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- a) addition of the information of measurement uncertainties in 4.2.1;
- b) change of the requirements for attenuation variation in 4.2.2;
- c) addition of the multimode launch conditions of other fibres than A1-OM2, A1-OM3, A1-OM4, A1-OM5 and A3e in 10.4;
- d) addition of the multimode launch conditions of the planar waveguide in 10.6;

- e) splitting Annex A for EF and Annex B for EAF;
- f) correction of errors in the definitions of encircled flux and encircled angular flux.

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INTRODUCTION

The publications in IEC 61300 series [1]¹ contain information on mechanical and environmental testing procedures and measurement procedures relating to fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components. They are intended to be used to achieve uniformity and reproducibility in environmental testing procedures and measurement procedures.

The term "test procedure" refers to procedures commonly known as mechanical and environmental tests. The expressions "environmental conditioning" and "environmental testing" refer to the environments to which components or equipment may be exposed so that an assessment may be made of their performance under the conditions of use, transport and storage.

The term "measurement procedure" refers to those measurements which are necessary to assess the physical and optical characteristics of a component and may also be used before, during or after a test procedure to measure the effects of environmental conditioning or testing. The return loss and attenuation tests are examples of measurement procedures.

The requirements for the performance of components or equipment subjected to the test and measurement procedures described in this document are not included. The relevant specification for the device under test defines the allowed performance limits.

When drafting a specification or purchase contract, only those tests which are necessary for the relevant components or equipment taking into account the technical and economic aspects should be specified.

The mechanical and environmental test procedures are contained in IEC 61300-2 (all parts) and the measurement procedures in IEC 61300-3 (all parts). Each test or measurement procedure is published as a stand-alone publication so that it may be modified, expanded or cancelled without having an effect on any other test or measurement procedure. However, it should be noted that, where practical, reference is made to other standards as opposed to repeating all or part of already existing standards. As an example, the cold test for fibre optic apparatus refers to IEC 60068-2-1 [2], but it also provides other needed information such as purpose, recommended severities and a list of items to be specified.

Multiple methods may be contained in a test or measurement procedure. As an example, several methods of measuring attenuation are contained in the attenuation measurement procedure.

If more than one method is contained in a test or measurement procedure, the reference method may be identified.

The tests in this document permit the performance of components or equipment to be compared. To assess the overall quality of a production lot, the test procedures should be applied in accordance with a suitable sampling plan and may be supplemented by appropriate additional tests, if necessary.

To provide tests appropriate to the different intensities of an environmental condition, some of the test procedures have a number of degrees of severity. These different degrees of severity are obtained by varying the time, temperature or some other determining factor separately or in combination.

¹ Numbers in square bracket refer to the Bibliography.

FIBRE OPTIC INTERCONNECTING DEVICES AND PASSIVE COMPONENTS – BASIC TEST AND MEASUREMENT PROCEDURES –

Part 1: General and guidance

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61300 provides general information and guidance for the basic test and measurement procedures defined in IEC 61300-2 (all parts) and IEC 61300-3 (all parts) for interconnecting devices, passive components, mechanical splices, fusion splice protectors, fibre management systems and protective housings.

This document is used in combination with the relevant specification which defines the tests to be used, the required degree of severity for each of them, their sequence, if relevant, and the permissible performance limits. In the event of conflict between this document and the relevant specification, the latter takes precedence.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 60050-731, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 731: Optical fibre communication* (available at www.electropedia.org)

IEC 60617, *Graphical symbols for diagrams* (available at <http://std.iec.ch/iec60617>)

IEC 60793-2-10, *Optical fibres – Part 2-10: Product specifications – Sectional specification for category A1 multimode fibres*

IEC 60793-2-30, *Optical fibres – Part 2-30: Product specifications – Sectional specification for category A3 multimode fibres*

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

IEC 60825-2, *Safety of laser products – Part 2: Safety of optical fibre communication systems (OFCSS)*

IEC 61280-1-4, *Fibre optic communication subsystem test procedures – Part 1-4: General communication subsystems – Light source encircled flux measurement method*

IEC 61280-4-1, *Fibre-optic communication subsystem test procedures – Part 4-1: Installed cabling plant – Multimode attenuation measurement*

IEC 61300-2 (all parts), *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 2: Tests*

IEC 61300-3 (all parts), *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3: Examinations and measurements*

IEC 61300-3-1, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-1: Examinations and measurements – Visual examination*

IEC 61300-3-35, *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Basic test and measurement procedures – Part 3-35: Examinations and measurements – Visual inspection of fibre optic connectors and fibre-stub transceivers*

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1.1

test

technical operation that consists of the determination of one or more characteristics of a given product, process or service according to a specified procedure and normally consists of the following steps:

- a) preparation (where required);
- b) preconditioning (where required);
- c) initial examination and measurement (where required);
- d) conditioning;
- e) recovery (where required);
- f) final examination and measurement

3.1.2

device under test

DUT

interconnecting device, passive component, equipment or other item designated to be tested

3.1.3

preparation

preparing the DUT according to the manufacturer's instructions or as specified in the relevant specification

3.1.4

preconditioning

treatment of a DUT with the object of removing or partly counteracting the effects of its previous environmental history or acclimatisation of the test specimen to standard atmospheric conditions

3.1.5

conditioning

exposure of a DUT to environmental or mechanical conditions for a specified duration in order to determine the effects of such conditions on the DUT

3.1.6

recovery

treatment of a DUT after conditioning in order that the properties of the DUT may stabilise before measurement