

zenon manual





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1. Welcome to COPA-DATA help

GENERAL HELP

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2. Standard recipes

Recipes collect set values and commands in a list which can be executed in the Runtime with the help of a function.

Recipes can be engineered either in the Editor or in the Runtime (with the help of screen Recipe standard).

A collection of several recipes is created and administrated with the help of the Recipegroup Manager.





License information

Part of the standard license of the Editor and Runtime.

PROJECT MANAGER CONTEXT MENU

Menu item	Action
Editor profile	Opens the drop-down list that includes pre-defined editor profiles.
Help	Opens online help.

3. Engineering in the Editor

Context menu project manager 3.1

Menu item	Action
Recipe new	Creates a new recipe in the list and opens the name for editing.
Export XML all	Exports all entries as an XML file.
Import XML	Imports from an XML file.
Import ASCII	Imports from an ASCII file.
Editor profile	Opens the drop-down list in which you can allocate an Editor profile.
Help	Opens online help.



3.2 Context menu detail view

TOOLBAR





Menu item	Action
Recipe new	Creates a new recipe in the list and opens the name for editing.
Create standard function	Opens the dialog for selecting a recipe and an action and creates a suitable function. The action is documented in the output window.
Add variable	Opens the dialog for selecting variables.
Jump back to starting element	If you entered the list via function linked elements, the symbol leads back to the start element. Only available in the context menu when all linked elements are opened.
Сору	Copies selected entries to the clipboard.
Paste	Pastes the contents of the clipboard. If an entry with the same name already exists, the content is pasted as "Copy of".
Delete	Deletes selected entries.
Move upwards	Moves the entry up one place in the recipe list.
Move downwards	Moves the entry down one place in the recipe list.
Edit set value	Activates cell Set value in order to insert a value.
Export selected XML	Exports selected entries as an XML file.
Import XML	Imports from an XML file.
Export selected ASCII	Exports selected entries as an ASCII file.
Import ASCII	Imports from an ASCII file.
Rename	Makes it possible to rename the selected recipe. It is also possible by left-clicking the field with the mouse or by pressing F2 .
Properties	Opens the property window.
Help	Opens online help.

CONTEXT MENU TREE IN DETAIL VIEW

Menu item	Action
Add variable	Opens the dialog for selecting variables.
Recipe new	Creates a new recipe in the list and opens the name for editing.



Recipe rename	Makes it possible to rename the selected recipe. It is also possible by left-clicking the field with the mouse or by pressing F2 .
Create standard function	Opens the dialog for selecting a recipe and for the definition of the desired action
Сору	Copies selected entries to the clipboard.
Paste	Pastes the contents of the clipboard. If an entry with the same name already exists, the content is pasted as "Copy of".
Delete	Deletes selected entries.
Export selected XML	Exports selected entries as an XML file.
Import XML	Imports from an XML file.
Export selected ASCII	Exports selected entries as an ASCII file.
Import ASCII	Imports from an ASCII file.
Rename	Makes it possible to rename the selected recipe. It is also possible by left-clicking the field with the mouse or by pressing F2 .
Properties	Opens the property window.
Help	Opens online help.

CONTEXT MENU DETAILS

Menu item	Action
Add variable	Opens the dialog for selecting variables.
Delete variable	Deletes selected variable after a confirmation message.
Move upwards	Moves selected variable up on place.
Move downwards	Moves selected variable down on place.
Edit set value	Opens the cell with the set value in order to change it.
Remove filter	Removes all current filter settings.
Help	Opens online help.



3.3 Create screen of type standard recipe

Recipes are handled during runtime with a screen of the type Standard Recipe (on page 25). This screen must be created in the editor first. (You will find more information on the pre-defined screen types in the chapter 'Screens / Pre-defined screen types'.)

After the screen is opened an empty screen is displayed. You can add the default control elements via menu Control elements -> Add template.

3.4 Create a new recipe

In order to create a new recipe, select Recipe new from the context menu of the folder Recipes in the Project manager. The newly created recipe is displayed in the detail view of the Project Manager. Further definitions are also realized in the Detail view.

Add variable to recipe 3.5

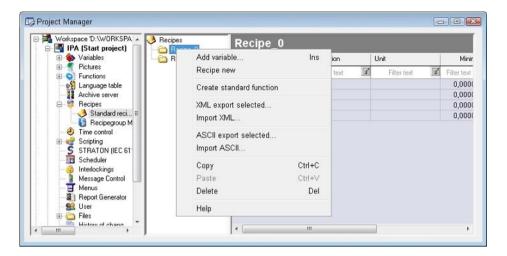
After creating a new recipe (on page 9) variables can be added to the recipe.

