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European foreword

This document (EN 50499:2019) has been prepared by CLC/TC 106X, "*Electromagnetic fields in the human environment"*.

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EN 50499:2019 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 50499:2008:

— the replacement of directive 2004/40/EC by directive 2013/35/UE. The requirements in the document were modified accordingly, as for example the assessment process.

The latest editions of standards of basic and generic standards was also taken into account, for example in the annex D for multiple frequencies

This standard is intended to be a standard under which other standards related to the assessment of a workplace can be used.

The approaches outlined in this standard, are intended to be simple, allowing most employers to make an assessment with the minimum of technical knowledge and effort.

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1 Scope

The scope of this document is to provide a general procedure for the assessment of workers' exposure to electric, magnetic and electromagnetic fields in a workplace in order to determine compliance with exposure limit values and/or action levels as stated in European Directive 2013/35/EU.

The purpose of this document is to

— specify how to perform an initial assessment of the levels of workers' exposure to electromagnetic fields (EMF), if necessary, including specific exposure assessment of such levels by measurements and/or calculations,

— determine whether it is necessary to carry out a detailed risk assessment of EMF exposure.

This document can be used by employers for the risk assessment and, where required, measurement and/or calculation of the exposure of workers. Based on specific workplace and other standards, it can be determined whether preventive measures/actions have to be taken to comply with the provisions of the Directive.

The frequencies covered are from 0 Hz to 300 GHz.

NOTE 1 This document relates to the exposure limits as specified in the Directive 2013/35/EU. It is intended to protect workers from risks to their health and safety arising or likely to arise from exposure to electromagnetic fields (0 Hz to 300 GHz) during their work. However, this and other Directives can include additional measures for the protection of specific groups of workers and/or specific workplaces for which the employer is required to investigate other protective measures as a part of the overall risk assessment. See Annex A.

NOTE 2 Directive 2013/35/EU has been transposed into national legislation in all the EU member countries. It is intended that users of this standard consult the national legislation related to this transposition in order to identify the national regulations and requirements. These national regulations and requirements can have additional requirements that are not covered by this standard.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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.

Council Recommendation 1999/519/EC of 12 July 1999, on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields (0 Hz to 300 GHz), Official Journal, L199, of 1999-7-30, p.59-70

Directive 2013/35/EU of 26 June 2013, on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (electromagnetic fields). Official Journal, L179, of 2013-6-29, p. 1–21

EN 50413:—,[1] *Basic standard on measurement and calculation procedures for human exposure to electric, magnetic and electromagnetic fields (0 Hz - 300 GHz)*

EN 50496, *Determination of workers' exposure to electromagnetic fields and assessment of risk at a broadcast site*

EN 50647:2017, *Basic standard for the evaluation of workers' exposure to electric and magnetic fields from equipment and installations for the production, transmission and distribution of electricity*

EN 50663:2017, *Generic standard for assessment of low power electronic and electrical equipment related to human exposure restrictions for electromagnetic fields (10 MHz - 300 GHz)*

[1] Under preparation. Stage at the time of publication: FprEN 50413:2019.

EN 50664:2017, *Generic standard to demonstrate the compliance of equipment used by workers with limits on exposure to electromagnetic fields (0 Hz - 300 GHz), when put into service or in situ*

EN 60601-2-33:2010/A2:2015, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 2-33: Particular requirements for the basic safety and essential performance of magnetic resonance equipment for medical diagnosis (IEC 60601-2-33:2010/A2:2015)*

EN 62232:2017, *Determination of the RF field strength, power density and SAR in the vicinity of radiocommunication base stations for the purpose of evaluating human exposure (IEC 62232)*

EN IEC 62311:—,[2] *Assessment of electronic and electrical equipment related to human exposure restrictions for electromagnetic fields (0 Hz - 300 GHz) (IEC 62311)*

EN 62479:2010, *Assessment of the compliance of low power electronic and electrical equipment with the basic restrictions related to human exposure to electromagnetic fields (10 MHz to 300 GHz) (IEC 62479)*

EN 62822-2:2016, *Electric welding equipment – Assessment of restrictions related to human exposure to electromagnetic fields (0 Hz to 300 GHz) – Part 2: Arc welding equipment*

EN IEC 62822-3:2018, *Electric welding equipment – Assessment of restrictions related to human exposure*

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