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NOTE When an international publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

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ISO/IEC 17025	- <sup>1)</sup>	General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories	EN ISO/IEC 17025	2005 <sup>2)</sup>
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## PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVICES –

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## PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVICES –

### Part 4: Reference solar devices – Procedures for establishing calibration traceability

#### 1 Scope and object

This part of IEC 60904 sets the requirements for calibration procedures intended to establish the traceability of photovoltaic reference solar devices to SI units as required by IEC 60904-2.

This standard applies to photovoltaic (PV) reference solar devices that are used to measure the irradiance of natural or simulated sunlight for the purpose of quantifying the performance of PV devices. The use of a PV reference solar device is required in the application of IEC 60904-1 and IEC 60904-3.

This standard has been written with single junction PV reference solar devices in mind, in particular crystalline Silicon. However, the main part of the standard is sufficiently general to include other technologies. The methods described in Annex A, however, are limited to single junction technologies.

#### 2 Normative references

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ISO/IEC Guide 98-3: 2008, *Uncertainty of measurement – Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM: 1995)*

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

NOTE The different reference instruments for the traceability chain of solar irradiance are defined in this Clause. Table 1 lists and compares them with those in use for time. Figure 1 shows schematically the most common traceability chains, based on the methods described in Annex A.

##### 3.1

##### primary standard

a device, which implements physically one of the SI units or directly related quantities. They are usually maintained by national metrology institutes (NMIs) or similar organisations entrusted with maintenance of standards for physical quantities. Often referred to also just as the «primary», the physical implementation is selected such that long-term stability, precision

and repeatability of measurement of the quantity it represents are guaranteed to the maximum extent possible by current technology.

NOTE The World Radiometric Reference (WRR) as realized by the World Standard Group (WSG) of cavity radiometers is the accepted primary standard for the measurement of solar irradiance.

### 3.2

#### secondary standard

a device, which by periodical comparison with a primary standard, serves to maintain conformity to SI units at other places than that of the primary standard. It does not necessarily use the same technical principles as the primary standard, but strives to achieve similar long-term stability, precision and repeatability.

NOTE Typical secondary standards for solar irradiance are cavity radiometers which participate periodically (normally every 5 years) in the International Pyrheliometer Comparison (IPC) with the WSG.

### 3.3

#### primary reference

the reference instrument which a laboratory uses to calibrate secondary references. It is compared at periodic intervals to a secondary standard. Often primary references can be realised at much lower costs than secondary standards.

NOTE Typically a solar cell is used as a reference solar device for the measurement of natural or simulated solar irradiance.

### 3.4

#### secondary reference

the measurement device in use for daily routine measurements or to calibrate working references, calibrated at periodic intervals to a primary reference.

NOTE The most common secondary references for the measurement of natural or simulated solar irradiance are solar cells and solar modules.

### 3.5

#### traceability

the requirement for any PV reference solar device, to tie its calibration value to SI units in an unbroken and documented chain of calibration transfers including stated uncertainties.

NOTE The WRR has been compared twice to the SI radiometric scale and shown to be within their mutual uncertainty levels. Therefore traceability to WRR automatically provides traceability to SI units. However, the uncertainty of the ratio WRR/SI units needs to be taken into account. The World Radiation Center (WRC) recommends a rectangular uncertainty distribution with 0,3 % half-width. A third comparison is currently underway and should be published in the future.

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