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Boxes and enclosures for electrical accessories for household and similar fixed electrical installations

Part 21: Particular requirements for boxes and enclosures
with provision for suspension means

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Foreword

The text of the International Standard IEC 60670-21:2004, prepared by SC 23B, Plugs, socket-outlets and switches, of IEC TC 23, Electrical accessories, together with the common modifications prepared by the Technical Committee CENELEC TC 23B, Switches for household and similar fixed electrical installations, was submitted to the formal vote and was approved by CENELEC as EN 60670-21 on 2007-03-01.

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European foreword to amendment 1

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