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IEC 62257-2, which is a technical specification, has been prepared by IEC technical committee 82: Solar photovoltaic energy systems.

This technical specification is to be used in conjunction with IEC 62257 series.

The text of this technical specification is based on the following documents:

Enquiry draft	Report on voting
82/302/DTS	82/320/RVC

Full information on the voting for the approval of this technical specification can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2. It was developed in cooperation with other IEC technical committees and subcommittees dealing with renewable energies and related matters, namely technical committee 21 ("Secondary cells and batteries"), subcommittee 21A ("Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes"), technical committee 64 ("Electrical installations and protection against electric shock"), technical committee 88 ("Wind turbines"), and others.

This document is based on IEC/PAS 62111(1999); it cancels and replaces the relevant parts of IEC/PAS 62111.

The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until 2007. At this date, the publication will be

• reconfirmed;
• withdrawn;
• replaced by a revised edition, or
• amended.

A bilingual version of this publication may be issued at a later date.

INTRODUCTION

The IEC 62257 series intends to provide to different players involved in rural electrification projects (such as project implementers, project contractors, project supervisors, installers, etc.) documents for the setting up of renewable energy and hybrid systems with AC voltage below 500 V, DC voltage below 50 V and power below 50 kVA.

These documents are recommendations:

a) to choose the right system for the right place,

b) to design the system,

c) to operate and maintain the system.

These documents are focused only on rural electrification concentrating on but not specific to developing countries. They shall not be considered as all inclusive to rural electrification. The documents try to promote the use of renewable energies in rural electrification; they do not deal with clean mechanisms development at this time (CO_2 emission, carbon credit, etc.). Further developments in this field could be introduced in future steps.

This consistent set of documents is best considered as a whole with different parts corresponding to items for safety, sustainability of systems and at the lowest life cycle cost as possible. One of the main objectives is to provide the minimum sufficient requirements, relevant to the field of application that is: small renewable energy and hybrid off-grid systems.

The purpose of this part of the IEC 62257 series is to propose a range of renewable energy based electrification systems able to meet the requirements of customers identified in the field of decentralized rural electrification projects.

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1 Scope

The scope of this part of the IEC 62257 series is to propose a methodological approach for the setting up and carrying out of socio-economic studies as part of the framework of decentralized rural electrification projects. It is addressed to project teams and in particular to experts in charge of socio-economic studies in international projects.

The amount of detail gathered and the requisite number of experts needed would depend on the scale of the proposed project. For large projects involving many households, a detailed study would be required, for a project which involves a single or few households, the study could be truncated.

The information coming from such preliminary studies could be used for several purposes, such as more complete economic and financial studies of the electrification project.

This part of IEC 62257 also provides some structures as technical solutions that could be recommended, depending on the qualitative and quantitative energy demands, consistent with the needs and financial situation of the customers.

Then, in relation with each model of the proposed range of systems, electrical architectures are proposed to technical project managers to assist in designing the systems.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

IEC 60617 (all parts)[DB][1], *Graphical symbols for diagrams*

IEC 62257-1, *Recommendations for small renewable energy and hybrid systems for rural electrification – Part 1: General introduction to rural electrification*

IEC 62257-3, *Recommendations for small renewable energy and hybrid systems for rural electrification – Part 3: Project development and management* [2]

IEC 62257-4, *Recommendations for small renewable energy and hybrid systems for rural electrification – Part 4: System selection and design* [2]

IEC 62257-5, *Recommendations for small renewable energy and hybrid systems for rural electrification – Part 5: Safety rules* [2]

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1 "DB" refers to the IEC on-line database.

2 Under consideration.

IEC 62257-6, *Recommendations for small renewable energy and hybrid systems for rural electrification – Part 6: Acceptance, operation, maintenance and replacement* [2]

IEC 62257-7, *Recommendations for small renewable energy and hybrid systems for rural electrification – Part 7: Technical specifications: generators* [2]

IEC 62257-8, *Recommendations for small renewable energy and hybrid systems for rural electrification – Part 8: Technical specifications: batteries and converters* [2]

IEC 62257-9, *Recommendations for small renewable energy and hybrid systems for rural electrification – Part 9: Technical specifications: integrated systems* [2]

IEC 62257-10, *Recommendations for small renewable energy and hybrid systems for rural electrification – Part 10: Technical specifications: energy manager* [2]

IEC 62257-11, *Recommendations for small renewable energy and hybrid systems for rural electrification – Part 11: Technical specifications: considerations for grid connection* [2]

IEC 62257-12, *Recommendations for small renewable energy and hybrid systems for rural electrification – Part 12: Other topics* [2]

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