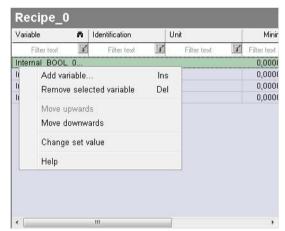


Attention

String variable cannot be written to the PLC with a standard recipe. For string variables use the Recipegroup Manager.







Variables are selected in the dialog 'Filter: Variable selection'. The variables are applied either by double clicking them or by clicking button Add. Multi-select is possible. Variables from loaded sub-projects can be used. All variables added to a recipe must not be read-only. If the definitions of variables are changed (scaling), also the defined values of the recipes are changed accordingly.



A decimal value can be entered with a colon as well as with a point, the decimal point will automatically be changed to a point.

SORTING VARIABLES

You can sort variables any way you like:

Select the variable that you want to change the sequence of and choose one of the following actions:



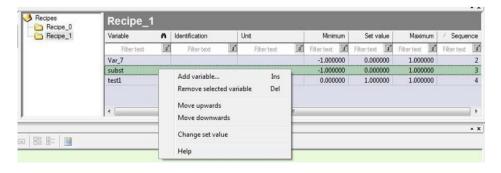
- use arrow buttons in the lower right corner to move items
- ▶ choose" Up" or "Down" in the context menu

CONTEXT MENU VARIABLE VIEW

Parameters	Description
Add variable	Opens the dialog to select variables.
Delete variable	Deletes selected variables from the list after confirming a warning message.
Move upwards	Moves selected variable up on place.
Move downwards	Moves selected variable down on place.
Edit set value	Activates cell Set value and highlights the current set value.
Remove all filters	Removes all set filter.
Help	Opens online help.

3.6 Editing set values

In order to edit the set values of the variables you can either select Edit set value from the context menu or you can change it directly in the column set value. For the checking of the setpoint value the technical minimum and maximum values for each variable are displayed with it. Multi-select is avaibale for deleting variables, but not for editing variables.



The variable '_LASTRECIPE' includes the name of the last executed standard recipe.



This allows to realize a recipe administration, as this variable at any time offers information, which recipe is active at the moment.

The variable '_LASTNEWRECIPE' includes the name of the last created standard recipe.

The variables "_LASTRECIPE" and "_LASTNEWRECIPE" can be based on any driver and must be writeable.



Attention

Exceptions:

The Variable "_LASTRECIPE" cannot be realized with the Standard System Driver.

The Variable "_LASTNEWRECIPE" cannot be realized with the Standard System Driver.

3.6.1 Check write set value

When writing values, the value receives a status bit that is has been written. If the writting process is successful, the corresponding status bit is set:

► WR-ACK

The driver received a value for writing.

▶ WR-SUC

Value 1: Writing successful.

Value 0: Writing not successful. The value could not be written.



Info

In case of reload or Server-Standby switch, the currently active responses or writing affirmations are discarded.

This status combination are active until the next value change is triggered. Then both states are set to 0 until the writing action is finished. For evaluation the following bit combination must be requested in the reaction matrix:

WR-ACK, WR-SUC



Result:

- WR-ACK 1, WR-SUC 1: Writing action successful.
- WR-ACK 1, WR-SUC 0: Writing action not successful.



Attention

The mechanism only shows, that the writing action was successful (or not successful) to the PLC. This does not mean, that the value has indeed been changed in the PLC, since the PLC can reset/overwrite the value immediately. (For example for writing the outputs or the transient bits which are only set for a short time.)

MODULES

This mechanism can be used in the following modules:

- ▶ function write set value: Activate option Wait for writing confirmation in the configuration dialog of the function.
- Standard recipes (on page 11): Activate property Write synchronously.
- Recipegroup Manager: Activate property Write synchronously.

ENTRY IN CEL

Function Write set value

For the entry in the CEL you must activate property Function Set SV in node Chronologic event list in the project settings. After this the positive or negative response the execution of the function is written to the CEL.

