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97 This document will supersede EN 50065-1:2011 and all of its amendments and corrigenda (if any).

98 EN 50065-1:2025 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 50065-1:2011:

99 This revision aligns EN 50065-1 with CENELEC Guide 24. It introduces requirements for signalling on low-voltage electrical installations in the frequency range 148,5 kHz to 526,5 kHz, specifies the use of the full band between 95 kHz and 148,5 kHz, and provides clarifications to the output signal voltage measurement method. A new normative annex consists of the adaptation of this document's requirements for signalling in direct current electrical installations separated from the public electricity distribution network. A new normative annex specifies additional requirements applicable to MCE operated above 148,5 kHz up to 526,5 kHz. A new informative annex introduces a reference framework describing coexistence of different mains communicating systems operating simultaneously. Outdated material (safety considerations, application to electric vehicle charging systems) is withdrawn, as well as the limits for radiated disturbance power and the related measurement method (only disturbances' field strength limits are kept). Finally, general clarifications and editorial enhancements are made throughout this document.

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113 For the relationship with EU Legislation, see informative Annex ZZ, which is an integral part of this document.

114 EN 50065 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Signalling on low voltage electrical installations in the frequency range 3 kHz to 526,5 kHz*:

- Part 1 General requirements, frequency bands and electromagnetic disturbances
- Part 2-1 Immunity requirements for mains communications equipment and systems operating in the range of frequencies 95 kHz to 148,5 kHz and intended for use in residential, commercial and light industrial environments
- Part 2-2 Immunity requirements for mains communications equipment and systems operating in the range of frequencies 95 kHz to 148,5 kHz and intended for use in industrial environments
- Part 2-3 Immunity requirements for mains communications equipment and systems operating in the range of frequencies 3 kHz to 95 kHz and intended for use by electricity suppliers and distributors

- Part 4-1 Low voltage decoupling filters – Generic specification
- Part 4-2 Low voltage decoupling filters – Safety requirements
- Part 4-3 Low voltage decoupling filters – Incoming filter
- Part 4-4 Low voltage decoupling filters – Impedance filter
- Part 4-5 Low voltage decoupling filters – Segmentation filter
- Part 4-6 Low voltage decoupling filters – Phase coupler
- Part 7 Equipment impedance

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1 Scope

This document applies to mains communicating equipment (MCE) using signals in the frequency range 3 kHz to 526,5 kHz to transmit information on low voltage electrical systems, either on the public electricity distribution network, within installations in consumers' premises which are connected to the public electricity distribution network or within installations separated from the public electricity distribution network.

NOTE 1 Installations separated from the public electricity distribution network can be operated in DC. Typical applications include MCS communication between photovoltaic panels and inverters over a DC bus in photovoltaic power generating system. Requirements specific to such installations are given in Annex G.

It specifies the frequency bands allocated to the different applications as well as conducted and radiated emission limits, including conducted emission limits for the transmitter output signal voltage in the operating band. It also specifies the required measurement methods.

It does not specify modulation methods, coding methods or functional features (except those for the prevention of mutual interference).

Environmental requirements and tests are not included.

NOTE 2 Compliance with this document does not imply permission to establish communication with locations outside the consumer's installation or with other consumers through the public electricity distribution network where this would not otherwise be allowed.

MCE can fall into one of the following categories:

- a) MCE implementing transmission or reception of information on low voltage electrical systems as the sole function. General requirements, frequency band allocation and emission limits applicable to such equipment are entirely covered by this document.
- b) MCE being equipment within the scope of other standards, integrating mains communication as one of their functions. In this case, only the general requirements, frequency band allocation and emission limits for the mains communication function of such equipment are covered by this document. Requirements for all other available functions of this equipment are covered by the relevant product standard.

This document aims at contributing to EMC by limiting the mutual influence of different MCE or different mains communicating systems (MCS) operated in the same environment. In addition, this document is intended to limit interference caused by MCE signal transmission to general electrical equipment.

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.

EN 55011:2016,¹ *Industrial, scientific and medical equipment – Radio-frequency disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement (CISPR 11:2015)*

EN IEC 55016-1-1:2019, *Specification for radio disturbance and immunity measuring apparatus and methods – Part 1-1: Radio disturbance and immunity measuring apparatus – Measuring apparatus (CISPR 16-1-1:2019)*

EN 55016-1-2:2014,² *Specification for radio disturbance and immunity measuring apparatus and methods – Part 1-2: Radio disturbance and immunity measuring apparatus – Coupling devices for conducted disturbance measurements Ancillary equipment – Conducted disturbances (CISPR 16-1-2:2014)*

¹ As impacted by EN 55011:2016/A1:2017, EN 55011:2016/A11:2020 and EN 55011:2016/A2:2021.

² As impacted by EN 55016-1-2:2014/A1:2018.

