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The main changes are as follows:

- [Subclause 5.2](#): language used concerning maximum operating conditions is harmonised by introducing the concept of the design operating range;
- description of the testing of tracking collectors, such as parabolic trough collectors and Linear Fresnel collectors, is updated in several places to improve coherence with the standards of IEC/TC 117, *Solar thermal electric plants*;
- [Clause 16](#): new clause is introduced to clarify the procedures for testing collectors with active self-protection mechanisms;
- mathematical model for the thermal performance is simplified; thermal performance parameter a_7 is removed without direct replacement;
- reduced wind speed u' is replaced by u ;
- [Annex I](#): new validation procedure (Valicol) introduced to allow verification of the measured thermal performance parameters;
- Introduction: comprehensive statement on the environmental impact of thermal solar collectors and their potential contribution to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is added;
- [Annex B](#): gross yield concept is introduced to allow for a standardized rating of the possible energy yield of solar thermal collectors;