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a) Title changed to "Coaxial communication cables – Part 8: Sectional specification for semi-flexible cables with fluoropolymer dielectric";

b) Subclause 4.3: Other fluoropolymer (such as PFA, etc.) dielectric materials added;

c) Subclause 4.4: The construction of the outer conductor can consist of two layers or three layers;

d) Subclause 5.2: Table 1 – "Rated temperature" added;

e) Subclauses 5.3 5.4 and 5.5: new requirements added;

f) Clause 7 completely revised;

g) Annexes A, B and C added.

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COAXIAL COMMUNICATION CABLES –

Part 8: Sectional specification for semi-flexible cables with fluoropolymer dielectric

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61196 specifies the materials and cable construction for semi-flexible coaxial communication cables with fluoropolymer dielectric, IEC type designation, identification, marking and labelling, standard rating and characteristics, requirements of finished cables, quality assessment, delivery and storage, etc.

This document applies to semi-flexible coaxial communication cables with fluoropolymer dielectric and tin soaked copper wire braid outer conductor. These cables are intended for use in mobile communication base station antenna systems, terrestrial microwave communication, radar systems and wireless equipment or other signal transmission equipment or units. It is read in conjunction with IEC 61196-1:2005.

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IEC 60068-2-20:2021, *Environmental testing – Part 2-20: Tests – Tests Ta and Tb: Test methods for solderability and resistance to soldering heat of devices with leads*

IEC 60068-2-78, *Environmental testing – Part 2-78: Tests – Test Cab: Damp heat, steady state*

IEC 60332-1-2, *Tests on electric and optical fibre cables under fire conditions – Part 1-2: Test for vertical flame propagation for a single insulated wire or cable – Procedure for 1 kW pre-mixed flame*

IEC 60332-3-24, *Tests on electric and optical fibre cables under fire conditions – Part 3-24: Test for vertical flame spread of vertically-mounted bunched wires or cables – Category C*

IEC 60811-501, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 501: Mechanical tests – Tests for determining the mechanical properties of insulating and sheathing compounds*

IEC 60966-1:2019, *Radio frequency and coaxial cable assemblies – Part 1: Generic specification – General requirements and test methods*

IEC 61169-4, *Radio-frequency connectors – Part 4: RF coaxial connectors with inner diameter of outer conductor 16 mm (0,63 in) with screw lock – Characteristic impedance 50 Ω (Type 7-16)*

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