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*Technologies de l'information — Téléinformatique — Spécifications  
PHY/MAC pour applications à bas débit sans fil à courte portée  
dans la bande ISM*



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## Introduction

This International Standard is the revision of ISO/IEC 29157. This International Standard was established to provide a unified platform for services of data rates up to 1 Mbps: control data, voice, audio, and video. The purpose of the revision is to accommodate the advancement of technology for higher-quality services in the mobile applications.

The direction of the revision is three-fold: to enhance throughput, to facilitate co-existence with other technologies such as time-division LTE (long term evolution) and WiMAX II, and to increase data rate. For the higher throughput, the length of the preamble of the payload frames is made variable up to the user's need (see [9.2.2](#)). For the co-existence, the duration of the middle frames is reduced to 4 ms from 16 ms to make align with those of the other technologies (see [8.3](#)). With the shorter middleframes, the International Standard does not only harmonise with other technologies, but also attains advantages of shorter communication delay and less paring time. To increase the data rate, the message part of the payload frames may be modulated with QPSK. The modulation format is indicated by the 'PHY version' of the header (see [Clause 7](#) and [9.3](#)). With the addition of the new option, the data rate can be increased to 2 Mbps. In addition, to protect communications against security challenges due to the loss of protection provided by wires, this International Standard provides the optional security mechanism (See [9.3.2](#) and [Annex A](#)).

# Information technology — Telecommunications and information exchange between systems — PHY/MAC specifications for short-range wireless low-rate applications in the ISM band

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the PHY characteristics and MAC procedures used for short-range, low-data-rate, wireless communications with very low latency and point-to-multipoint connection capability.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 9798-3, *Information technology — Security techniques — Entity authentication — Part 3: Mechanisms using digital signature techniques*