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a) change fibre type of pigtail to B-652.D fibre or fibre of same type with the fibre under test;
b) modifications on Figure A.1 and Formulas (A.3), (A.4);
c) add example values and recommended method A test conditions for B-G.654.E fibre, update Table C.1.

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APPLICATION GUIDELINES FOR NONLINEAR COEFFICIENT MEASURING METHODS

1 Scope

This document provides guidelines for uniform measurements of the nonlinear coefficient of class B single-mode fibres (see IEC 60793-2-50) in the 1 550 nm region.

Measurements of the nonlinear coefficient are used to characterise specific single-mode fibre designs for the purpose of system design relative to power levels and distortion or noise effects derived from the nonlinear optical behaviour.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60793-1 (all parts), *Optical fibres – Part 1: Measurement methods and test procedures*

IEC 60793-2, *Optical fibres – Part 2: Product specifications – General*

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4 Abbreviated terms and symbols

4.1 Abbreviated terms

ASE	amplified spontaneous emission
BPF	bandpass filter
CW	continuous wave
EDFA	erbium doped fibre amplifier
FWM	four-wave mixing
OSA	optical spectrum analyser
SPM	self-phase modulation
SBS	stimulated Brillouin scattering
VA	variable attenuator
XPM	cross-phase modulation