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- description of rules for optimized-column-width layout have been added;
- description of the concatenation of labels and help was added;
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## INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 61804

- contains an overview of the use of EDDL;
- provides examples demonstrating the use of the EDDL constructs;
- shows how the use cases are fulfilled; and
- shows the proper EDD application interpretation for each example.

This part of IEC 61804 is not an EDDL tutorial and is not intended to replace the EDDL specification.

Instructions are provided for the EDD application, which describe what will be performed without prescribing the technology used in the host implementation. For example, the FILE construct describes data that is stored by the EDD application on behalf of the EDD. The FILE construct does not specify how the data is stored. The EDD application can use a database, a flat file, or any other implementation it chooses.

EDDL features are limited by profile for each of the communication technologies. The descriptions in this part of IEC 61804 refer to these features in a general sense and not all communication technologies will support all of the features described. The profile definitions in IEC 61804-3 are referred to in order to understand the features supported by each communication technology.

# DEVICES AND INTEGRATION IN ENTERPRISE SYSTEMS – FUNCTION BLOCKS (FB) FOR PROCESS CONTROL AND ELECTRONIC DEVICE DESCRIPTION LANGUAGE (EDDL) –

## Part 4: EDD interpretation

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61804 specifies EDD interpretation for EDD applications and EDDs to support EDD interoperability. This document is intended to ensure that field device developers use the EDDL constructs consistently and that the EDD applications have the same interpretations of the EDD. It supplements the EDDL specification to promote EDDL application interoperability and improve EDD portability between EDDL applications.

### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 61784-1, *Industrial communication networks – Profiles – Part 1: Fieldbus profiles*

IEC 61784-2, *Industrial communication networks – Profiles – Part 2: Additional fieldbus profiles for real-time networks based on ISO/IEC/IEEE 8802-3*

IEC 61804-3, *Devices and integration in enterprise systems – Function blocks (FB) for process control and electronic device description language (EDDL) – Part 3: EDDL syntax and semantics*

IEC 61804-5, *Devices and integration in enterprise systems – Function blocks (FB) for process control and electronic device description language (EDDL) – Part 5: EDDL Built-in library*

IEC 62734, *Industrial networks – Wireless communication network and communication profiles – ISA 100.11a*

IEC 62769-4<sup>5</sup>, *Field Device Integration (FDI) – Part 4: FDI Packages*

IEC 62769-7<sup>6</sup>, *Field Device Integration (FDI) – Part 7: FDI Communication devices*

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