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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition, published in 2005. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

The significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition are as follows:

- the immunity test levels and performance criteria have been reviewed;
- requirements for portable test and measurement equipment have been clarified and amended;
- the description of the electromagnetic environments has been improved.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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INTRODUCTION

Instruments and equipment within the scope of this standard may often be geographically widespread and hence operate under a wide range of environmental conditions.

The limitation of undesired electromagnetic emissions ensures that no other equipment, installed nearby, is unduly influenced by the equipment under consideration. The limits are more or less specified by, and therefore taken from, IEC and International Special Committee on Radio Interference (CISPR) publications.

However, the equipment should function without undue degradation in an electromagnetic environment typical for the locations where it is intended to be operated. In this respect the standard specifies three different types of electromagnetic environment and the levels for immunity. More detailed information about issues related to electromagnetic environments are given in IEC 61000-2-5. Special risks, involving for example nearby or direct lightning strikes, circuit-breaking, or exceptionally high electromagnetic radiation in close proximity, are not covered.

Complex electric and/or electronic systems should require EMC planning in all phases of their design and installation, taking into consideration the electromagnetic environment, any special requirements, and the severity of failures.

This part of IEC 61326 specifies the EMC requirements that are generally applicable to all equipment within its scope. For certain types of equipment, these requirements will be supplemented or modified by the special requirements of one, or more than one, particular part within IEC 61326-2 series. These should be read in conjunction with the IEC 61326-1 requirements.

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR MEASUREMENT, CONTROL AND LABORATORY USE – EMC REQUIREMENTS –

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61326 specifies requirements for immunity and emissions regarding electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) for electrical equipment, operating from a supply or battery of less than 1 000 V a.c. or 1 500 V d.c. or from the circuit being measured. Equipment intended for professional, industrial-process, industrial-manufacturing and educational use is covered by this part. It includes equipment and computing devices for

- measurement and test;
- control;
- laboratory use;
- accessories intended for use with the above (such as sample handling equipment),

intended to be used in industrial and non-industrial locations.

Computing devices and assemblies and similar equipment within the scope of Information Technology Equipment (ITE) and complying with applicable ITE EMC standards may be used in systems within the scope of this part of IEC 61326 without additional testing, if they are suitable for the intended electromagnetic environment.

It is generally considered that this standard takes precedence over the corresponding generic EMC standards.

The following equipment is covered by this standard.

a) Electrical measurement and test equipment

This is equipment which, by electrical means, measures, indicates or records one or more electrical or non-electrical quantities, also non-measuring equipment such as signal generators, measurement standards, power supplies and transducers.

b) Electrical control equipment

This is equipment which controls one or more output quantities to specific values, with each value determined by manual settings, by local or remote programming, or by one or more input variables. This includes Industrial Process Measurement and Control (IPMC) equipment, which consists of devices such as:

- process controllers and regulators;
- programmable controllers;
- power supply units for equipment and systems (centralized or dedicated);
- analogue/digital indicators and recorders;
- process instrumentation;
- transducers, positioners, intelligent actuators, etc.