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The present document has been prepared under the Commission's standardisation request C(2015) 5376 final [i.2] to provide one voluntary means of conforming to the essential requirements of Directive 2014/53/EU on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of radio equipment and repealing Directive 1999/5/EC [i.1].

Once the present document is cited in the Official Journal of the European Union under that Directive, compliance with the normative clauses of the present document given in table A.1 confers, within the limits of the scope of the present document, a presumption of conformity with the corresponding essential requirements of that Directive and associated EFTA regulations.

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1 Scope

The present document specifies technical characteristics and methods of measurements for avalanche beacons operating at 457 kHz transmitter-receiver systems.

NOTE: The relationship between the present document and essential requirements of article 3.3g of Directive 2014/53/EU [i.1] is given in annex A.

2 References

2.1 Normative references

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- [1] ETSI EN 300 718-1 (V2.1.0) (09-2017): "Avalanche Beacons operating at 457 kHz; Transmitter-receiver systems; Part 1: Harmonised standard for access to radio spectrum".

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- [i.1] Directive 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 April 2014 on the harmonisation of the laws of the Member States relating to the making available on the market of radio equipment and repealing Directive 1999/5/EC.
- [i.2] Commission Implementing Decision C(2015) 5376 final of 4.8.2015 on a standardisation request to the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardisation and to the European Telecommunications Standards Institute as regards radio equipment in support of Directive 2014/53/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council.
- [i.3] Commission Decision 2001/148/EC of 21 February 2001 on the application of Article 3(3)(e) of Directive 1999/5/EC to avalanche beacons.
- [i.4] EN 60068-2-5-2011: "Environmental testing. Tests. Test Sa. Simulated solar radiation at ground level and guidance for solar radiation testing".
- [i.5] ETSI TR 100 028 (all parts): "Electromagnetic compatibility and Radio spectrum Matters (ERM); Uncertainties in the measurement of mobile radio equipment characteristics".

3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions, symbols and abbreviations given in ETSI EN 300 718-1 [1], clause 3, apply.

4 Technical requirements specifications

4.1 Environmental profile

The technical requirements of the present document apply under the environmental profile for operation of the equipment, which shall be declared by the manufacturer. The equipment shall comply with all the technical requirements of the present document which are identified as applicable in annex A at all times when operating within the boundary limits of the declared operational environmental profile.

4.2 Environmental conformance requirements

4.2.1 General requirements

Environmental tests shall be carried out before tests of the same equipment in respect to the other requirements of the present document are performed. The following tests shall be carried out in the order they appear in clause 4.2.

Where electrical tests are required the equipment shall be powered by its internal battery.

4.2.2 Drop test on hard surface

4.2.2.1 Description

The immunity against the effects of dropping is the ability of the equipment to maintain the specified mechanical and electrical performance after being subjected to a series of drops on a hard wooden test surface.

4.2.2.2 Method of measurement

The test shall consist of a series of 6 drops, one on each surface.

During the test the equipment shall be fitted with a suitable set of batteries and it shall be switched on in transmit mode. The test shall be carried out under normal temperature and humidity conditions.

The hard wooden test surface shall consist of a piece of solid hard wood with a minimum thickness of 15 cm and a mass of 30 kg or more.

The height of the lowest part of the equipment under test relative to the test surface at the moment of release shall be 1 m.

Equipment shall be subjected to the present document configured for use as in operational circumstances.

4.2.2.3 Requirements

After the test, the equipment shall be fully operational in both the transmit and the receive modes. The requirement shall be checked by interacting with another sample of the same equipment to form a transmitter - receiver pair.

4.2.3 Temperature tests

4.2.3.1 General

The maximum rate of raising or reducing the temperature of the chamber in which the equipment is being tested shall be 1 °C/minute.

4.2.3.2 Dry heat cycle

The equipment shall be placed in a chamber of normal temperature. The temperature shall then be raised to and maintained at the upper extreme storage temperature (± 3 °C) for a period of at least 10 hours. After this period any climatic control device provided in the equipment may be switched on and the chamber cooled to the upper extreme operating temperature (± 3 °C). The cooling of the chamber shall be completed within 30 minutes. The equipment shall then be switched on and shall be kept working continuously in transmitting mode for a period of two hours.

The temperature of the chamber shall be maintained at the upper extreme operating temperature (± 3 °C) during the two hour period.

At the end of the test, and with the equipment still in the chamber, the chamber shall be brought to room temperature in not less than one hour. The equipment shall then be exposed to normal room temperature and humidity for not less than three hours before the next test is carried out.

4.2.3.3 Low temperature cycle

The equipment shall be placed in a chamber at normal room temperature. Then the temperature shall be reduced to, and maintained at, the lower extreme storage temperature (± 3 °C) for a period of at least 10 hours.

The chamber shall be warmed to the lower extreme operating temperature (± 3 °C). The warming of the chamber shall be completed within 30 (± 5) minutes. The equipment shall then be switched on and shall be kept working continuously in transmitting mode for a period of two hours.

The temperature of the chamber shall be then maintained at the lower extreme operating temperature (± 3 °C) during the two hour period.

At the end of the test, and with the equipment still in the chamber, the chamber shall be brought to room temperature in not less than one hour. The equipment shall then be exposed to normal room temperature for not less than three hours, or until moisture has dispersed, whichever is longer, before the next test is carried out.

4.2.3.4 Requirements

After the dry heat and the low temperature cycles, the equipment shall be fully operational in both the transmit and the receive modes. The requirement shall be checked by interacting with another sample of the same equipment to form a transmitter - receiver pair.

4.2.4 Immersion test

4.2.4.1 Method of measurement

The equipment shall be immersed into water for one hour in a horizontal position at a depth of 15 cm. The equipment and the water shall both be at room temperature. The device shall be transmitting while immersed.

4.2.4.2 Requirements

The equipment shall be able to transmit during and after immersion. The requirement shall be checked by interacting with another sample of the same equipment to form a transmitter - receiver pair.