Standard recipes and Recipegroup Manager

For the entry in the CEL a system driver variable is used which is set to 1 when a recipe is written successfully. A global variable is evaluated on the Server, a local variable on every Client in order to determine when the recipe executed last was written completely. With this variables a CEL entry can be created via limit or reaction matrix. The query is carried out via a multi analog or a multi binary reaction matrix.



3.7 Execute recipes

The execution of the recipe can happen:

- ▶ in the Runtime via a button in screen Recipe standard (on page 25),
- via calling up a function engineered in the Editor for the recipe execution via:
 - Script (e.g. AUTOSTART script)
 - Variable status
 - Dynamic screen element e.g. Button

4. Function screen switch standard recipe

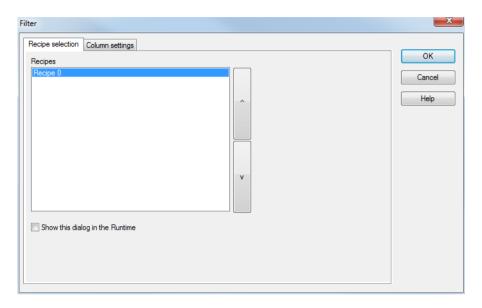
Function screen switch to a standard recipe makes it possible to call up a screen of type standard recipe in the Runtime.

To engineer the function:

- 1. Create a new function
- 2. select screen switch
- 3. select the deleted screen of type Standard recipe (on page 25)
- 4. the filter dialog opens for
 - Recipe selection (on page 15)
 - Recipe selection (on page 16)
- 5. define recipe and column settings
- 6. Close the dialog by clicking on ox



4.1 Tab Recipe selection

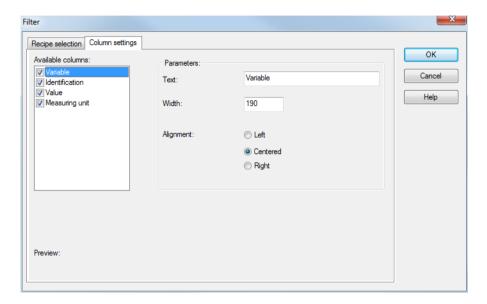


Parameters	Description
Recipes	Selection of the recipe which should be displayed when the screen is called up.
Show this dialog in the Runtime	active: In the Runtime this dialog is displayed at the screen switch. The selected recipe can be changed.
	inactive: The screen is opened with the recipe defined in the Editor. No possibility for change in the Runtime.



4.2 Tab column settings

Here you define which columns are displayed in what form in the list field.



Parameters	Description
Available columns	Definition of the columns displayed in the Runtime.
Parameters	Definition of the properties for highlighted columns.
Labeling:	Label of the columns in the Runtime.
Width:	Width of the column in pixels.
Alignment:	Text alignment of the column.

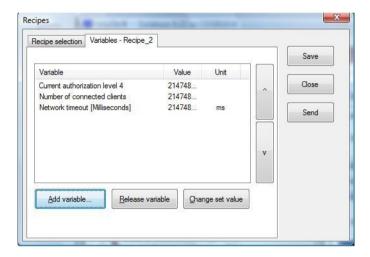
5. Operating during Runtime

In online operation the following functions are available for script use:



Parameters	Description
Single recipe direct (on page 21)	Direct despatch of the activated recipe
Single recipe with offline dialog (on page 21)	Changing of the parameters of the activated recipe
Single recipe with online dialog (on page 21)	Selection of a recipe and changing of its parameters

By using the function Recipe single with offline dialog (on page 21) the recipe mask is opened.



The control buttons are:



Parameters	Description
Save	Save changes in the recipe
Close	Close recipe settings.
Send	Send recipe to the hardware with the current parameters.
Add variable	Add new variable with the variables list.
Release variable	Temporary deletion of the selected variable from the recipe (permanently deleted if recipe is saved).
Edit set value	Change set value of selected variable.
	A decimal value can be entered with a colon as well as with a point, the decimal point will automatically be changed to a point.
	Attention: If this element does not exist in the screen, the recipes in the list element are displayed read-only.

By using the function Recipe single with online dialog (on page 21), the recipe and the parameters of the recipe can be selected and changed. The recipe selection is opened. The operation is similar to the parametrization in the Editor with the exception that recipes cannot be deleted.



Info

In case of reload or Server-Standby Switch, the present responses or writing affirmations are distorted.

You will find more information on changed Runtime files in the chapter Project and Workspace / RT changeable files.

