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The information in Clause 4 – Statistics of complaints and sources of interference – was accomplished by the history and evolution of the CISPR statistics on complaints about radio frequency interference (RFI) and by background information on evolution in radio-based communication technologies. Furthermore, the forms for collation of actual RFI cases were detailed and structured in a way allowing for more qualified assessment and evaluation of compiled annual data in regard to the interference situation, as e.g. fixed or mobile radio reception, or analogue or digital modulation of the interfered with radio service or application concerned.

The information in Clause 5 – A model for the calculation of limits – was accomplished in several ways. The model itself was accomplished in respect of the remote coupling situation as well as the close coupling one. Further supplements of this model were incorporated regarding certain aspects of the coupling path via induction and wave propagation (radiation) of classical telecommunication networks. Furthermore, the calculation model on statistics and probability underwent revision and was brought in line with a more modern mathematical approach. Eventually the present model was extended for a possible determination of CISPR limits in the frequency range above 1 GHz.

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## 1 Scope

This part of CISPR 16 contains a recommendation on how to deal with statistics of radio interference complaints. Furthermore it describes the calculation of limits for disturbance field strength and voltage for the measurement on a test site based on models for the distribution of disturbances by radiated and conducted coupling, respectively.

## 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 60050-161, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 161: Electromagnetic compatibility* (available at <http://www.electropedia.org>)

CISPR 11, *Industrial, scientific and medical ~~(ISM)~~ radio-frequency equipment – Electromagnetic Radio-frequency disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement*

CISPR 16-4-3, *Specification for radio disturbance and immunity measuring apparatus and methods – Part 4-3: Uncertainties, statistics and limit modelling – Statistical considerations in the determination of EMC compliance of mass-produced products*

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### 3.1 Terms and definitions

#### 3.1.1

##### complaint

a request for assistance made to the RFI investigation service by the user of a radio receiving equipment who complains that reception is degraded by radio frequency interference (RFI)