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This fifth edition cancels and replaces the fourth edition published in 2012. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) The terms and definitions that are not specifically electrotechnical and that are either identical or equivalent to those in ISO 13943:2017 have been deleted.
- b) The terms and definitions that are specifically electrotechnical and that are in ISO 13943:2017 have been included for the convenience of the user.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

Draft	Report on voting
89/1462/CDV	89/1502/RVC

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

The language used for the development of this International Standard is English.

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

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

The following introductory elements represent a series of publications:

- Part 1: Guidance for assessing the fire hazard of electrotechnical products
- Part 2: Glowing/hot-wire based test methods
- Part 4: Terminology concerning fire tests for electrotechnical products
- Part 5: Corrosion damage effects of fire effluent
- Part 6: Smoke obscuration
- Part 7: Toxicity of fire effluent
- Part 8: Heat release
- Part 9: Surface spread of flame
- Part 10: Abnormal heat
- Part 11: Test flames

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1 Scope

The terms and definitions in this part of IEC 60695 are applicable to fire tests for electrotechnical products.

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

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

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

ISO 13943:2017, *Fire safety – Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

3.1 Use of the term "item"

For the purposes of this document, the English term "item" is used in a general meaning to represent any single object or assembly of objects, and may cover, for example, material, product, assembly, structure or building, as required in the context of any individual definition. If the "item" under consideration is a test specimen then the term "test specimen" is used.

3.2 Other terms and definitions

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