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### Part 1-116: Electrical test methods – Test for impedance with time domain reflectometry (TDR)

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61196 applies to coaxial communications cables. It specifies test methods for determining the impedance of coaxial communications cables with time domain reflectometry (TDR).

#### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 61196-1:2005, *Coaxial communication cables – Part 1: Generic specification – General, definitions and requirements*

IEC 62153-1-1, *Metallic communication cables test methods – Part 1-1: Electrical – Measurement of the pulse/step return loss in the frequency domain using the Inverse Discrete Fourier Transformation (IDFT)*

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 61196-1 apply.

#### 4 Principles

When a step function signal is sent to cable under test and the signal pass through the test point of cable, part of the energy is reflected. The distance ( $L$ ) from the input end to the test point can be calculated by measuring the total signal traveling time ( $t$ ) as Figure 1. The change of impedance can be also calculated by measuring the amplitude of the input and reflected signal, as shown in Figure 1.