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- *Part 2: Recycling and RFID tags*

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- *Part 3: Implementation and operation of UHF RFID interrogator systems in logistics applications*

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Part 2: Recycling and RFID tags

1 Scope

Radio-frequency identification (RFID) is positioned to serve as a significant enabler in the recycling of various types of products; notably home appliances and electronics. At the same time various recycling streams are challenged by the possibility of RF tags being attached to recycled material, notably glass and steel.

2 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 19762-1 and ISO/IEC 19762-3 apply.