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## INTRODUCTION

### *Use of the term "transmission line"*

Historically, the term "transmission line" was used to describe any device for conveying electromagnetic energy with a minimum of loss. Presently, terms such as "parallel-wire line", "coaxial line", "waveguide", are used to represent particular examples of the more general transmission line.

In this chapter of the vocabulary the general term "transmission line" is used when discussing a multiplicity of varieties collectively.

This chapter of the vocabulary does not consider particularly lines such that twisted pairs or laid quads which are covered in Chapter 727 entitled "Cables and connectors".

This chapter of the vocabulary does not include optical waveguides which are covered in Chapter 731 entitled "Optical fibres".

### *Terms printed in italics*

In the text of definitions in this chapter, terms defined elsewhere in the same chapter are printed in *italics*. A correct understanding of the definitions in which they appear depends on the knowledge of the exact meaning assigned to these terms by other definitions.

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CONFIGURATIONS

726-01-01

**ligne de transmission**

Dispositif destiné à transporter l'énergie électromagnétique d'un point à un autre avec un minimum de pertes par rayonnement.

**transmission line**

A means for conveying electromagnetic energy between two points with a minimum of radiation.

**линия передачи**

Средство для передачи электромагнитной энергии между двумя точками с минимальным излучением.

**línea de transmisión**

Dispositivo destinado a transportar energía electromagnética de un punto a otro con un mínimo de pérdidas por radiación.

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**guide d'ondes**

*Ligne de transmission* constituée d'un ensemble de surfaces limites ou de formes matérielles destinées à guider des ondes électromagnétiques.

*Note.* — La forme la plus commune d'un guide d'ondes est un tube métallique; d'autres formes sont une tige diélectrique ou un assemblage de matériaux conducteurs et diélectriques.

**waveguide**

A *transmission line* consisting of a system of material boundaries or structures for guiding electromagnetic waves.

*Note.* — The most common form of waveguide is a metallic tube; other forms are dielectric rod, or a mixed structure of conducting and dielectric materials.

**волновод**

*Линия передачи*, состоящая из системы физических границ или структур для проведения электромагнитных волн.

*Примечание.* — Самая распространенная форма *волновода* — металлическая труба; другими формами являются диэлектрический стержень или смешанная структура проводящих и диэлектрических материалов.

**guíaonda**

*Línea de transmisión* constituida por un conjunto de superficies límites ó estructuras destinadas a guiar ondas electromagnéticas.

*Observación.* — La forma más usual de una guíaonda es un tubo metálico; otras formas son una varilla dieléctrica ó una estructura mixta de materiales conductores y dieléctricos.