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Full information on the voting for the approval of this Technical Report can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

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INTRODUCTION

An optical multicast switch (MCS) is a dynamic module that is mainly used in a reconfigurable optical add-drop multiplexer (ROADM) to realize a colourless, directionless and contentionless (CDC) function. The MCS functions as an optical switch and a non-wavelength dependent branching device. It is electrically controlled with software, which directs an input signal from one input port to the required output port. This document clarifies MCS software and hardware interfaces, which were investigated based on results from a survey by Dynamic Module Sub-Committee, Fibre Optic Standardization Committee, and OITDA (Optoelectronic Industry and Technology Development Association) in 2017. The questionnaire was sent to 24 appropriate companies all over the world via their representatives. Responses from six companies including three specific proposals for a specification were received.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62343, which is a Technical Report, proposes a software and hardware interface for the optical multicast switch (MCS). This switch can be controlled by resident firmware within the interface that is intended to enable a user or host to retrieve the switch status and/or adjust relevant switch settings. The MCS is defined in IEC 62343-3-4. The technical information regarding MCS and its applications in dense wavelength division multiplexing (DWDM) systems is described in IEC TR 62343-6-4. The objective of this document is a proposal for a software and hardware interface standard of MCS.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.