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## INTRODUCTION

Background information and arguments for this document are provided in Annex A. Annex C provides recommendations for future updates of this document.

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## 1 Scope

This document specifies the essential characteristics of **off grid** and **unreliable grid refrigerating appliances** for domestic and similar use or **light commercial use**, cooled by internal natural or forced air convection. It defines input voltage supply signals for appliances designed for **unreliable grid** and **off grid** conditions.

An **unreliable grid** condition can be the result of disturbances on the electricity supply, such as **power outages**, or issues with power quality, such as voltage spikes and surges, that could cause performance challenges to refrigerating appliances. An **off grid** supply, in this context, for example is generated by a **solar panel** or a stand-alone solar home system that is not connected to the power grid. This document simulates the power characteristics in **off grid** and **unreliable grid** conditions but does not specify requirements or test procedures to assess performance of generators, **solar panels**, solar home system or any other system generating a supply signal.

The supply signals defined in this document can also be used for evaluation of the performance of other **refrigerating appliances** such as medical or laboratory appliances, professional storage **refrigerators** or **freezers**, refrigerated display cabinets, beverage coolers or ice cream **freezers**.

This document specifies the test methods for measuring the functional performance characteristics and requirements. This document does not apply to **refrigerating appliances** designed for a good quality and stable electricity grid and **refrigerating appliances** utilising fuelled absorption cooling technology.

This document is applicable to any **refrigerating appliance** for domestic or **light commercial use** that has a **rated** performance to properly operate **off grid** or under **unreliable grid** operating conditions resisting power interruptions and supply variations. **Off grid** and **unreliable grid refrigerating appliances** are appliances intended to for use with standalone or intermittent or distorted electrical mains. Electrical mains supply is assumed to be alternating current (AC) for **unreliable grid** or direct current (DC) for **off grid**. This document is also applicable to **hybrid refrigerating appliances**.

The test procedures primary focus on the performance of the overall **refrigerating appliances** and not on the specific performance of **auxiliary** components such as electrical batteries, **inverters** or **rectifiers** or any device intended to improve the power quality but external to the appliance itself. In case a **refrigerating appliance** is supplied with control unit, an **electrical battery**, a **voltage protector**, an **inverter** or a **rectifier** in the original product packaging, these components are considered as a component of the **refrigerating appliance** and are connected during testing.

The tests defined in this document aim to assess the fundamental design and functional operation of the **refrigerating appliance** as well as its resilience to given power quality issues.

**Unreliable grid (UG) refrigerating appliance** categories which are within the scope of this document are as follows:

- a)  $UG_{\text{intermittent}}$ : AC voltage supplied **refrigerating appliances** designed for proper operation during intermittent **power outages**, containing an internal **thermal store** and/or **electrical battery**;
- b)  $UG_{\text{distorted}}$ : AC voltage **refrigerating appliances** designed for operation when connected to a **distorted grid** supply (for example **voltage sags** or **voltage surges**);
- c)  $UG_{\text{intermittent+distorted}}$ : AC voltage **refrigerating appliances** designed for operation with **intermittent grid/power outages** and **distorted grid** supply (combination of a) and b).

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**Off grid (OG) refrigerating appliance** categories which are within the scope of this document are as follows:

- $OG_{SDD}$ : DC voltage supplied **solar direct drive refrigerating appliances**, designed for direct connection to a photovoltaic **solar panel**, containing an internal **thermal store** with an optional **electrical battery** to supply auxiliaries such as a controller, lighting or fans. The compressor of the appliance is directly supplied by the **solar panel**;
- $OG_{battery\ supported}$ : DC voltage supplied, **electrical battery supported solar refrigerating appliance** designed for direct connection to a photovoltaic **solar panel**, incorporating an **electrical battery** to supply the compressor when there is insufficient solar power. These appliances can also have internal **thermal store**. The **electrical battery** is charged by the **solar panel** only. The battery will be part of the appliance or will be supplied in the same packaging of the appliance;
- $OG_{intermittent}$ : DC voltage supplied **refrigerating appliance** designed for proper operation during **power outages**, containing an internal **thermal store** or **electrical battery**, or both;
- $OG_{continuous}$ : Continuous DC voltage supplied **refrigerating appliances**, without any internal **thermal store** and **electrical battery**.

This document also defines **solar classes**, consisting of different irradiance patterns and **unreliable grid protection codes**, describing various **power outages** and voltage disturbances of the electricity grid. These classes can also be applied for products outside the scope of this standard.

**Refrigerating appliances** that are out of scope in this document include AC **refrigerating appliances** designed for reliable, good quality continuous supply. These refrigerating appliances are covered by IEC 62552-1 [7]<sup>1</sup>, IEC 62552-2 [8] and IEC 62552-3 [9] for domestic **refrigerating appliances**.

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