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frequency electromagnetic fields in the vicinity of a broadcast
site**

Norme de base pour l'évaluation in-situ de l'exposition du
public aux champs électromagnétiques de radiofréquence
aux environs d'un site de radiodiffusion

Grundnorm für die Bewertung eines Rundfunkstandorts vor
Ort in Bezug auf die Exposition der Allgemeinbevölkerung
gegenüber hochfrequenten elektromagnetischen Feldern

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- consideration of the new Directive 2013/35 /EU related to workers exposure;
- update of referenced standards;
- provision of a method to determine the relevant domain.

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1 Scope

This document specifies the method for assessing overall exposure from all fixed radio frequency sources at a broadcast site. This assessment can be applied at any time but is carried out when the exposure situation changes in or around the aforementioned site.

This document can play an essential role in the coordination of different stakeholders, with respect to ensuring EMF exposure compliance in the vicinity of a broadcast site especially for equipment installed within the site.

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 50496, *Determination of workers' exposure to electromagnetic fields and assessment of risk at a broadcast site*

EN 50413, *Basic standard on measurement and calculation procedures for human exposure to electric, magnetic and electromagnetic fields (0 Hz - 300 GHz)*

EN 62232:2017, *Determination of RF field strength, power density and SAR in the vicinity of radiocommunication base stations for the purpose of evaluating human exposure (IEC 62232:2017)*

Council Recommendation 1999/519/EC of 12 July 1999, *on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields (0 Hz to 300 GHz)*, *Official Journal, L199, of 1999-7-30, p.59-70*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

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

3.1

basic restriction

restriction on exposure to static and time-varying electric, magnetic, and electromagnetic fields that is based directly on established health effects

3.2

broadcasting service

radiocommunication service in which the transmissions are intended for direct reception by the general public

Note 1 to entry: This service may include sound transmissions, television transmissions or other types of transmission.

3.3

broadcast site

site where one or more broadcast transmitters are operated

3.4

controlled area

area where access is controlled by the operator and is not accessible to the public