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INTRODUCTION

The lamp industry strives continuously to meet customers' needs. Its innovative power has led to a tremendous variety of different light sources. To enable customers and experts to find their way within the diversity of products, a general system for the coding of lamps has been developed.

The code does not replace specific markings used by individual manufacturers on their lamps or in their catalogues, but it is promoted for cross-referencing purposes and, in due course, to replace national and regional lamp coding systems which already exist.

NOTE The code does not give all the technical characteristics necessary to specify a lamp fully. For this the relevant lamp standard and/or the manufacturer's literature have to be consulted.

INTERNATIONAL LAMP CODING SYSTEM (ILCOS)

1 Scope and object

This International Standard gives the rules for the international lamp coding system and covers all lamp categories, excluding vehicle lamps. Coding for the main lamp types is specified and, for the others, will follow by amendments to this standard as appropriate.

The object of the international lamp coding system is

- to improve communication about the different types of lamps;
- to help in discussions concerning interchangeability and compatibility of products;
- to create a closer relationship between international standards and manufacturers' literature (for example the code could be given in future in the relevant parts of a standard);
- to enable correct replacements of lamps;
- to be used as a complementary marking on the luminaire;
- to replace national and regional coding systems.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 60357, *Tungsten halogen lamps (non-vehicle) – Performance specifications*

IEC 60432-1, *Incandescent lamps – Safety specifications – Part 1: Tungsten filament lamps for domestic and similar general lighting purposes*

IEC 60432-2, *Incandescent lamps – Safety specifications – Part 2: Tungsten halogen lamps for domestic and similar general lighting purposes*

IEC 60838-2-2, *Miscellaneous lampholders – Part 2-2: Particular requirements – Connectors for LED-modules*

IEC/TR 60887, *Glass bulb designation system for lamps*

IEC 61167, *Metal halide lamps*

CIE publication 29.2, *Guide on interior lighting*

3 Principles

The international lamp coding system has been developed on the basis of the following principles.

- It should be manufacturer-independent concerning its content and its wording.
- A relationship between the coding system and international standards should be established.