AUTHORIZATION IN RUNTIME

Actions in the Runtime can be protected with password and authorization level:

- ▶ When recipes are deleted, saved, changed or duplicated, the logged in user has to fulfil the authorization requirements that have been set in the authorization level section of the recipe. If the user does not fulfill the authorization requirements, the function is not executed.
- At password-protected button change set value the value in the list can only be changed if the user has the respective authorization level. If this is not the case the dialog for login is opened for active temporary login as soon as a column for changing a value is clicked.

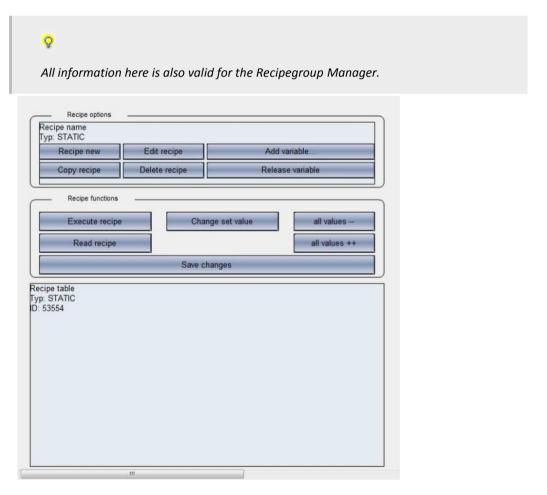


▶ If button save changes is protected with a password and the user does not have the necessary authorization level, the dialog for temporary login is opened after a recipe change when the dialog is closed in order to make saving of the changes possible.

5.1 Screen type standard recipe

The handling of the recipes in the Runtime is realized with a screen of the screen type Standard recipe. (You will find more information on the pre-defined screen types in the chapter 'Screens / Pre-defined screen types'.)

Changes that have been done successfully can be logged in the Chronological Event List.





Parameters	Description
Buttons	
Recipe new	Create a new recipe
Recipe save	Save current recipe under the same name
Read recipe	The values of the variables of the selected recipe are read from the process and entered into the table. Changes have to be saved!
Copy recipe	Copy current recipe
Recipe delete	Delete current recipe
Change Recipe	Edit the current recipe.
Export Recipe	Save current recipe as *.txt
Import Recipe	Load current recipe from *.txt
Write recipe	The values of the variables of the selected recipe are written to the process as displayed in the table.
Recipe >	Move to the next recipe
Recipe >>	Move to the last recipe
Recipe <	Move to the previous recipe
Recipe <<	Move to the first recipe
All value ++	All values of the selected recipe are increased by 1
All value	All values of the selected recipe are decreased by 1
Add variable	Add a variable to the selected recipe It is also possible to use variables of other loaded projects.
Release variable	Remove the selected variable from the recipe
Edit set value	Change the value of the selected variable in the recipe A decimal value can be entered with a colon as well as with a point, the decimal point will automatically be changed to a point. Attention: If this element does not exist in the screen, the recipes in the
	list element are displayed read-only.
General	
Recipe name	Name or selection of the current recipe



Recipe list	Display of the current recipe in a table
Send progress	Progress bar, indicating the writing of the recipe.
	The control element displays the progress bar from bottom to top or from left to right depending on the location and form of the element.
	The control element is hidden in the Runtime and is only displayed during the writing of the recipe.
	Note: The control element is only displayed if property Write synchronously is active.

SYNCHRONOUS WRITING:

If property Write synchronously is active, the control element writing progress is displayed if a recipe is written to the control until the writing confirmation arrived at the recipe module. It does not matter whether the writing confirmation is positive or negative. If you want to react to a negative writing confirmation, you can do this with the help of a reaction matrix.



💡 Info

Buttons can be protected with password and authorization level. For details see Operation in Runtime (on page 16) chapter.

Recipe - Functions 5.2

In order to allow operation in the Runtime, the according recipe functions have to be created.

When the standard function is created from the context menu in the detail view, zenon automatically creates a function Standard recipe for the selected recipe.

5.2.1 Single recipe

The individual recipe functions are available in three versions:

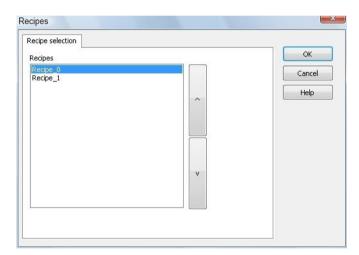


- ► Single recipe direct
- ► Single recipe with offline dialog
- ► Single recipe with online dialog

SINGLE RECIPE DIRECT

This function is used to execute a defined recipe in the Runtime. In a recipe only process variables of one driver can be selected.

