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### Part 3-4: Examinations and measurements – Attenuation

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This part of IEC 61300 describes the various methods available to measure the attenuation of optical components. ~~It is not, however, applicable to dense wavelength division multiplexing (DWDM) components, for which IEC 61300-3-29 should be used.~~ It is not, however, applicable to random mate attenuation measurements as described in IEC 61300-3-34 and IEC 61300-3-45 nor for attenuation measurements of dense wavelength division multiplexing (DWDM) devices as described in IEC 61300-3-29.

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- a) ajout de l'Article 3 relatif aux termes, définitions et abréviations;
- b) ajout d'une nouvelle méthode de mesure LSPM, la méthode par insertion (D);

- c) ajout de l'Annexe A qui décrit le mesurage de l'affaiblissement de la fibre multicœur;
- d) modification de la méthode d'essai de référence par insertion C et de la méthode d'essai alternative par substitution ou par insertion D pour l'appareil de mesure de la puissance et le DUT de type 4.

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PROCÉDURES FONDAMENTALES D'ESSAIS ET DE MESURES –**

**Partie 3-4: Examens et mesures – Affaiblissement**

## **1 Domaine d'application**

La présente partie de l'IEC 61300 décrit les différentes méthodes disponibles qui permettent de mesurer l'affaiblissement des composants optiques. Toutefois, elle n'est applicable ni aux mesurages de l'affaiblissement dû à l'accouplement aléatoire décrits dans l'IEC 61300-3-34 et l'IEC 61300-3-45 ni aux mesurages de l'affaiblissement des dispositifs de multiplexage par répartition en longueur d'onde à forte densité (*DWDM - dense wavelengths division multiplexer*) décrits dans l'IEC 61300-3-29.

## **2 Références normatives**

Les documents suivants sont cités dans le texte de sorte qu'ils constituent, pour tout ou partie de leur contenu, des exigences du présent document. Pour les références datées, seule l'édition citée s'applique. Pour les références non datées, la dernière édition du document de référence s'applique (y compris les éventuels amendements).

IEC 60793-2-10, *Fibres optiques – Partie 2-10: Spécifications de produits – Spécification intermédiaire pour les fibres multimodales de catégorie A1*

IEC 60793-2-50, *Fibres optiques – Partie 2-50: Spécifications de produits – Spécification intermédiaire pour les fibres unimodales de classe B*

IEC 60825-1, *Sécurité des appareils à laser – Partie 1: Classification des matériels et exigences*

IEC 61300-1, *Dispositifs d'interconnexion et composants passifs fibroniques – Procédures fondamentales d'essais et de mesures – Partie 1: Généralités et recommandations*

IEC 61300-3-35, *Dispositifs d'interconnexion et composants passifs à fibres optiques – Procédures fondamentales d'essais et de mesures – Partie 3-35: Examens et mesures – Examen visuel des connecteurs à fibres optiques et des émetteurs-récepteurs à embase fibrée*

IEC 61755 (toutes les parties), *Dispositifs d'interconnexion et composants passifs fibroniques – Interfaces optiques de connecteur pour fibres unimodales*

IEC 63267 (toutes les parties), *Fibre optic interconnecting devices and passive components – Connector optical interfaces for enhanced macro bend loss multimode fibres* (disponible en anglais seulement)