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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

a) relation between compatibility levels, emission limits and immunity requirements clarified;
b) sharing of emission levels between LV, MV and HV clarified;
c) new historical information added.

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INTRODUCTION

IEC 61000 is published in separate parts according to the following structure:

Part 1: General

General considerations (introduction, fundamental principles)

Definitions, terminology

Part 2: Environment

Description of the environment

Classification of the environment

Compatibility levels

Part 3: Limits

Emission limits

Immunity limits (in so far as they do not fall under the responsibility of product committees)

Part 4: Testing and measurement techniques

Measurement techniques

Testing techniques

Part 5: Installation and mitigation guidelines

Installation guidelines

Mitigation methods and devices

Part 6: Generic standards

Part 9: Miscellaneous

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IEC TR 61000-1-4:2005 (first edition) gave a historical rationale for the emission limits for equipment up to 2005. Since there is new historical material available about the developments in the past several years, SC77A is adding this new historical material as a revision of IEC TR 61000-1-4. The revision also clarifies and amends some existing statements that are now known not to report the history until 2005 correctly.

ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC) –

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61000, which is a technical report, reviews the sources and effects of power frequency conducted harmonic current emissions in the frequency range up to 2 kHz on the public electricity supply, and gives an account of the reasoning and calculations leading to the existing emission limits for equipment in the editions of IEC 61000-3-2 [1][1], up to and including the fifth edition (2018) with Amendment 1 (2020), and in the second edition of IEC 61000-3-12 (2011) [2].

The history is traced from the first supra-national standard on low-frequency conducted emissions into the public electricity supply, EN 50006:1975 [3] and its evolution through IEC (60)555-2 [4] to IEC 61000-3-2 [1], IEC TR 61000-3-4 [5] and IEC 61000-3-12 [2]. To give a full picture of the history, that of the standard for the measuring instrument IEC 61000-4-7 [6] is mentioned as well.

NOTE All IEC standards were renumbered starting from 60000 from 1998-01-01. To indicate the references of standards withdrawn before, or not reprinted after, that date, the “60x” prefix is here enclosed in parentheses. Hence “IEC (60)555-2”.

Some concepts in this document apply to all low voltage AC systems, but the numerical values apply specifically to the European 230 V/400 V 50 Hz system.

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.

IEC 61000 (all parts), *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)*

1 Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.