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International Standard IEC 60695-7-2 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 89: Fire hazard testing.

This first edition of IEC 60695-7-2 cancels and replaces the first edition of Technical Report IEC/TR 60695-7-2 published in 2002. It constitutes a technical revision and now has the status of an International Standard.

It has the status of a basic safety publication in accordance with IEC Guide 104 and ISO/IEC Guide 51.

The main changes with respect to the previous edition are listed below:

- editorial changes throughout;
- expanded normative references;
- revised terms and definitions;

- modifications to “Repeatability and reproducibility” data throughout;
- modifications to “Relevance of test data” throughout;
- modifications to Clause 5;
- new Table 1 and Figure 1;
- introduction of ISO test method in new Subclause 6.6;
- introduction of test method from EN 50305 in new Subclause 6.8;
- revised Annex A and new Table A.1;
- expanded Bibliography.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

A list of all the parts in the 60695 series, under the general title *Fire hazard testing*, can be found on the IEC website.

IEC 60695-7 consists of the following parts:

- Part 7-1: Toxicity of fire effluent – General guidance
- Part 7-2: Toxicity of fire effluent – Summary and relevance of test methods
- Part 7-3: Toxicity of fire effluent – Use and interpretation of test results
- Part 7-50: Toxicity of fire effluent – Estimation of toxic potency – Apparatus and test method
- Part 7-51: Toxicity of fire effluent – Estimation of toxic potency – Calculation and interpretation of test results

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- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

INTRODUCTION

The IEC 60695-7 series provides guidance to IEC product committees on the adoption and implementation of the recommendations of ISO/TC 92, for the minimization of toxic hazard from fires involving electrotechnical products.

Electrotechnical products, primarily as the objects of a fire, may contribute to the fire hazard due to release of toxic effluent, which may be a significant contributing factor to the overall fire hazard.

IEC product committees incorporating requirements for the assessment of toxic hazard from fire in product standards should note that toxic potency and other measurements of toxicity which are described in this international standard should not be used directly in product specifications. Data from toxic potency test methods should only be used as part of a toxic hazard assessment, in conjunction with other product-based reaction to fire data such as mass loss rate.

FIRE HAZARD TESTING –

Part 7-2: Toxicity of fire effluent – Summary and relevance of test methods

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60695 gives a brief summary of the test methods that are in common use in the assessment of acute toxic potency, and other toxicity tests. It includes special observations on their relevance to real fire scenarios and gives recommendations on their use.

It advises which tests provide toxic potency data that are relevant to real fire scenarios, and which are suitable for use in fire hazard assessment and fire safety engineering.

This basic safety publication is intended for use by technical committees in the preparation of standards in accordance with the principles laid down in IEC Guide 104 and ISO/IEC Guide 51.

One of the responsibilities of a technical committee is, wherever applicable, to make use of basic safety publications in the preparation of its publications. The requirements, test methods or test conditions of this basic safety publication will not apply unless specifically referred to or included in the relevant publications.

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 60695-7-1:2010, *Fire hazard testing – Part 7-1: Toxicity of fire effluent – General guidance*

IEC/TS 60695-7-3, *Fire hazard testing – Part 7-3: Toxicity of fire effluent – Use and interpretation of test results*

IEC Guide 104, *The preparation of safety publications and the use of basic safety publications and group safety publications*

ISO/IEC 13943, *Fire safety – Vocabulary*

ISO/IEC Guide 51, *Safety aspects – Guidelines for their inclusion in standards*

ISO 13344, *Estimation of the lethal toxic potency of fire effluents*

ISO 13571:2007, *Life-threatening components of fire – Guidelines for the estimation of time available for escape using fire data*

ISO 16312-1:2010, *Guidance for assessing the validity of physical fire models for obtaining fire effluent toxicity data for fire hazard and risk assessment – Part 1: Criteria*

ISO/TR 16312-2:2007, *Guidance for assessing the validity of physical fire models for obtaining fire effluent toxicity data for fire hazard and risk assessment – Part 2: Evaluation of individual physical fire models*

ISO 19701, *Methods for sampling and analysis of fire effluents*

ISO 19702, *Toxicity testing of fire effluents – Guidance for analysis of gases and vapours in fire effluents using FTIR gas analysis*

ISO 19703:2010, *Generation and analysis of toxic gases in fire – Calculation of species yields, equivalence ratios and combustion efficiency in experimental fires*

ISO 19706, *Guidelines for assessing the fire threat to people*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 13943:2008, some of which are reproduced below for the user's convenience, as well as the following, apply.

3.1

acute toxicity

toxicity that causes rapidly occurring toxic effects

cf. **toxic potency** (3.45).

[ISO/IEC 13943:2008, definition 4.5]

3.2

burn, intransitive verb
undergo combustion

[ISO/IEC 13943:2008, definition 4.28]

3.3

burn, transitive verb
cause combustion

[ISO/IEC 13943:2008, definition 4.29]

3.4

combustible, adjective
capable of being ignited and burned

[ISO/IEC 13943:2008, definition 4.43]

3.5

combustible, noun
item capable of combustion

[ISO/IEC 13943:2008, definition 4.44]

3.6

combustion

exothermic reaction of a substance with an oxidizing agent

NOTE Combustion generally emits fire effluent accompanied by flames and/or glowing.

[ISO/IEC 13943:2008, definition 4.46]