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

- a) Clause 1: reworded and added handling.
- b) Clause 2: updated normative references.
- c) Clause 3: updated definitions.
- d) Clause 4: reworded and simplified.

- e) Clause 5: revised and updated. Several classes have been replaced by completely new classes based on the use of new information obtained from referenced Technical Reports.
- f) Table 1 through Table 5: updated.
- g) Table 6 added.
- h) Old annexes A to C removed except Clause A.3 that is incorporated in Clause 5.
- i) New Annex A.

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CLASSIFICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS –

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1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 60721 classifies the groups of environmental parameters and their severities to which a product is subjected while being transported and handled.

The most commonly used methods of transportation and handling have been taken into account, including the following:

- road transport: cars, trucks;
- rail transport: trains, trams;
- water transport, inland and maritime: ships;
- air transport: aircraft, jet, propeller, helicopter;
- handling equipment: cranes, transport lifts, cableways, persons;
- conveyors;
- hand trollies.

The environmental conditions specified in this document are those that the product can be exposed to while transported and handled. If the product is packaged, the environmental conditions apply to the package containing the product. If the product is unpackaged, the environmental conditions apply to the product.

Conditions for storage are given in IEC 60721-3-1.

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