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Foreword

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- a) the introduction of a new "General Scope";
- b) the introduction of new upper frequency limit 85 MHz for return path as an option;
- c) the introduction of some new "Terms and definitions" due to the new general scope and due to the introduction of the extended return path frequency range to 85 MHz;
- d) the deletion of Clause B.1 on "Noise power ratio";
- e) the deletion of Clause B.2 on "10-tone measurement";
- f) the deletion of Clause B.3 on "MER measurement".

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- CLC/TR 50083-5-1, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services — Part 5-1: IP gateways and interfaces for headends*;
- EN 50083-8, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services — Part 8: Electromagnetic compatibility for networks*;
- EN 50083-9, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services — Part 9: Interfaces for CATV/SMATV headends and similar professional equipment for DVB/MPEG-2 transport streams*;
- EN 50083-10, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services — Part 10: System performance for return paths*;
- CLC/TR 50083-10-1, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services — Part 10-1: Guidelines for the implementation of return paths in cable networks* [the present document].

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1 Scope

1.1 General

Standards and other deliverables of the EN 50083 and EN 60728 series deal with cable networks including equipment and associated methods of measurement for headend reception, processing and distribution of television and sound signals and for processing, interfacing and transmitting all kinds of data signals for interactive services using all applicable transmission media. These signals are typically transmitted in networks by frequency-multiplexing techniques.

This includes for instance:

- regional and local broadband cable networks,
- extended satellite and terrestrial television distribution networks and systems,
- individual satellite and terrestrial television receiving systems
- and all kinds of equipment, systems and installations used in such cable networks, distribution and receiving systems.

The extent of this standardization work is from the antennas and/or special signal source inputs to the headend or other interface points to the network up to the terminal input of the customer premises equipment.

The standardization work will consider coexistence with users of the RF spectrum in wired and wireless transmission systems.

The standardization of any user terminals (i.e. tuners, receivers, decoders, multimedia terminals etc.) as well as of any coaxial, balanced and optical cables and accessories thereof is excluded.

1.2 Specific scope of this Technical Report

This document is intended to provide guidance to network designers on the issues which should be addressed when considering the design of return paths for regional or local broadband networks.

Items such as return path architecture & design, channel performance, channel planning and sources of interference, measurements, segmentation and re-segmentation, in home networks, distortion and commissioning are included. This document is not intended as a design reference but provides details which need to be addressed on individual issues relating to the design of the return path for a regional or local broadband network.

2 Normative references

The following documents in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 60728-1:2008, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services — Part 1: System performance of forward paths (IEC 60728-1:2007)*

EN 60728-3, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services — Part 3: Active wideband equipment for cable networks (IEC 60728-3)*

EN 60728-4, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services — Part 4: Passive wideband equipment for coaxial cable networks (IEC 60728-4)*

EN 60728-5, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services — Part 5: Headend equipment (IEC 60728-5)*

EN 60728-6, *Cable networks for television signals, sound signals and interactive services — Part 6: Optical equipment (IEC 60728-6)*