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The IEC 61784-1 series contains several Communication Profile Families (CPF), which specify one or more communication profiles. Such profiles identify, in a strict sense, protocol subsets of the IEC 61158 series via protocol specific communication profiles. They do not define device profiles that specify communication profiles together with application functions needed to answer the need of a specific application ("application profiles").

It is agreed that these latter classes of profiles would facilitate the use of the IEC 61158 series of standards; the profiles defined in the IEC 61784-1 series are a necessary step to achieve that task.

It is also important to clarify that interoperability – defined as the ability of two or more network systems to exchange information and to make mutual use of the information that has been exchanged (see ISO/IEC TR 10000-1) – can be directly achieved on the same link only for those devices complying with the same communication profile.

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Two or more Profiles, which are related to a common family, are specified within a "Communication Profile Family" (CPF).

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