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## European foreword

This document (EN 15869-3:2019) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 15 "Inland navigation vessels", the secretariat of which is held by DIN.

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This document supersedes EN 15869-3:2010.

A list of all parts in the EN 15869 series, published under the general title *Inland navigation vessels — Electrical shore connection, three phase current 400 V, 50 Hz, up to 125 A*, can be found on the CEN-CENELEC website.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the maximum operating current has been increased up to 125 A;
- the title has been changed accordingly;
- the Scope has been changed;
- Terms and definitions have been moved to Part 1;
- Clause 4 has been renamed "Requirements" and divided into three sub clauses;
- new sub clause 4.2 "Requirements for shore connection cable" has been added;
- Table 1 "Maximum length of cable set and extension" has been revised and moved to Annex A (informative) with new title "Maximum length of a shore connection cable according to EN 50525-2-21 including extension, if applied";
- Clause 4.3.5 "Operating instructions" has been added;
- Figure 2 "Overview circuit diagram of an on-board power supply unit" has been amended;
- Former Clause 7 "Manufacturer's declaration of conformity" has been removed;
- Annex A (informative) has been added.

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## Introduction

Inland navigation vessels are equipped with a variety of electrical loads operating at 230 V or 400 V. While underway, continuous electrical power supply is provided by the on-board system from generators driven by diesel engines. When the vessel is berthed, these generators remain in operation if there is no suitable onshore power supply available. In some cases, this leads to intense noise pollution both for the crew on the vessel itself and on other vessels lying alongside and also for residents ashore. The exhaust fumes are an additional pollution factor.

The electrical shore connections specified in this European Standard make it possible to provide the vessels with an electrical power supply while berthed and to eliminate noise and exhaust pollution. This calls for a uniform Europe-wide shore connection that can be activated and deactivated by the vessel's crew in all ports and berths, if possible, without requiring any assistance from shore-based personnel. This European Standard contains electrical safety requirements for the prevention of hazards in making, using and breaking the shore connection.

Furthermore, cashless settlement for the electricity used should be possible, ideally a standard Europe-wide payment system.

## 1 Scope

This document applies in connection with EN 15869-1 for the supply of berthed inland navigation vessels with electrical energy from shore.

This document specifies additional requirements for the shore connection cable and the feeding unit of the electrical shore connection.

## 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.

EN 15869-1, *Inland navigation vessels – Electrical shore connection, three phase current 400 V, 50 Hz, up to 125 A – Part 1: General requirements*

EN 50525-2-21, *Electric cables – Low voltage energy cables of rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V (U<sub>0</sub>/U) – Part 2-21: Cables for general applications – Flexible cables with crosslinked elastomeric insulation*

EN 50363-2-1, *Insulating, sheathing and covering materials for low voltage energy cables – Part 2-1: Cross-linked elastomeric sheathing compounds*

EN 60309-1, *Plugs, socket-outlets and couplers for industrial purposes – Part 1: General requirements (IEC 60309-1)*

HD 60364-5-51, *Electrical installations of buildings – Part 5-51: Selection and erection of electrical equipment – Common rules (IEC 60364-5-51)*

EN 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code) (IEC 60529)*

EN 60811-403, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 403: Miscellaneous tests - Ozone resistance test on cross-linked compounds (IEC 60811-403)*

EN 60811-404, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 404: Miscellaneous tests - Mineral oil immersion tests for sheaths (IEC 60811-404)*

EN 61558-2-4, *Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and similar products for supply voltages up to 1 100 V – Part 2-4: Particular requirements and tests for isolating transformers and power supply units incorporating isolating transformers (IEC 61558-2-4)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 15869-1 and EN 60309-1 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>