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- a) Introduction of a revised naming convention which better matches with those found in ITU-T Recommendations G.652, G.653, G.654, G.655, G.656, and G.657. These changes are outlined in the scope of this document along with a cross reference table for the new names. Annexes have been rearranged to improve clarity based on the new naming;
- b) Further details on the requirements for 200 micron coated single-mode fibre;
- c) Harmonization with the following ITU-T Recommendations published in November 2016: G.652, G.654, G.657 including revised chromatic dispersion specifications, new categories and new application spaces for these fibre categories;

d) Descriptions of fibre types have been added to the titles of Annexes A to F.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60793 is applicable to optical fibre categories B-652, B-653, B-654, B-655, B-656 and B-657. A map illustrating the connection of IEC designations to ITU-T designations is shown in Table 1. These fibres are used or can be incorporated in information transmission equipment and optical fibre cables.

Three types of requirements apply to these fibres:

- general requirements, as defined in IEC 60793-2;
- specific requirements common to the class B single-mode fibres covered in this document and which are given in Clause 5;
- particular requirements applicable to individual fibre categories or specific applications, which are defined in Annexes A to F.

For some fibre categories (shown in the relevant family specifications), there are sub-categories that are distinguished on the basis of difference in transmission attribute specifications. The designations for these sub-categories are documented in the individual family specifications.

Table 1 shows a map from the IEC designations to the ITU-T recommendations. The table also provides the normative annex in this document that contains the detailed specification as well as the name used to describe this fibre type in IEC 60793-2-50:2015. The ITU-T recommendations as well as the IEC categories/sub-categories within each recommendation are given. In some cases, as for Recommendation G.652, a given IEC designation maps to multiple categories in the ITU-T because the ITU-T categories are distinguished by cabled fibre attribute (PMD_Q) performance which are not distinguished in the IEC fibre specifications.

Table 1 – Map of IEC designation to ITU-T Recommendations and IEC 60793-2-50:2015 designation

Annex	Category	Sub Category	Description	IEC 60793-2-50:2015	ITU-T Rec
	B-652		Dispersion unshifted fibre		G.652
A		B-652.B		B1.1	G.652.B
A		B-652.D		B1.3	G.652.D
	B-653		Dispersion shifted fibre		G.653
B		B-653.A		B2_a	G.653.A
B		B-653.B		B2_b	G.653.B
	B-654		Cut-off shifted fibre		G.654
C		B-654.A		B1.2_a	G.654.A
C		B-654.B		B1.2_b	G.654.B
C		B-654.C		B1.2_c	G.654.C
C		B-654.D		N/A	G.654.D
C		B-654.E		N/A	G.654.E
C	B-655		Non-zero dispersion shifted fibre	B4	G.655
D		B-655.C		B4_c	G.655.C
D		B-655.D		B4_d	G.655.D
D		B-655.E		B4_e	G.655.E
E	B-656		Wideband non-zero dispersion shifted fibre	B5	G.656
F	B-657		Bending loss insensitive fibre	B6	G.657
F		B-657.A1		B6_a1	G.657.A1
F		B-657.A2		B6_a2	G.657.A2
F		B-657.B2		B6_b2	G.657.B2
F		B-657.B3		B6_b3	G.657.B3

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IEC 60793-1 (all parts), *Optical fibres*

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IEC 60793-1-30, *Optical fibres – Part 1-30: Measurement methods and test procedures – Fibre proof test*

IEC 60793-1-31, *Optical fibres – Part 1-31: Measurement methods and test procedures – Tensile strength*

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IEC 60793-1-40, *Optical fibres – Part 1-40: Measurement methods and test procedures – Attenuation*

IEC 60793-1-42, *Optical fibres – Part 1-42: Measurement methods and test procedures – Chromatic dispersion*

IEC 60793-1-44, *Optical fibres – Part 1-44: Measurement methods and test procedures – Cut-off wavelength*

IEC 60793-1-45, *Optical fibres – Part 1-45: Measurement methods and test procedures – Mode field diameter*

IEC 60793-1-46, *Optical fibres – Part 1-46: Measurement methods and test procedures – Monitoring of changes in optical transmittance*

IEC 60793-1-47, *Optical fibres – Part 1-47: Measurement methods and test procedures – Macrobending loss*

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IEC 60793-1-51, *Optical fibres – Part 1-51: Measurement methods and test procedures – Dry heat (steady state) tests*

IEC 60793-1-52, *Optical fibres – Part 1-52: Measurement methods and test procedures – Change of temperature tests*

IEC 60793-1-53, *Optical fibres – Part 1-53: Measurement methods and test procedures – Water immersion tests*

IEC 60793-2, *Optical fibres – Part 2: Product specifications – General*

IEC 60794-2, *Optical fibre cables – Part 2: Indoor cables – Sectional specification*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60793-2 and the IEC 60793-1 series apply.