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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition, published in 2011. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) the expansion of the definitions, graphical symbols, terminology and abbreviations content, with the aim of making this standard the default and reference for all others in the IEC 60794-x series;

- b) the inclusion of updated and expanded optical fibre, attenuation and bandwidth sections, with the aim of making this standard the default and reference for all others in the IEC 60794-x series.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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This part of IEC 60794 applies to optical fibre cables for use with communication equipment and devices employing similar techniques and to cables having a combination of both optical fibres and electrical conductors.

The object of this standard is to establish uniform generic requirements for the geometrical, transmission, material, mechanical, ageing (environmental exposure), climatic and electrical properties of optical fibre cables and cable elements, where appropriate.

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IEC 60793-1-40, *Optical fibres – Part 1-40: Measurement methods and test procedures – Attenuation*

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