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d) Part 3 now provides a method to quantify each of the relevant energy components and approaches on how these can be combined to estimate energy under different conditions on the expectation that different regions will select components and weightings that are most applicable when setting both their local performance and energy efficiency criteria while using a single set of global test measurements.

e) For energy consumption measurements in Part 3, no thermal mass (test packages) is included in any compartment and compartment temperatures are based on the average of air temperature sensors (compared to the temperature in the warmest test package). There are also significant differences in the position of temperature sensors in unfrozen compartments.

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- Part 2: General performance requirements for **refrigerating appliances** and methods for testing them;
- Part 3: **Energy consumption** and **volume** determination.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 62552 specifies the essential characteristics of household and similar **refrigerating appliances**, cooled by internal natural convection or forced air circulation, and establishes test methods for checking these characteristics.

NOTE Annex F lists the items that can be included in a test report.

For the purposes of declaration, the tests defined in this part of IEC 62552 are considered to be type tests to assess the fundamental design and operation of a **refrigerating appliance**. This part of IEC 62552 does not define requirements for production sampling or conformity assessment or certification.

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