**Intelligent transport systems —  
Automatic vehicle and equipment  
identification — Intermodal goods  
transport architecture and terminology**

*Systèmes intelligents de transport — Identification automatique des  
véhicules et des équipements — Architecture et terminologie du  
transport intermodal des marchandises*



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## Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

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This first edition of ISO 17261 cancels and replaces the first edition of ISO/TS 17261:2005, including ISO/TS 17261:2005/Cor. 1:2005, which has been technically revised.

## Introduction

This International Standard prescribes the overall parameters within which subsidiary International Standards are constructed. The architecture description defined in this International Standard is a consistent extension to ISO 14814 (AVI reference architectures and terminology).

ISO 14814 provides an architecture context for AVI/AEI for road transport. This International Standard extends this architecture context to include intermodal and multimodal movements.

This International Standard is part of a series of International Standards defining AVI/AEI in the Intelligent Transport Systems/Road Transport and Traffic Telematics (ITS/RTTT) environment. The following documents have been issued from ISO TC 204 to form a family of International Standards for the sector:

ISO 14814	AVI/AEI Reference architectures and terminology;
ISO 14816	AVI/AEI Numbering and data structures;
ISO 14815	AVI/AEI System specification;
ISO 17261	AVI/AEI Intermodal goods transport reference architectures and terminology;
ISO 17262	AVI/AEI Intermodal goods transport: Numbering and data structures;
ISO 17263	AVI/AEI Intermodal goods transport: System parameters;
ISO 17264	AVI/AEI Intermodal goods transport: Interface requirements;

An AVI/AEI interaction in an ITS/RTTT environment comprises an identification of On-Board Equipment (OBE) by a reader/interrogator and can transfer additional data.

The data component in an ITS/RTTT environment provides the basis for unambiguous identification of the OBE, and may also share a medium for a bi-directional interactive exchange of data between the host and OBE and to other equipment (such as smart cards etc.).

The principles of data presentation determined in ISO 17262 have been adopted to provide an interoperable architecture within an International Standard framework. The use of Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1) PER is therefore an integral part of the data architecture determined in this International Standard.

The numbering and data structure are capable of operation both by read/write devices, and by read only devices where there is no requirement (and sometimes no possibility) to write to the OBE.

A key feature of the structure is to provide interoperability of data constructs.

Within the ITS/RTTT sector, applications can range from simple vehicle and equipment identification to complex international systems.

The reference architecture model and the data construct schemes described in this family of International Standards/Technical Specifications extend the approved AVI conceptual architecture to provide a comprehensive conceptual and logical system architecture to describe the relationships and functionality for a wide range of media so that the currency of the International Standard remains good for both existing and future technologies. This International Standard recognises that there are existing AVI/AEI applications and provides a means of supporting such data constructs within this International Standard.

In many cases it is necessary or desirable to use one air carrier frequency and protocol, but this is not always possible or even desirable in all situations.

In accordance with the resolutions of ISO TC 204 and CEN TC 278 the use of Abstract Syntax Notation One (ASN.1) from ISO 8824 as a data definition structure is adopted. Its usage provides maximum interoperability and conformance to existing ITS/RTTT and related International Standards and Technical Specifications.

