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- the fibres specification clause (subclause 5.2.2) has been enlarged to include fibre types B6\_a.

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## OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES –

### Part 3-11: Outdoor cables – Product specification for duct, directly buried, and lashed aerial single-mode optical fibre telecommunication cables

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60794 sets forth technical requirements and characteristics of single-mode optical fibre cables for duct and direct buried installation.

This specification includes functional mechanical, environmental and optical requirements, recommended features and test methods for assessing the product against the stated requirements.

The specified test methods, where applicable, are those referenced in IEC 60794-1-1 and described in detail in IEC 60794-1-2.

The requirements of this specification supplement those of IEC 60794-3 and IEC 60794-3-10

Multimode fibre requirements are not addressed in this standard; see IEC 60794-3-12.

#### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 60708, *Low-frequency cables with polyolefin insulation and moisture barrier polyolefin sheath*

IEC 60793-1-22, *Optical fibres – Part 1-22: Measurement methods and test procedures – Length measurement*

IEC 60793-1-40, *Optical fibres – Part 1-40: Measurement methods and test procedures – Attenuation*

IEC 60793-1-44, *Optical fibres – Part 1-44: Measurement methods and test procedures – Cut-off wavelength*

IEC 60793-1-48, *Optical fibres – Part 1-48: Measurement methods and test procedures – Polarization mode dispersion*

IEC 60793-2-50, *Optical fibres – Part 2-50: Product specifications – Sectional specification for class B single-mode fibres*

IEC 60794-1-1, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-1: Generic specification – General*

IEC 60794-1-2, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-2: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures*

IEC 60794-3 (all parts), *Optical fibre cables – Part 3: Sectional specification – Outdoor cables*

IEC 60794-3-10, *Optical fibre cables – Part 3-10: Outdoor cables – Family specification for duct, directly buried and lashed aerial optical telecommunication cables*

IEC 60811-1-1, *Common test methods for insulating and sheathing materials of electric cables and optical cables – Part 1-1: Methods for general application – Measurement of thickness and overall dimensions – Tests for determining the mechanical properties*

IEC/TR 61931, *Fibre optic – Terminology*

IEC/TR 62000, *Single mode fibre compatibility guidelines*

### **3 Terms, definitions and symbols**

#### **3.1 Terms and definitions**

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 61931 apply.

#### **3.2 Symbols**

The following symbols are used in this document:

$\lambda_{cc}$	cable cut-off wavelength
$d$	outer cable diameter
SZ	technique in which the lay reverses direction periodically.

### **4 General information**

#### **4.1 Overview**

Single-mode optical fibres are widely used for telecommunication purposes and are cabled to satisfy the functional requirements of the installation environment. Further, cables placed into ducts and sub-ducts may be installed using solely, or a combination of, pushing, pulling, and air-assisted installation techniques. For duct installation, the environment and infrastructure can be varied and may also involve the use of single and multiple sub-ducts. Directly buried cables may be installed by a variety of methods such as ploughing and trenching with different environments and infrastructure. This may require specific cable design solutions based on multiple layers of armours and sheaths. It is recognised that certain designs of cable for direct buried applications involving such solutions may also be suitable for duct installation. The functional requirements and test methods featured in this specification are based upon adherence to established and recognised installation techniques such as those included in Annex C of IEC 60794-1-1.

NOTE Annex C of IEC 60794-1 should become a technical report.

#### **4.2 General cable description**

##### **4.2.1 Characteristics of optical fibre**

Single-mode optical fibres are classified according to their operational wavelength and dispersion characteristics. The fibres covered by this specification are categorised as type B and are described in IEC 60793-2-50. The fibre types featured in this specification are listed below:

- dispersion unshifted (B1.1, B1.3);
- bending loss insensitive (B6);
- dispersion shifted (B2);