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As regards minimum multimode fibre bandwidth requirements (Table 3), this amendment provides new guidance as concerns effective modal bandwidth in the 840 nm to 953 nm wavelength range which was not considered mature enough during the development of IEC 60794-2-21:2019.

It is expected that the content of this amendment will be incorporated into the future edition 4 of IEC 60794-2-21.

## OPTICAL FIBRE CABLES –

### Part 2-21: Indoor cables – Detailed specification for multi-fibre optical distribution cables for use in premises cabling

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60794 presents the detailed requirements specific to this type of cable to ensure compatibility with the series of International Standards ISO/IEC 11801, *Information technology – Generic cabling for customer premises* (Parts 1 to 6).

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