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#### **Part 1: General**

General considerations (introduction, fundamental principles)

Definitions, terminology

#### **Part 2: Environment**

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#### **Part 4: Testing and 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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### 0.2 Purpose of this document

This part of IEC 61000 documents measurements at a number of public supply networks in Germany, and explains the analysis of the obtained data. Data were acquired under certain conditions. These conditions include categories of different network structures, load structures and power generation structures, especially including a review of networks with varying degrees of renewable energy. The loads in various networks include mainly

consumers, office buildings, and retail/shopping centres, and thus represent several categories of technologies in the input circuit of the electrical devices.

This document provides statistical evaluations aimed at quantifying the level of diversification of the prevailing harmonic current phase angles, and, where possible, to identify methods to reduce the overall emissions of dominant harmonics in the network.

For that purpose, the existing prevailing phase angle in the network at this time is analysed, and the type of prevailing phase angle expected in the future is evaluated. In particular, the potential changes in phase angle that can be expected, because of new technologies and/or network structures, are of interest. This would mean determining what harmonic compensation, if any, can be expected from various products. The goal is to determine or verify the existing phase angle (mainly of the 5<sup>th</sup> harmonic) and to assess the possible influences of future developments – such as changes in lighting types and other electronic equipment.

This document is exclusively applicable to public low-voltage electricity supply networks.

## ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY –

### Part 1-8: General – Phase angles of harmonic current emissions and voltages in the public supply networks – Future expectations

#### 1 Scope

The objective of this part of IEC 61000 is to provide information about the current conditions, and project future developments, of prevailing phase angles, predominantly for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> harmonic currents, on public supply networks. This objective is accomplished by monitoring a number of networks, and efforts to forecast the effects of changes in technologies.

This document presents information to guide the discussion about the effectiveness of potential mitigation techniques and the generalisation of effects of the prevailing angle positions of selected current harmonics.

This document mainly deals with the phase angles of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> harmonic currents, but also contains information about other harmonics.

#### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

#### 3 Terms and definitions

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##### 3.1

**phase angle of  $I_5$  related to the fundamental phase-to-neutral voltage  $U_{p1}$**   
phase angle of the 5<sup>th</sup> harmonic current determined as described in Figure 1

[SOURCE: IEC 61000-3-12:2011, 3.16, modified – the reference to Figure 2 has been removed.]