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- b) review update of parameters and requirements for mechanical tests and environmental tests, maintaining alignment with additional relevant standards in the IEC 60794-2 series;
- c) addition of cabled fibre attenuation requirements;

d) addition of cable design examples.

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## OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES –

### Part 2-20: Indoor cables – Family specification for multi-fibre optical cables

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60794 is a family specification covering multi-fibre optical cables for indoor use. The requirements of the sectional specification IEC 60794-2 are applicable to cables covered by this document. Annex B contains a blank detail specification and general guidance in case the cables are intended to be used in installations governed by the MIC table of ISO/IEC 11801-1.

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