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- a) Modification of the minimum distance between the fibre end and the detector for the direct far field scan (Annex A).
- b) Generalization of the requirement for the minimum dynamic range for all fibre types (Annex A).

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## OPTICAL FIBRES –

### Part 1-45: Measurement methods and test procedures – Mode field diameter

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60793 establishes uniform requirements for measuring the mode field diameter (MFD) of single-mode optical fibre, thereby assisting in the inspection of fibres and cables for commercial purposes.

#### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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##### 3.1 Terms and definitions

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##### 3.2 Abbreviated terms

The abbreviated terms are given in Table 1.

**Table 1 – Abbreviated terms**

| Abbreviated term | Full term                         |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| CCD              | charge-coupled devices            |
| FWHM             | full width half maximum           |
| MFD              | mode field diameter               |
| OTDR             | optical time domain reflectometer |
| RTM              | reference test method             |