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INTRODUCTION

The IEC 62257 series intends to provide to different players involved in rural electrification projects (such as project implementers, project contractors, project supervisors, installers, etc.) documents for the setting up of renewable energy and hybrid systems with a.c. nominal voltage below 500 V, d.c. nominal voltage below 750 V and nominal power below 100 kVA.

These documents are recommendations:

- to choose the right system for the right place,
- to design the system,
- to operate and maintain the system.

These documents are focused only on rural electrification concentrating on but not specific to developing countries. They must not be considered as all inclusive to rural electrification. The documents try to promote the use of renewable energies in rural electrification; they do not deal with clean mechanisms developments at this time (CO_2 emission, carbon credit, etc.). Further developments in this field could be introduced in future steps.

This consistent set of documents is best considered as a whole with different parts corresponding to items for safety, sustainability of systems and at the lowest life cycle cost as possible. One of the main objectives is to provide the minimum sufficient requirements, relevant to the field of application that is: small renewable energy and hybrid off-grid systems.

The purpose of this part of IEC 62257 is to specify tests in order to help project developers and project implementers in the selection of relevant products (PV portable lanterns), able to match the techno-economic requirements of the project they have in charge, portable PV lantern. This technical specification and the others of the 62257 series are only guidance and so cannot be International Standards.

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1 Scope

This Technical Specification applies to portable solar photovoltaic lanterns (portable PV lantern). This specification is independent of the technology used to provide the light.

The tests provided in this specification are able to help the project implementer to discriminate easily the most appropriate product within some different market offer and choose among them those which match the requirements expressed in the GS of the electrification project (see IEC/TS 62257-3).

The specification also provides provisions of regulations and installation conditions to be complied with in order to ensure the life and proper operation of the selected lantern as well as the safety of people living in proximity to the installation.

This technical specification does not replace any existing IEC standard.

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 62262, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures for electrical equipment against external mechanical impacts (IK code)*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1
illuminance (of an elementary surface) (symbol E)
the luminous flux received by an elementary surface divided by the area of this surface.

[IEV 723-08-30]

NOTE In the SI system of units illuminance is expressed in lux (lx) or lumens per square metre (lm/m^2).

1 lux is the illuminance produced on a surface of 1 square metre by a luminous flux of 1 lumen uniformly distributed over that surface.

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3.2
capacity (of a cell or a battery)
quantity of electricity (electric charge), usually expressed in amperes-hour (Ah), which a fully charged battery can deliver under specified conditions

3.3
light application
light produced by the lantern to allow a given activity

NOTE Examples of categories of applications of the light are given in 5.1.

3.4
life (of a lamp)
the total time for which a lamp has been operated before it becomes useless, or is considered to be so according to specified criteria

NOTE Lamp life is usually expressed in hours.

[IEV 845-07-61]

3.5
life test
test in which lamps are operated under specified conditions for a specified time or to the end of life and during which photometric and electrical measurements may be made at specified intervals

[IEV 845-07-62]

3.6
service life (of a battery)
the period of useful life of a battery under specified conditions

3.7
light output ratio (of a luminaire); luminaire efficiency (USA)
ratio of the total flux of the luminaire, measured under specified practical conditions with its own lamps and equipment, to the sum of the individual luminous fluxes of the same lamps when operated outside the luminaire with the same equipment, under specified conditions

[IEV 845-09-39]

3.8
light unit
assembly inside a casing of all parts such as lamps, optical apparatus, coloured glass, terminals, necessary to exhibit a light aspect

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3.9
lighting performance
ability of a product to provide the right illuminance for a given application

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3.10
illuminance meter
instrument for measuring illuminance

[IEV 845-05-16]

3.11
GS
general specification of the electrification project (see definition in IEC/TS 62257-3, 3.1)

3.12
IP degree
degree of protection provided by enclosures for electrical equipment against penetration by foreign bodies and dust/water.

3.13
IK code
degree of protection provided by enclosures for electrical equipment against external mechanical impacts

3.14
portable
capable to be carried by one person

NOTE The term "portable" implies often the additional ability to operate when carried.

[IEV 151-16-47]

3.15
luminaire
apparatus which distributes, filters or transforms the light transmitted from one or more lamps and which includes, except the lamps themselves, all the parts necessary for fixing and protecting the lamps and, where necessary, circuit auxiliaries together with the means for connecting them to the electric supply

[IEV 845-10-01]

4 System limits

A PV portable lantern comprises:

- a casing (including in most cases a luminaire);
- a PV source (integrated, supported by or completely separate from the casing);
- one or several light sources: Compact Fluoescent Lamp (CFL), leds;
- a battery;
- a power manager (battery charge and discharge controller);
- one or several light control/selection switches;
- cables and connectors (when PV source is separate from the casing);
- status indication device (optional).

NOTE If the light is provided by means of CFL, the latter could be tested according to IEC 62257-12-1 if necessary.

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