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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee EL-042, Renewable Energy Power Supply Systems and Equipment. After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian, rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

The objective of this Standard is to provide guidelines for the design of stand-alone power systems used for the supply of extra-low and low voltage electric power.

This Standard was originally prepared following requests from interests involved in the solar energy industry who perceived a need for safety, design, installation and maintenance procedures appropriate to the industry.

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- (a) NSW Department of Energy.
- (b) Australian CRC for Renewable Energy.
- (c) Australian Greenhouse Office.
- (d) Queensland Government.

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SECTION 1 SCOPE AND GENERAL

1.1 SCOPE

This Standard sets out guidelines for the design of stand-alone power systems with energy storage at extra-low voltage used for the supply of extra-low and low voltage electric power in a domestic situation. Equipment up to the system output terminals is covered.

The principles in this Standard can be applied to other systems including commercial and industrial applications.

1.2 REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

The following documents are referred to in this Standard:

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| 1170 | Minimum design loads on structures (known as the SAA Loading Code) |
| 1170.2 | Wind loads |
| 1359 | Rotating electrical machines—General requirements |
| 1359.109 | Part 109: Noise limits |
| 1768 | Lightning protection |
| 2676 | Guide to the installation, maintenance, testing and replacement of secondary batteries in buildings |
| 2676.1 | Part 1: Vented cells |
| 2676.2 | Part 2: Sealed cells |
| 3010 | Electrical installations—Supply by generating set |
| 3010.1 | Part 1: Internal combustion engine driven sets |
| 3595 | Energy management programs—Guidelines for financial evaluation of a project |
| 4086 | Secondary batteries for use with stand-alone power systems |
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| 3000 | Electrical installations (known as the Australian/New Zealand Wiring Rules) |
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