155 EN IEC 55016-1-4:2019,³ *Specification for radio disturbance and immunity measuring apparatus and methods*
 156 *– Part 1-4: Radio disturbance and immunity measuring apparatus – Antennas and test sites for radiated*
 157 *disturbance measurements (CISPR 16-1-4:2019)*

158 EN 55016-2-1:2014,⁴ *Specification for radio disturbance and immunity measuring apparatus and methods –*
 159 *Part 2-1: methods of measurement of disturbances and immunity – Conducted disturbance measurements*
 160 *(CISPR 16-2-1:2014)*

161 EN 55016-2-3:2017,⁵ *Specification for radio disturbance and immunity measuring apparatus and methods –*
 162 *Part 2-3: methods of measurement of disturbances and immunity – Radiated disturbance measurements*
 163 *(CISPR 16-2-3:2016)*

164 EN IEC 61000-6-3:2021, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 6-3: Generic standards - Emission*
 165 *standard for equipment in residential environments (IEC 61000-6-3:2020)*

166 **3 Terms and definitions**

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

168 ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

169 — ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp/>

170 — IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

171 **3.1**

172 **application**

173 use of a technology, system, or product

174 **3.2**

175 **commercial or industrial premises**

176 all premises other than residential premises

177 **3.3**

178 **differential-mode signalling**

179 form of signalling between two or more power conductors not requiring use of the protective conductor

180 **3.4**

181 **electromagnetic compatibility**

182 **EMC**

183 ability of equipment or a system to function satisfactorily in its electromagnetic environment without
 184 introducing intolerable electromagnetic disturbances to anything in that environment

185 **3.5**

186 **mains communicating equipment**

187 **MCE**

188 electrical equipment using mains power lines either on the public electricity distribution network or within
 189 installations of network users connected to the public electricity distribution network, for transmission and
 190 reception of information signals

³ As impacted by EN IEC 55016-1-4:2019/A1:2020 and EN IEC 55016-1-4:2019/A2:2023.

⁴ As impacted by EN 55016-2-1:2014/A1:2017.

⁵ As impacted by EN 55016-2-3:2017/A1:2019 and EN 55016-2-3:2017/A2:2023.

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191 **3.6**
 192 **mains communicating system**
 193 **MCS**
 194 electrical system using mains power lines to transmit information signals, either on the public electricity
 195 distribution network or within installations of network users

196 [SOURCE: EN 61000-2-2:2002, 3.1.8]

197 **3.7**
 198 **residential**
 199 premises which are normally used as homes for persons

200 **3.8**
 201 **signalling**
 202 **mains signalling voltage**
 203 signal superimposed on the mains voltage for the purpose of transmission of information either on the public
 204 electricity distribution network, within installations of network users or within installations separated from the
 205 public electricity distribution network

206 Note 1 to entry: Installations are considered to be separated from the public electricity distribution network if they are
 207 connected to the public electricity distribution network via a device providing an adequate level of attenuation over the
 208 frequency range covered by this document (such as a filter or an isolation transformer) or if they are supplied by a network
 209 which is independent from the public electricity distribution network.

210 **4 Frequency bands and classifications**

211 **4.1 General**

212 In order to provide coexistence between different applications and to prevent mutual interference, this
 213 document designates frequency bands for well-established application types.

214 NOTE Early drafts of this document, based upon existing industry documents and an existing national standard, used
 215 the terms A-band, B-band, C-band and D-band to designate the frequency bands 3 kHz to 95 kHz, 95 kHz to 125 kHz,
 216 125 kHz to 140 kHz and 140 kHz to 148,5 kHz, respectively. Although these designations are not used in this document
 217 they remain widely used in industry for convenience. Where such designations are used, they are understood as above.

218 Additional mitigation measures, such as frequency separation and notching, reducing MCE transmission duty
 219 cycle, locally decreasing the output signal voltage levels, etc. can be implemented in the event of interference
 220 to radio services.

221 **4.2 Band 3 kHz up to 95 kHz**

222 Frequencies in this band shall only be used for applications for monitoring or controlling the low-voltage public
 223 electricity distribution network, including energy usage of equipment and premises connected to the low-
 224 voltage public electricity distribution network.

225 NOTE A typical example of an application in this band would be communications for metering.

226 **4.3 Band above 95 kHz up to 148,5 kHz**

227 **4.3.1 General**

228 Frequencies in this band shall only be used for:

- 229 a) Applications within homes, commercial or industrial premises;
- 230 b) Applications in networks external to premises and separated from the low-voltage public electricity
 231 distribution network with a transformer or an MCS blocking filter.

232 NOTE 1 Typical examples of a) would be home and building automation, load control, distributed energy resource
 233 management, submetering, prepayment via an in-home device and security systems. Typical examples of b) would be
 234 street lighting control and electric vehicle charging.

235 NOTE 2 Coexistence of different mains communicating systems and related mitigation measures are further described
 236 in Annex F.

237 Equipment for use in this frequency band is designated as either Class 122 or as Class 134 equipment. Class
 238 122 equipment is suitable for general use, while Class 134 equipment is not intended to be used in residential
 239 electrical installations or in locations with direct connection to residential installations.

