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- 1) IEC 60565 has been divided into two parts:
 - Part 1: Procedures for free-field calibration;
 - Part 2: Procedures for low frequency pressure calibration (this document).
- 2) A relative calibration method has been added to Clause 8: Calibration by piezoelectric compensation.

- 3) A relative calibration method has been added to Clause 11: Calibration by **vibrating column**.
- 4) Clause 12: Calibration by static pressure transducer, has been added.
- 5) Annex A: Equivalent circuit of the excitation system for calibration with a **vibrating column**, has been deleted.
- 6) Subclauses 9.6, 9.7 and 9.8 have been moved to form a new Annex A: Advanced acoustic coupler calibration methods.

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to establish the procedures for low frequency pressure calibrations of **hydrophones** in the frequency range from 0,01 Hz to several kilohertz.

To ensure the correctness of the calibrations, the **hydrophones** to be calibrated are "rigid" **hydrophones** with small size compared to the acoustic wavelength, and are not sensitive to vibration when calibrated.

Principles, procedures, and **uncertainties** of physical calibrations such as hydrostatic excitation, piezoelectric compensation, **pistonphone**, **vibrating column**, static pressure transducer, etc., and reciprocity calibrations in acoustic **couplers** are given in this document. Calibrations are carried out using one of these methods, depending on the different principle to be used, and its limitations to the sound field and the frequency range.

UNDERWATER ACOUSTICS – HYDROPHONES – CALIBRATION OF HYDROPHONES –

Part 2: Procedures for low frequency pressure calibration

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60565 specifies the methods for low frequency pressure calibration of **hydrophones** at frequencies from 0,01 Hz to several kilohertz depending on calibration method.

2 Normative references

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coupler

apparatus comprising a rigid fluid-filled chamber into which transducers and **hydrophones** can be inserted whose largest dimension is small compared to the wavelength

Note 1 to entry: In this document, the term small chamber is used interchangeably with **coupler**.

[SOURCE: IEC 60565:2006 [1]¹, 3.3, modified – In the definition, "small dimensions" has been replaced by "whose largest dimension is small compared to the wavelength".]

¹ Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.