Give the recipe as a transfer parameter. This function is configured via an input dialog.



SINGLE RECIPE WITH OFFLINE DIALOG

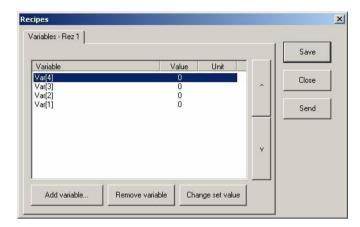
This function is used to change a defined recipe, before it is executed in the Runtime (set value change).

Give the recipe as a transfer parameter. This function is configured via an input dialog.

The new recipe is available in the recipe list.







Possible operations in Editor and Runtime are:

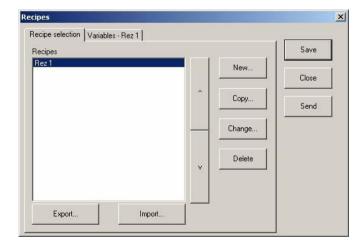
Parameters	Description
Add variable	add a new variable to the recipe
Release variable	remove a variable from the recipe
Edit set value	change the values of the recipe

SINGLE RECIPE WITH ONLINE DIALOG

This function is used to select and change a recipe before it is issued during online operation (change of set value).

Give the recipe as the transfer parameter. This function is configured via an input dialog.

In the Runtime the recipe selection is opened.



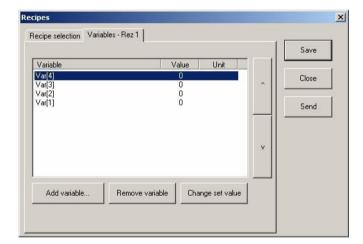


Configurable entries are

Parameters	Description
New	create a new recipe
Сору	copy selected recipe and save it under a new name
Change	Change the name of the selected recipe
Delete	delete selected recipe

The new recipe is available in the recipe list.





Configurable options are:

Add variable	add a new variable to the recipe
Release variable	remove a variable from the recipe
Edit set value	change the values of the recipe

In order to prevent changes to the recipe entries and at the same time permit selection of the individual recipes during online operation, make an entry in the zenon6.ini file.



[FUNKTIONEN]	
REZEPT_AENDERN=	0: change not permitted
	1: change permitted (default)

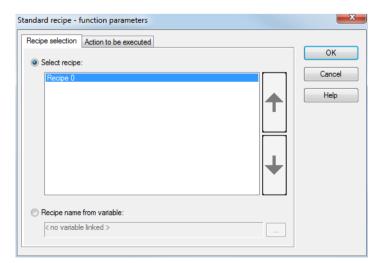
5.2.2 Standard recipe

With this function an existing recipe can be executed, read from the hardware or exported in the Runtime. Additionally new recipes can be imported or created with the current values from the hardware.

To create the function:

- 1. create a new function
- 2. in the Recipes node, select the Display menu function
- 3. the dialog for the recipe selection is opened
- 4. On tab Recipe selection select the recipe which should be called up
- 5. On tab Action to be executed you define the action which should be carried out in the Runtime

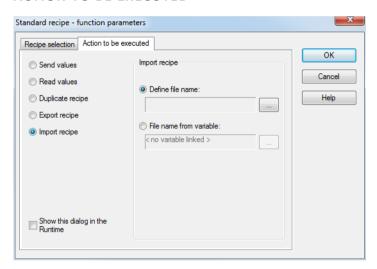
RECIPE SELECTION





Parameters	Description
Select recipe	Selection of the recipe that should be read or written
Recipe name from variable	The name of the recipe that should be read or written is given by the selected variable.
	Attention: In the Runtime the string variable has to contain a valid recipe name e.g. Recipe_4 before execution. Otherwise the function will not be executed.