240 **4.3.2 Sub-band above 95 kHz up to 125 kHz**

241 The use of this sub-band does not require an access protocol.

242 **4.3.3 Sub-band above 125 kHz up to 140 kHz**

243 Signalling in this sub-band requires the use of the access protocol described in Clause 5.

244 **4.3.4 Sub-band above 140 kHz up to 148,5 kHz**

245 The use of this sub-band does not require an access protocol.

246 **4.3.5 Full band above 95 kHz up to 148,5 kHz**

247 Signalling in the full band from 95 kHz up to 148,5 kHz is possible and requires the use of the access protocol
 248 described in Clause 5.

249 **4.4 Band above 148,5 kHz up to 526,5 kHz**

250 Frequencies in this band may be used for:

251 a) Applications for monitoring or controlling the low-voltage public electricity distribution network, including
 252 energy usage of equipment and premises connected to the low-voltage public electricity distribution
 253 network;

254 b) Applications within homes, commercial or industrial premises;

255 c) Applications in networks external to premises and separated from the low-voltage public electricity
 256 distribution network with a transformer or an MCS blocking filter.

257 When different applications coexist in the same environment within this frequency band, MCS used for
 258 applications other than monitoring or controlling the low-voltage public electricity distribution network shall
 259 implement coexistence measures such as MCS blocking filters to ensure the correct operation of MCS on the
 260 low-voltage public electricity distribution network.

261 NOTE Coexistence of different mains communicating systems and related mitigation measures are further described
 262 in Annex F.

263 The use of this band does not require an access protocol.

264 **5 Access protocol**

265 **5.1 Access protocol overview**

266 A carrier-sense multiple-access (CSMA) protocol is used in the frequency sub-band 125 kHz to 140 kHz and
 267 in the full band 95 kHz to 148,5 kHz to allow several systems to operate on the same, or electrically
 268 connected, mains networks. These systems may use the same or different communication protocols but shall
 269 use the access protocol given in this clause.

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270 Signals transmitted by MCE operating in this sub-band are required to have a defined spectral distribution and
 271 maximum duration such that their carrier may be detected by other devices on that network. The presence of
 272 this characteristic signal on the network above a minimum level indicates that the frequency sub-band is being
 273 used. This state is termed "band-in-use". MCE with pending transmissions might not transmit whilst the band
 274 is in use and until the band has been free for a minimum period.

275 To provide multiple access, MCE with pending transmissions are required to randomize their transmission
 276 attempts over a time interval to reduce the possibility of collisions between two or more transmissions. The
 277 most recent MCE to transmit is required to wait until the end of that time interval before attempting a further
 278 transmission to prevent it taking too great a share of the available transmission capacity. The maximum length
 279 of any transmission is limited for the same reason.

280 5.2 Band in use signalling

281 All MCE shall use the frequency 132,5 kHz to indicate that a transmission is in progress.

282 To enable band-in-use to be detected, MCE output signals shall meet a spectral distribution in accordance
 283 with Annex B.

284 5.3 Band in use condition

285 Every MCE capable of transmitting shall be equipped with a signal detector which shall indicate when the sub
 286 band is in use. Band in use is the condition when any signal of at least 86 dB(μ V) rms is present anywhere in
 287 the frequency range 131,5 kHz to 133,5 kHz for at least 4 ms. This shall be measured at the MCE's main input
 288 terminations and across the conductors used by the MCE's own transmitter. The frequency range of detection
 289 of a signal shall be tested as described in Annex A.

290 The band in use indication may be considered false if the output from the signal detector is present without
 291 any interruption greater than 80 ms for a continuous period of at least 1,1 s immediately prior to each
 292 transmission. For a transmitter or a group of transmitters, the measurement of this 1,1 s interval shall
 293 recommence after the end of transmission by that transmitter or group of transmitters. Any gap in the band in
 294 use indication greater than 80 ms shall reset the false band in use condition.

295 NOTE The measurement point referred to in this clause differs from that described in Clause 4 and Annex A of
 296 EN 55016-1-2:2014.

297 5.4 Allowed use of the sub band above 125 kHz up to 140 kHz and of the full band above 140 kHz up to 148,5 kHz

299 A transmission is considered as a series of signals in which there is no gap greater than 80 ms without signal
 300 transmission. A group of transmitters consists of several MCE, using the same protocol and co-ordinating their
 301 actions so as to meet these requirements e.g. a demand-acknowledge-answer sequence.

302 No transmitter or group of transmitters shall transmit continuously for a period exceeding 1 s. After each
 303 transmission a transmitter or a group of transmitters shall not transmit again for at least 125 ms.

304 The requirements of 5.4 and 5.5 shall be met either by each transmitter individually or by a group of
 305 transmitters. In the second case, the access protocol allows a sequence of transmission, repetition and
 306 answer-back signals to occupy the sub band for the maximum time otherwise permitted for a single message.

307 5.5 Access rule

308 Every MCE capable of transmitting shall only transmit if its band-in-use detector has shown that the sub band
 309 has not been in use (as defined in 5.3) for a continuous period, randomly chosen on each occasion and
 310 uniformly distributed between 85 ms and 115 ms with at least seven possible values in that range.