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**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 1: Nickel systems**



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- a) removal of the definition "secondary battery";
- b) removal of the definition "portable battery";
- c) "removal of the definition "portable cell";
- d) replacement of the single term "room temperature" with $20\text{ °C} \pm 5\text{ °C}$ in 7.2.3;
- e) modification of Figure 1.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62133 specifies requirements and tests for the safe operation of portable sealed secondary nickel cells and batteries containing alkaline electrolyte, under intended use and reasonably foreseeable misuse.

2 Normative references

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

IEC 61951-1, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes - ~~Portable sealed rechargeable single cells~~ Secondary sealed cells and batteries for portable applications 1 - Part 1: Nickel-Cadmium*

IEC 61951-2, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes - ~~Portable sealed rechargeable single cells~~ Secondary sealed cells and batteries for portable applications 1 - Part 2: Nickel-metal hydride*

ISO/IEC Guide 51, *Safety aspects - Guidelines for their inclusion in standards*

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3.1

safety

freedom from unacceptable risk

3.2

risk

combination of the probability of occurrence of harm and the severity of that harm

3.3

harm

physical injury or damage to the health of people or damage to property or to the environment

3.4

hazard

potential source of harm