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- b) added new chemistries;
- c) added a table to standardize dimensions and size codes for secondary lithium watch batteries;
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# SECONDARY CELLS AND BATTERIES CONTAINING ALKALINE OR OTHER NON-ACID ELECTROLYTES – SECONDARY LITHIUM CELLS AND BATTERIES FOR PORTABLE APPLICATIONS –

## Part 4: Coin secondary lithium cells, and batteries made from them

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61960 specifies performance tests, designations, markings, dimensions and other requirements for coin secondary lithium cells and batteries for portable applications, watches, and backup power supply such as memory backup applications. In particular, watch-specific requirements are specified in Annex A. **1**

This document provides purchasers and users of coin secondary lithium cells and batteries with a set of criteria with which they can assess the performance of coin secondary lithium cells and batteries offered by various manufacturers.

This document defines a minimum required level of performance and a standardized methodology by which testing is performed and the results of this testing are reported to the user. Hence, users will be able to establish the viability of commercially available cells and batteries via the declared specification and thus be able to select the cell or battery best suited for their intended application.

This document covers coin secondary lithium cells and batteries with a range of chemistries. Each electrochemical couple has a characteristic voltage range over which, during discharge, it releases its electrical capacity, a characteristic nominal voltage and a characteristic end-of-discharge voltage. Users of coin secondary lithium cells and batteries are requested to consult the manufacturer for advice.

This document also provides guidelines for designers of equipment using lithium batteries (see Annex B).

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IEC 60050-482:~~2004~~, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 482: Primary and secondary cells and batteries*

IEC 60086-4:2019, *Primary batteries – Part 4: Safety of lithium batteries*

IEC 62133-2:2017, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Safety requirements for portable sealed secondary cells, and for batteries made from them, for use in portable applications – Part 2: Lithium systems*

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