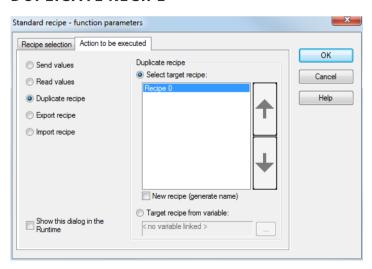
ACTION TO BE EXECUTED





Parameters	Description
Write values	The values of the variables of the selected recipe are written to the PLC.
Read values	The values of the variables of the selected recipe are read from the PLC and replace the current values in the recipe.
Duplicate Recipe	The source recipe creates a copy of itself with the name of the target recipe. The name of the duplicated recipe is not stored in the variable _LASTNEWRECIPE .
	For details about configuration see chapter Duplicate recipe.
Export Recipe	Exports recipe.
	For details about configuration see chapter Export recipe.
Import Recipe	Imports recipes from file or variable.
	For details about configuration see chapter Import recipe.
Show this dialog in the Runtime	Offer dialog in the Runtime in order to change settings.

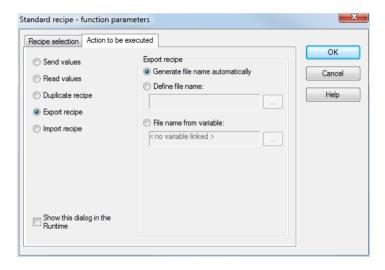
DUPLICATE RECIPE





Parameters	Description
Select target recipe	Selection of an existing recipe, which should be overwritten with the data of the source recipe.
	Attention: The data of the target recipe are overwritten.
New Recipe	A new recipe is created according to the standard syntax. With this gaps
(Generate name)	in the recipe order are filled up automatically.
	Example: Recipe_0 and Recipe_2 already exist. Duplicating the first
	time creates a recipe with the name Recipe_1. Duplicating a second time creates a recipe with the name Recipe_3.
Target recipe	The name of the target recipe is defined by the contents of a string variable.
from variable	Hint: If the string variable of the target recipe does not contain text, a recipe name is given automatically.

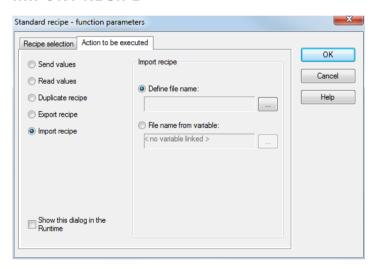
EXPORT RECIPE





Parameters	Description
Generate file name automatically	The filename is created automatically.
Define file name	Click on the button to open the dialog to select a folder and give it a name.
File name from variable	The name of the file is defined by the contents of a string variable.

IMPORT RECIPE



Parameters	Description
Define file name	Click on the button to open the dialog to select a folder and a file.
File name from variable	Recipe is imported from linked variable

5.3 Status information for recipes and Recipegroup Manager

In the Runtime status information is provided at

- ► Read/write
- ▶ Export/Import



and Save

If a recipe written, this variable contains the result of the writing operation.

VALUES

WRITE RECIPE

System driver variable: Standard recipe/RGM recipe completely written

Value	Result
0	Send initialization value before the recipe
1	Write completed successfully
2	Write not executed because of a parameter error
3	Write not completed successfully
4	Wait for ready
5	Write terminated because RT is being ended
6	Timeout occurred

Note: If the network functionality is active in the project, the system driver variable Standar recipe/RGM recipe completely written (local) is relevant for the function executed on the local computer.



Info

Writing means writing to the driver. The driver then transfers the recipe to the control. That means:

- Property Write synchronously inactive: Value 1 for Standard recipe/RGM recipe written completely does not mean that the values are available in the control. They are written on the driver.
- Property Write synchronously aktiv: The value change take place when all values on the control are topical.

Note: The progress display at writing is only display if property Write synchronously is active.



RECIPE IN PROGRESS

System driver variable: Standard recipe/RGM function in progress

Value	Result
-1	is being executed
0	Initialization value read successfully
1	User has no authorization
2	no authorization in the network
3	Abort by user
4	Error - could not read everything successfully, e.g.
	Communication with the hardware is interrupted before read was started
	a data block is not available on the PLC
	▶ Error during transmission
5	Error during save of the recipe file

SCREEN TYPE SPECIFIC FUNCTIONS

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- ► Reading (System driver variable: Standard recipe/RGM recipe all values completely written),
- ► Export/Import and
- Save



of a recipe via screen specific function - the following values are available:

Value	Result
0	Initialization value waits for response from driver
1	read successfully
2	Error during Read, Export/Import or Save:
	Communication with the hardware is interrupted before read was started
	a data block is not available on the PLC
	▶ Error during transmission