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Part 2-53: Particular requirements for sauna heating appliances and infrared cabins

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- the scope is changed to cover infrared cabins;
- additional requirements for recessed sauna heaters are added;
- requirements of electronic interlocks are added (22.108).

This Part 2 has to be used in conjunction with EN 60335-1:2012, Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 1: General requirements.

NOTE 1 When "Part 1" is mentioned in this standard, it refers to EN 60335-1.

This Part 2 supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses of EN 60335-1, so as to convert it into the European Standard: Safety requirements for electric sauna heating appliances and infrared cabins.

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- the scope is changed to cover infrared cabins;
- additional requirements for recessed sauna heaters are added;
- requirements of electronic interlocks are added (22.108).

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

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The following differences exist in the countries indicated below.

- 6.1: Class 0I appliances are allowed (Japan).
- 11.2: The temperature rises in front of the sauna heater are not measured (USA).
- 11.8: The temperature rise limits are different (USA).
- 13.2: Leakage current tests are carried out on sauna heaters having a supply cord (USA).
- 16.2: Leakage current tests are carried out on sauna heaters having a supply cord (USA).
- 19.1: The volume of the sauna room is different (USA).
- 19.5: The test is also carried out on appliances intended to be permanently connected to fixed wiring (Norway).
-  19.101: Sauna heating appliances provided with a programmable timer are considered to be appliances that are used remotely (Finland); 
- 19.102: The test is not applicable (USA).
- 22.101: The mass of rocks is different (USA).
- 22.103: The requirement is not applicable (USA).
- 24.102: The 125 °C limit is not applicable (USA).
- 25.7: The supply cords are different (USA).
- Annex AA: The sauna room is different (USA).

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INTRODUCTION

It has been assumed in the drafting of this International Standard that the execution of its provisions is entrusted to appropriately qualified and experienced persons.

This standard recognizes the internationally accepted level of protection against hazards such as electrical, mechanical, thermal, fire and radiation of appliances when operated as in normal use taking into account the manufacturer's instructions. It also covers abnormal situations that can be expected in practice and takes into account the way in which electromagnetic phenomena can affect the safe operation of appliances.

This standard takes into account the requirements of IEC 60364 as far as possible so that there is compatibility with the wiring rules when the appliance is connected to the supply mains. However, national wiring rules may differ.

If an appliance within the scope of this standard also incorporates functions that are covered by another part 2 of IEC 60335, the relevant part 2 is applied to each function separately, as far as is reasonable. If applicable, the influence of one function on the other is taken into account.

NOTE 1 For example, if **sauna heating appliances** within the scope of this part 2 include a humidifier unit, then IEC 60335-2-98 is applicable as far as is reasonable.

When a part 2 standard does not include additional requirements to cover hazards dealt with in Part 1, Part 1 applies.

NOTE 2 This means that the technical committees responsible for the part 2 standards have determined that it is not necessary to specify particular requirements for the appliance in question over and above the general requirements.

This standard is a product family standard dealing with the safety of appliances and takes precedence over horizontal and generic standards covering the same subject.

NOTE 3 Horizontal and generic standards covering a hazard are not applicable since they have been taken into consideration when developing the general and particular requirements for the IEC 60335 series of standards. For example, in the case of temperature requirements for surfaces on many appliances, generic standards, such as ISO 13732-1 for hot surfaces, are not applicable in addition to Part 1 or part 2 standards.

An appliance that complies with the text of this standard will not necessarily be considered to comply with the safety principles of the standard if, when examined and tested, it is found to have other features that impair the level of safety covered by these requirements.

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- EN 60335-2-53:2011+A1:2022+A2:2023 (Part 2) **A11**

HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES – SAFETY –

Part 2-53: Particular requirements for sauna heating appliances and infrared cabins

1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

This International Standard deals with the safety of electric **sauna heating appliances** and **infrared emitting units** having a **rated power input** not exceeding 20 kW, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances.

The appliances covered by this standard are intended for use in the home and in public saunas located in blocks of flats, hotels and similar locations.

NOTE 101 **Sauna heating appliances** may be of the thermal storage type.

This standard also deals with the safety of electric **sauna heating appliances** provided with a humidifier unit, their **rated voltage** being not more than 250 V for single-phase appliances and 480 V for other appliances. The room air is humidified by evaporating or atomising water.

NOTE 102 A humidifier may be part of a **sauna heating appliance** or may be incorporated in the **sauna heater**. The **sauna heating appliance** or **sauna heater** may be operated with or without the humidifier.

A11 This document deals with the reasonably foreseeable hazards presented by appliances and machines that are encountered by all persons. However, in general, it does not take into account:

- **children** playing with the appliance;
- the use of the appliance by **young children** and **very young children**;
- the use of the appliance by **older children** without supervision.

It is recognized that **very vulnerable people** may have needs beyond the level addressed in this document. **A11**

NOTE 103 Attention is drawn to the fact that

- for appliances intended to be used in vehicles or on board ships or aircraft, additional requirements may be necessary;
- in many countries additional requirements are specified by the national health authorities, the national authorities responsible for the protection of labour and similar authorities.

NOTE 104 This standard does not apply to

- appliances intended to be used in locations where special conditions prevail, such as the presence of a corrosive or explosive atmosphere (dust, vapour or gas);
- appliances intended to cause perspiration to only a part of the human body;
- sweating baths where the head of the user remains outside the heated space;
- tents and other collapsible sauna baths;
- room heaters (IEC 60335-2-30);
- humidifiers intended for use with heating, ventilation, or air-conditioning systems (IEC 60335-2-88);
- humidifiers (IEC 60335-2-98);
- appliances intended for medical purposes (IEC 60601).