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- a) the nominal test frequency used in DPOAE is now defined as the higher of the two frequencies,  $f_2$ ;
- b) the permitted deviation of the stimulus signal for TEOAE has been specified;
- c) the frequency range for DPOAE stimulus signals has been redefined;
- d) the stimulus level requirements for TEOAE have been redefined;
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## INTRODUCTION

Developments in the field of diagnostic hearing measurement have resulted in a number of instruments designed to evaluate the otoacoustic emissions of the human ear. Such emissions may be evoked by acoustic test signals having different spectral and temporal characteristics.

The practical use of such instruments concerns the measurement of sound energy emitted by the inner ear and its separation from sounds emerging from physiological or other sources.

The spontaneous otoacoustic emissions (SOAE) and stimulus frequency otoacoustic emissions (SFOAE), which comprise part of the otoacoustic emissions, are not covered by this document.

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## **ELECTROACOUSTICS – AUDIOMETRIC EQUIPMENT –**

### **Part 6: Instruments for the measurement of otoacoustic emissions**

#### **1 Scope**

This part of IEC 60645 applies to instruments designed primarily for the measurement of otoacoustic emissions in the human external auditory meatus evoked by acoustic probe stimuli. This document defines the characteristics to be specified by the manufacturer, specifies minimum mandatory functions for two types of instruments and provides performance specifications applicable to both instrument types. This document describes methods to be used to demonstrate conformance with the specifications in this document and guidance on methods for periodic calibration.

The purpose of this document is to ensure that measurements made under comparable test conditions with different instruments complying with this document will be consistent. Instruments can provide a measurement function not specifically within the scope of this document and still comply with the relevant requirements of this document for the functions that are within the scope. This document is not intended to restrict development or incorporation of new features, nor to discourage innovative approaches.

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IEC 60601-1, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*

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IEC 60645-1:2017, *Electroacoustics – Audiometric equipment – Part 1: Equipment for pure-tone and speech audiometry*

IEC 60645-3:2020, *Electroacoustics – Audiometric equipment – Part 3: Test signals of short duration*

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