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## PHOTOBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF LAMPS AND LAMP SYSTEMS –

## Part 7: Light sources and luminaires primarily emitting visible radiation

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## INTRODUCTION

The wording "lamps and lamp systems" is used in the title of the IEC 62471 series. However, in the title of this Part 7, the wording "light sources and luminaires" is used. The reason for this is that due to the introduction of new LED technologies the characteristics of the light-generating components have changed. Therefore, the terms "electrical light source" and "luminaire" are nowadays used in TC 34 instead of "lamp" and "lamp system".

"Electric light source" is the generic term for products which produce light; the term "lamp" (light source with a lamp cap-holder system) is thereby included.

"Luminaire" is the basic term (see IEC 60050-845:2020, 845-30-001) for a product that includes all necessary accessories and describes a device that distributes, filters, or transforms the light produced from at least one source of optical radiation and which includes, except the sources themselves, all the parts necessary for fixing and protecting the sources and, where necessary, circuit auxiliaries together with the means for connecting them to the power supply.

**[AC1]** When luminaires are designed and constructed in accordance with the requirements of this document, they are presumed to function safely under normal use and present no photobiological hazard. Conformity of luminaires can be verified by application of the assessment procedures described in this document. **[AC1]**

The light sources can be interchangeable or an integral part of the luminaire. If the light source is an integral part of the luminaire, the luminaire can also be considered a light source system (corresponding to a lamp system).

Most electrical light sources and luminaires within the scope of this document will not present a photobiological hazard due to their spectra, their light distribution, the light levels, and the natural aversion responses – people do not usually stare into bright sources, for example. There remain, however, some light sources and luminaires, which have the potential to pose adverse health effects from the emitted optical radiation. Exposure limits for a range of photobiological hazards associated with broad-band optical radiation sources have been developed and published by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP).

This document introduces a new assessment procedure to address the various lighting applications in which the intended purpose is the illumination of objects and scenes and in signalling applications. This new approach uses revised time bases (and emission limits) related to the intentional or unintentional direct viewing of the luminaire and assessment distances depending on application. These emission limits are based on the exposure limits of the ICNIRP.

In this document, a complete procedure is used to cover all photobiological hazards in the range of 200 nm to 3 000 nm as implemented in IEC 62471.

This procedure, based on a product- and application-related assessment, leads to a pass/fail result for a specific product in that given application.

## PHOTOBIOLOGICAL SAFETY OF LAMPS AND LAMP SYSTEMS –

### Part 7: Light sources and luminaires primarily emitting visible radiation

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62471 specifies an assessment of the photobiological safety of electrical light sources and luminaires in normal use as well as some basic product requirements. It applies to electrical light sources and luminaires that emit radiation predominantly in the visible spectral range (380 nm to 780 nm) and are used to illuminate spaces or objects or used for signalling.

Electrical light sources and luminaires designed for emitting radiation in the visible range can also emit radiation in the ultraviolet (UV) and infrared (IR) regions depending on the technology applied. This document, therefore, includes the blue light, thermal, UV, UV-A, IR and skin thermal hazards for the optical radiation over the wavelength range 200 nm to 3 000 nm.

Electrical light sources and luminaires that are designed to predominantly emit radiation outside the visible spectral range (380 nm to 780 nm) (e.g. UV sterilizers or industrial heaters) are not within the scope of this document.

Electrical light sources for illumination are considered to emit continuous light for photobiological safety assessment. This includes light sources with pulse width modulation (PWM).

This document can also be applied to the illumination function of multi-function luminaires which can simultaneously perform functions other than illumination. Other standards can be applied to the non-illumination function(s).

This document can also be applied to electric light sources and luminaires which emit visible light, when there is no limitation on the presence of people (e.g. horticulture).

This document can also be applied to laser products used for illumination and signalling when the conditions of IEC 60825-1:2014, 4.4 are met.

NOTE See IEC 60825-1:2014 for other requirements of laser products.

This document is intended to be referenced by product standards for the assessment of applicable photobiological safety aspects. Additional details for the photobiological safety assessment and data presentation are specified in the product standards.

#### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60598-1:2020, *Luminaires – Part 1: General requirements and tests*

IEC 62471:2006, *Photobiological safety of lamps and lamp systems*

IEC 62471-5:2015, *Photobiological safety of lamps and lamp systems – Part 5: Image projectors*

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#### 3.1

##### **blue light hazard BLH**

potential for a photochemically induced retinal injury (photic maculopathy) resulting from optical radiation exposure at wavelengths primarily between 400 nm and 500 nm

Note 1 to entry: This damage mechanism dominates over the thermal damage mechanism for exposure durations exceeding 10 s.

Note 2 to entry: The weighting function extends into the UV-A for persons without a normal UV-A absorbing lens.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-845:2020, 845-26-055, modified – In Note 2 to entry "action spectrum" has been replaced with "weighting function".]

#### 3.2

##### **exposure limit**

maximum level of exposure of a surface, usually the eye or skin, that is not expected to result in adverse biological effects

Note 1 to entry: Exposure limits for human safety of optical radiation,  $H_L$ , are normally recommended by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP).

Note 2 to entry: Exposure limits are often based on irradiance (e.g. for the skin), but where relevant, can also be based on radiance (e.g. the blue light hazard of extended sources).

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-845:2020, 845-26-072]

#### 3.3

##### **emission limit**

specified maximum emission level of a source of optical radiation that is not expected to result in adverse biological effect for a specific application

Note 1 to entry: Evaluation of sources to the emission limits can be based upon reasonably foreseeable conditions of time-weighted exposure. It incorporates both the concept of exposure duration and exposure distance and is derived from exposure limits.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-161:1990, 161-03-12, modified – The domain has been deleted, the definition has been adapted in relation to optical radiation and the Note to entry has been added.]