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INTRODUCTION

Optical radiation hazards from all types of lamps or other broadband light sources are assessed by the application of IEC 62471:2006 (Edition 1), *Photobiological safety of lamps and lamp systems*. IEC 62471 covers LEDs as well as incandescent, low and high pressure gas-discharge, arc and other lamps. It also covers electrically-powered optical radiation sources that are not lamps. The standard provides a risk group classification system for all lamps and lamp systems, and the measurement conditions are well developed. IEC 62471 does not include manufacturing or user safety requirements that may be required as a result of a lamp or lamp system being assigned to a particular risk group. The safety requirements for lamp systems necessarily vary and are best dealt with in vertical standards. This Part 2 provides the basis for safety requirements dependent upon risk group classification and examples thereof. The assigned risk group of a product may be used to assist with risk assessments, e.g. for occupational exposure in workplaces. National requirements may exist for the assessment of products or occupational exposure.

NOTE 1 There are some instances where the IEC 60825 laser product standards may be useful for a nearly "point" source, as in an LED fibre source or a superluminescent diode (see 3.16).

NOTE 2 IEC 62471 is currently being revised and will be published as IEC 62471-1.

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1 Scope

This technical report provides the basis for optical radiation safety requirements of non-laser products, serving as a guide for development of safety requirements in vertical product standards and assisting lamp system manufacturers in the interpretation of safety information provided by the lamp manufacturers.

This report provides guidance on:

- requirements for optical radiation safety assessment;
- allocation of safety measures;
- labelling of products.

This technical report does not address safety requirements of intentional exposure to optical radiation from sun tanning equipment, ophthalmic instruments or other medical/cosmetic devices whose specific safety issues are addressed through appropriate standards.

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 62471, *Photobiological safety of lamps and lamp systems*

IEC 60825 (all parts), *Safety of laser products*

IEC 60050-845, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Chapter 845: Lighting*

IEC 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions of IEC 62471 and the following additional terms and definitions apply.

3.1

controlled access location

location where an engineering and/or administrative control measure is established to restrict access except to authorised personnel with appropriate safety training

3.2

exposure hazard value

EHV

value defined as follows:

$$EHV(\text{distance, exposure time}) = \frac{\text{Exposure level (distance, exposure time)}}{\text{Exposure limit value}}$$