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- a) Reference to IEC 62396-1:2012 included.
- b) Some definitions in Clause 3 updated in line with IEC 62396-1:2012.
- c) Reference to system level A types I and II removed from 6.3 and Annex C.
- d) Replacement in key locations of "may" by a more positive statement.

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## INTRODUCTION

This industry-wide International Standard provides additional guidance to avionics systems designers, electronic equipment, component manufacturers and their customers to adopt a standard approach to optimise system design to accommodate atmospheric radiation single event effects (SEE). It builds on the information and guidance on the system level approach to single event effects in IEC 62396-1:2012, considers some avionic systems and provides basic methods to accommodate SEE so that system hardware assurance levels are met.

Atmospheric radiation effects are one factor that could contribute to equipment hard and soft fault rates. From a system safety perspective, using derived fault rate values, the existing methodology described in ARP4754 [1]<sup>1</sup> (accommodation of hard and soft fault rates in general) will also accommodate atmospheric radiation effect rates.

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<sup>1</sup> Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

## PROCESS MANAGEMENT FOR AVIONICS – ATMOSPHERIC RADIATION EFFECTS –

### Part 3: System design optimization to accommodate the single event effects (SEE) of atmospheric radiation

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62396 provides guidance and furthermore it provides necessary requirements for those involved in the design of avionic systems and equipment and the resultant effects of atmospheric radiation-induced single event effects (SEE) on those avionic systems. The outputs of the activities and objectives described in this part of IEC 62396 will become inputs to higher level certification activities and required evidences. It builds on the initial guidance on the system level approach to single event effects in IEC 62396-1:2012, considers some avionic systems and provides basic methods to accommodate SEE so that system development assurance levels are met.

#### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 62396-1:2012, *Process management for avionics – Atmospheric radiation effects – Part 1: Accommodation of atmospheric radiation effects via single event effects within avionics electronic equipment*

IEC/TS 62239-1, *Process management for avionics – Management plan – Part 1: Preparation and maintenance of an electronic components management plan*

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions of IEC 62396-1:2012, IEC/TS 62239-1 as well as the following apply.

##### 3.1 analogue single event transient ASET

spurious signal or voltage produced at the output of an analogue device by the deposition of charge by a single particle

[SOURCE: IEC 62396-1:2012, 3.2]

##### 3.2 could not duplicate CND

reported outcome of diagnostic testing on a piece of equipment

Note 1 to entry: Following receipt of an error or fault message during operation, the error or fault condition could not be replicated during subsequent equipment testing.