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### 1 Scope

This document deals with the protection of PV power supply systems against detrimental effects of lightning strikes and surge voltages of atmospheric origin. In the event that a lightning and/or surge voltage protection is required to be erected, this document describes requirements and measures for maintaining the safety, functionality, and availability of the PV power supply systems.

### 2 Normative references

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IEC 62561-4, *Lightning protection system components (LPSC) – Part 4: Requirements for conductor fasteners*