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- a) reworded Clause 1 "Scope";
- b) replaced IEC TS 62153-4-1 by IEC 62153 (all parts) in Clause 2;
- c) added the definition of screening attenuation in 3.1;
- d) added Clause 4 "Principle of screening attenuation measurement";
- e) added the descriptions of some test set-ups, such as frequency synthesizer, spectrum analyser, stepper motor, linking devices and the sampling system, etc. in Clause 5;
- f) added Clause 6 "DUT";

- g) reworded Clause 7 "Measurement procedure";
- h) added Clause 8 "Caution notes";
- i) added Clause 9 "Acceptance criterion";
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1 Scope

This document describes the measurement of screening attenuation by the reverberation chamber measurement method, also called mode stirred chamber method.

This document is applicable to screening attenuation measurements of cable assemblies, cables, connectors, and passive microwave components, such as waveguides, phase shifters, diplexers/multiplexers, power dividers/combiners, etc.

Modern electronic equipment has shown a demand for methods for testing screening attenuation performance of microwave components over their whole frequency range. Convenient measurement methods have existed for lower frequencies and components of regular shape. These measurement methods are described in the IEC 62153 series. For much higher frequencies and for components of irregular shape, the reverberation chamber method can be used. Theoretically, the reverberation chamber method has no upper limit of the measurement frequency, but it is limited by the quality and sensitivity of the measurement system, and the lower limit of the measurement frequency is restricted by the size of the reverberation chamber.

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IEC 61000-4-21:2011, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-21: Testing and measurement techniques – Reverberation chamber test methods*

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

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