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IEC TC 106 has the scope to prepare International Standards on measurement and calculation methods used to assess human exposure to electric, magnetic and electromagnetic fields. Wireless power transfer (WPT) systems have been developed and gradually become popular over the world. WPT basically utilize similar wireless technologies to provide power to mobile phones, tablet PCs, electric vehicles (EVs) and so on without cables; but the used frequency range, i.e., tens of kHz to tens of MHz, has not been often used and paid attention to. Both stimulation-based effects (< 10 MHz, for example) and heat-based effects (> 100 kHz, for example) should be considered in this frequency range. ITU-R published a report (ITU-R SM. 2303-1) related to WPT in June 2015 which also mentions RF exposure assessment methodologies. However, no concrete assessment method has been introduced. Only IEC TC 69 has addressed exposure assessment method of WPT for EV in IEC 61980-1:2015. There is no product standard related to WPT other than that standard. Considering that WPT products might be spread in the near future, IEC TC 106 needs to be aware of this issue and established a working group to address methods for assessment of WPT related to human exposures to electric, magnetic and electromagnetic fields.

Based on these backgrounds IEC TC 106 prepared this document consisting of an overview of WPT, basic exposure assessment methods for direct and indirect effects by WPT, case studies, and relevant research. Frequency up to 10 MHz is mainly focused on because both stimulation and heat effects need to be considered but have not been addressed so far. This document also mentions enhancement of internal fields by medical implant devices.

It is hoped that this document will be useful and helpful to develop International Standards for WPT exposure assessment.
EXPOSURE ASSESSMENT METHODS FOR WIRELESS POWER TRANSFER SYSTEMS

1 Scope

This document describes general exposure assessment methods for wireless power transfer (WPT) at frequency up to 10 MHz considering thermal and stimulus effects. Exposure assessment procedures and experimental results are shown as examples such as electric vehicles (EVs) and mobile devices.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.