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a) addition of measurement of signal-to-source spontaneous emission ratio in 8.9;
b) change of document title to reflect the additional measurement;
c) additional information on the resolution bandwidth used in the measurement of the side-mode suppression ratio in 8.8;
d) use of a calibrated optical wavelength meter for accurate wavelength measurements of single-longitudinal mode lasers.

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## 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61280 provides definitions and measurement procedures for several wavelength and spectral width properties of an optical spectrum associated with a fibre optic communication subsystem, an optical transmitter, or other light sources used in the operation or test of communication subsystems. This document also provides definitions and measurement procedures for side-mode suppression ratio and signal-to-source spontaneous emission ratio.

The measurement is done for the purpose of system construction and/or maintenance. In the case of communication subsystem signals, the optical transmitter is typically under modulation.

NOTE Different properties can be appropriate to different spectral types, such as continuous spectra characteristics of light-emitting diodes (LEDs), as well as multilongitudinal-mode (MLM), multitransverse-mode (MTM) and single-longitudinal mode (SLM) spectra, which are characteristic of laser diodes (LDs).

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IEC 60825-1, *Safety of laser products – Part 1: Equipment classification and requirements*

IEC 62129-1, *Calibration of wavelength/optical frequency measurement instruments – Part 1: Optical spectrum analyzers*

IEC 62129-2, *Calibration of wavelength/optical frequency measurement instruments – Part 2: Michelson interferometer single wavelength meters*

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### 3.1 Wavelength

NOTE The following wavelength terms provide quantitative definitions for the description of the central wavelength of a spectrum. In this document, "central wavelength" is a general category label for these terms.