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

- a) the contents are updated throughout;
- b) the informative Annexes C “Guide to the installation of optical fibre cables” and D “Guide to hydrogen effects in optical fibre cables” have been deleted from this standard and will be published as separate Technical Reports;
- c) the remaining Annexes are renamed accordingly.

This standard shall be used in conjunction with IEC 60794-1-2.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60794 applies to optical fibre cables for use with communication equipment and devices employing similar techniques and to cables having a combination of both optical fibres and electrical conductors.

The object of this standard is to establish uniform generic requirements for the geometrical, transmission, material, mechanical, ageing (environmental exposure), climatic and electrical properties of optical fibre cables, where appropriate.

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 60189-1, *Low-frequency cables and wires with PVC insulation and PVC sheath – Part 1: General test and measuring methods*

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

IEC 60793-1-21, *Optical fibres – Part 1-21: Measurement methods and test procedures – Coating geometry*

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

IEC 60793-1-46, *Optical fibres – Part 1-46: Measurement methods and test procedures – Monitoring of changes in optical transmittance*

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

IEC 60793-2, *Optical fibres – Part 2: Product specifications – General*

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

IEC 60794-1-2:2003, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-2: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures*¹

IEC 60794-4-20:-2, *Optical fibre cables – Part 4-20: Aerial optical cables along electrical power lines – Family specification for ADSS (All Dielectric Self Supported) Optical cables*

IEC 60811-201, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 201: General tests – Measurement of insulation thickness*³

IEC 60811-202, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 202: General tests – Measurement of thickness of non-metallic sheath*⁴

IEC 60811-203, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 203: General tests – Measurement of overall dimensions*⁵

ISO 14001, *Environmental management systems – Requirements with guidance for use*

ISO 14064-1, *Greenhouse gases. Specification with guidance at the organization level for quantification and reporting of greenhouse gas emissions and removals*

¹ To be replaced by future IEC 60794-1-22.

² To be published.

³ To be published.

⁴ To be published.

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