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International Standards Organisation (ISO) Amends RFID Standard to Include EPCglobal UHF Generation 2 Air Interface Protocol

EPCglobal UHF Gen2 air interface protocol successfully accepted into ISO/IEC 18000-6 Amendment 1 standard as Type C and is now available through the ISO website.

BRUSSELS, Belgium – 11 July, 2006 – EPCglobal Inc, the not-for-profit standards organisation dedicated to driving global adoption of the Electronic Product Code (EPC) for supply chain excellence, today announced that its UHF Generation 2 air interface protocol has been incorporated into the *ISO/IEC 18000-6 Amendment 1* as Type C on UHF RFID by the International Standards Organisation.

The amended standard was recently approved by ISO and published for distribution.

Incorporation in the ISO standard comes just 18 months after it was ratified as a hardware standard by EPCglobal in December of 2004. More than a dozen RFID readers, tags and integrated circuits have been certified as Gen 2 compliant by EPCglobal and are commercially available today. The protocol was submitted to ISO last year for consideration as an ISO global standard.

“This is a significant milestone because it provides recognition of the work that the EPCglobal community is doing to build user-driven technical standards to advance the adoption of EPC/RFID technologies in supply chains throughout the world.” said Chris Adcock, president of EPCglobal Inc.

“The publication of this Amendment to ISO/IEC 18000-6 gives the EPCglobal UHF Gen 2 specification global approval and makes it available to an even wider range of applications. This was the first of hopefully many opportunities for EPCglobal and ISO to cooperate.” said Steve Halliday, chairman of the ISO sub-group responsible for the standard.

The EPCglobal Gen 2 standard was initially developed by more than 60 of the world’s leading technology companies and describes the core capabilities required to meet the performance needs set by the end user community. EPCglobal Gen 2 is a foundational element for creating standard interfaces and protocols to drive the development of new RFID hardware products to provide accurate, cost-efficient visibility of information throughout supply chains.

About EPCglobal Inc

EPCglobal Inc is a joint venture between GS1 and GS1 US and supports the global adoption of the Electronic Product Code as a global standard to enable accurate information and visibility about products in the supply chain. More information about EPCglobal Inc can be found at <http://www.epcglobalinc.org>.

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