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The language used for the development of this Technical Specification is English.

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2002. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

a) former Clause 4 split into updated/rearranged new Clause 4 and Clause 5;
b) Table 1 updated and moved to new Clause 4;
c) former Clause 5 transformed to Clause 6;
d) former Clause 6 transformed to Clause 7;
e) former Clause7, Clause 8 and Clause 9 combined into an updated/rearranged new Annex A; and
f) all figures were updated.

This Technical Specification is to be used in conjunction with IEC 60695-11-2, IEC 60695-11-3, IEC 60695-11-4 and IEC 60695-11-5.

A list of all the parts in the IEC 60695 series, under the general title *Fire hazard testing*, can be found on the IEC website.

Part 11 consists of the following parts:

Part 11-2: Test flames – 1 kW nominal pre-mixed flame – Apparatus, confirmatory test arrangement and guidance

Part 11-3: Test flames – 500 W flames – Apparatus and confirmational test methods

Part 11-4: Test flames – 50 W flame – Apparatus and confirmational test method

Part 11-5: Test flames – Needle-flame test method – Apparatus, confirmatory test arrangement and guidance

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INTRODUCTION

Standard flames are specified for various small-scale fire tests. Apparatus design and test parameters are specified in an effort to ensure consistent and defined flames. Burner designs, material specifications and fuel and air specifications are typical necessary parameters. Experience has shown that the quality of the flames and the resulting test measurements are influenced significantly by subtle variations in the equipment and test technique. Simple checks on flame qualities, such as flame colour and dimensions, or the melting characteristics of silver wire, are also sometimes specified or recommended.

The need for a relatively simple check on the power of a flame has been recognized, leading to the introduction of confirmatory tests based on copper block calorimetry. This document is intended to provide information and guidance about small-scale standard flames and the various copper block confirmatory tests.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60695, which is a Technical Specification, presents a general characterization of small-scale test flames and associated confirmatory tests based on copper block calorimetry. Guidance is presented for the selection of critical parameters in confirmatory test designs.

NOTE A theory of thermal dynamics presents, in Annex A, additional performance parameters for confirmatory tests, enabling a precise implicit mathematical characterization of confirmatory test heating curves.

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IEC 60695-4:2012, *Fire hazard testing – Part 4: Terminology concerning fire tests for electrotechnical products*

IEC 60695-11-2, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-2: Test flames – 1 kW pre-mixed flame – Apparatus, confirmatory test arrangement and guidance*

IEC 60695-11-3, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-3: Test flames – 500 W flames – Apparatus and confirmational test methods*

IEC 60695-11-4, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-4: Test flames – 50 W flame – Apparatus and confirmational test method*

IEC 60695-11-5, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-5: Test flames – Needle-flame test method – Apparatus, confirmatory test arrangement and guidance*

IEC Guide 104, *The preparation of safety publications and the use of basic safety publications and group safety publications*

ISO/IEC Guide 51, *Safety aspects – Guidelines for their inclusion in standards*

ISO 13943:2017, *Fire safety – Vocabulary*