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

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1 Scope

This International Standard applies to lightning protection of wind turbine generators and wind power systems.

Normative references are made to generic standards for lightning protection, low-voltage systems and high-voltage systems for machinery and installations and electromagnetic compatibility (EMC).

This standard defines the lightning environment for wind turbines and application of the environment for risk assessment for the wind turbine. It defines requirements for protection of blades, other structural components and electrical and control systems against both direct and indirect effects of lightning. Test methods to validate compliance are recommended.

Guidance on the use of applicable lightning protection, industrial electrical and EMC standards including earthing is provided.

Guidance regarding personal safety is provided.

Guidelines for damage statistics and reporting are provided.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

IEC 60060-1:1989, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

IEC 60068 (all parts), *Environmental testing*

IEC 60071 (all parts), *Insulation Co-ordination*

IEC 60071-2:1996, *Insulation Co-ordination – Part 2: Application guide*

IEC 60099-4, *Surge arresters – Part 4: Metal-oxide surge arresters without gaps for a.c. systems*

IEC 60099-5, *Surge arresters – Part 5: Selection and application recommendations*

IEC 60204-1, *Safety of machinery – Electrical equipment of machines – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60204-11, *Safety of machinery – Electrical equipment of machines – Part 11: Requirements for HV equipment for voltages above 1 000 V a.c. or 1 500 V d.c. and not exceeding 36 kV*