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The first edition of IEEE Std 802.1AE™ was published in 2006. A first amendment, IEEE Std 802.1AEbn™-2011, added the option of using the GCM-AES-256 Cipher Suite. A second, IEEE Std 802.1AEbw™-2013 added the GCM-AES-XPN-128 and GCM-AES-XPN-256 Cipher Suites. These extended packet numbering Cipher Suites allow more than  $2^{32}$  frames to be protected with a single Secure Association Key (SAK) and so ease the timeliness requirements on key agreement protocols for very high speed (100 Gb/s plus) operation. This third amendment, IEEE Std 802.1AEcg™-2017, specifies Ethernet Data Encryption devices (EDEs).

### Relationship between IEEE Std 802.1AE and other IEEE Std 802 standards

IEEE Std 802.1X™-2010 specifies Port-based Network Access Control, and provides a means of authenticating and authorizing devices attached to a LAN, and includes the MACsec Key Agreement protocol (MKA) necessary to make use of IEEE 802.1AE.

IEEE Std 802.1AE is not intended for use with IEEE Std 802.11™ Wireless LAN Medium Access Control. An amendment to that standard, IEEE Std 802.11i™-2004, also makes use of IEEE Std 802.1X™, thus facilitating the use of a common authentication and authorization framework for LAN media to which this standard applies and for Wireless LANs.

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