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INTRODUCTION

This document specifies the requirements for vector measurement-based systems to measure the Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) of devices that are used in close proximity to the human body or head.

Because SAR measurement systems are used for showing compliance with national and international exposure limits, the test procedures have to be standardized. This standardization aims at achieving comparable results for the equipment approval process.

Vector measurement-based systems and the associated protocols can differ from traditional SAR measurement systems and protocols. These systems use more advanced field reconstruction methods, allowing the application of indirect measurement approaches in which the SAR is evaluated in three dimensions from a limited number of measurement points that may be located in a limited part of the volume of interest, or even outside this volume. Such new SAR assessment approaches result in significantly reduced SAR measurement times.

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MEASUREMENT PROCEDURE FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF SPECIFIC ABSORPTION RATE OF HUMAN EXPOSURE TO RADIO FREQUENCY FIELDS FROM HAND-HELD AND BODY-MOUNTED WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES –

Part 3: Vector measurement-based systems (Frequency range of 600 MHz to 6 GHz)

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62209 specifies measurement protocols and test procedures for the reproducible measurement of peak spatial-average specific absorption rate (psSAR) induced inside a simplified model of a human head or body by radio-frequency (RF) transmitting devices, with a specified measurement uncertainty. Requirements are provided for psSAR assessment using vector measurement-based systems. Such systems determine the psSAR by three-dimensional (3D) field reconstruction within the volume of interest in accordance with the requirements herein for the measurement system, calibration, uncertainty assessment and validation methods. The protocols and procedures apply for the psSAR assessments covering a significant majority of people including children during use of wireless communication devices operated in close proximity to the head or body.

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This document is applicable to wireless communication devices intended to be used at a position near the human head or body at distances up to and including 200 mm. This document may be employed to evaluate SAR compliance of different types of wireless communication devices used next to the ear, in front of the face, mounted on the body, combined with other RF-transmitting or non-transmitting devices or accessories (e.g. belt-clip), or embedded in garments. The overall applicable frequency range is from 600 MHz to 6 GHz.

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The *system validation* procedures provided within this document cover frequencies from 600 MHz to 6 GHz.

With a vector measurement-based system this document can be employed to evaluate SAR compliance of different types of wireless communication devices.

The wireless communication device categories covered include but are not limited to mobile telephones, cordless microphones, auxiliary broadcast devices and radio transmitters in personal computers, desktop and laptop devices, multi-band, multi-antenna, and push-to-talk devices.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 62209-1:2016, *Measurement procedure for the assessment of specific absorption rate of human exposure to radio frequency fields from hand-held and body-mounted wireless communication devices – Part 1: Devices used next to the ear (Frequency range of 300 MHz to 6 GHz)*

IEC 62209-2:2010, *Human exposure to radio frequency fields from hand-held and body-mounted wireless communication devices – Human models, instrumentation, and procedures – Part 2: Procedure to determine the specific absorption rate (SAR) for wireless communication devices used in close proximity to the human body (frequency range of 30 MHz to 6 GHz)*

IEC 62479, *Assessment of the compliance of low-power electronic and electrical equipment with the basic restrictions related to human exposure to electromagnetic fields (10 MHz to 300 GHz)*

IEC TR 62630:2010, *Guidance for evaluating exposure from multiple electromagnetic sources*

ISO/IEC Guide 98-1:2009, *Uncertainty of measurement – Part 1: Introduction to the expression of uncertainty in measurement*

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3, *Uncertainty of measurement – Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

IEC/IEEE 62704-1, *Determining the peak spatial-average specific absorption rate (SAR) in the human body from wireless communications devices, 30 MHz to 6 GHz – Part 1: General requirements for using the finite difference time-domain (FDTD) method for SAR calculations*

3 Terms and definitions

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For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 62209-1, IEC 62209-2 and the following apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at http://www.iso.org/obp

3.1
vector probe
probe that measures both the amplitude and phase of an electric field or a magnetic field

3.2
scalar probe
probe that measures only the amplitude of an electric field or a magnetic field

3.3
vector measurement-based system
system consisting of multiple sensors that together provide information about the amplitude distribution or the amplitude and phase distribution of an electric field or a magnetic fields to reconstruct SAR over a specified volume

Note 1 to entry: Throughout this document the term “measurement system” generally refers to vector measurement-based system.

3.4
analysis bandwidth
<of a signal analyser> maximum frequency span of observation for a system capable of spectral analysis

Note 1 to entry: The analysis bandwidth is generally characterized by a specific flatness (+/- a tolerance) of the responses of the system in the specified range of frequencies.