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INTRODUCTION

There are no devices nor methods capable of modifying the natural weather phenomena to the extent that they can prevent lightning discharges. Lightning flashes to, or nearby, structures (or services connected to the structures) are hazardous to people, to the structures themselves, their contents and installations as well as to services. This is why the application of lightning protection measures is essential.

The need for protection, the economic benefits of installing protection measures and the selection of adequate protection measures should be determined in terms of risk management. Risk management is the subject of IEC 62305-2.

The criteria for design, installation and maintenance of lightning protection measures are considered in three separate groups:

- the first group concerns protection measures to reduce physical damage and life hazard in a structure is given in IEC 62305-3,
- the second group concerns protection measures to reduce failures of electrical and electronic systems in a structure is given in IEC 62305-4,
- the third group concerns protection measures to reduce physical damage and failures of services connected to a structure (mainly electrical and telecommunication lines) is given in IEC 62305-5.

PROTECTION AGAINST LIGHTNING –

Part 1: General principles

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62305 provides the general principles to be followed in the protection against lightning of

- structures including their installations and contents as well as persons,
- services connected to a structure.

The following cases are outside the scope of this standard:

- railway systems;
- vehicles, ships, aircraft, offshore installations;
- underground high pressure pipelines;
- pipe, power and telecommunication lines not connected to a structure.

NOTE Usually these systems are under special regulations made by various specific authorities.

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 62305-2, *Protection against lightning – Part 2: Risk management*

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