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INTRODUCTION

Many people in the world who still have no access to electricity would benefit from access to electrical power. This can now be achieved with distributed electrical sources using renewable energy. These electrical sources using renewable energy are all operating in direct current (e.g. photovoltaic system, wind turbines).

Supply from these renewable energies is not constant, photovoltaic panels do not operate at night, and wind turbines require wind for generating electrical energy. Therefore, the use of storage units becomes a necessity and manufacturers of stationary secondary batteries are investing in these technologies so that they can become affordable.

In addition, lighting with light emitting diodes (LED), mobile phones and other electronic devices generally operate using direct current.

All requirements and recommendations in this document comply with IEC 60364 (all parts).

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61200 applies to low-voltage DC electrical installations entirely supplied by local power sources and having a nominal voltage lower or equal to the low-voltage limit. These installations can be connected to collective or shared private electrical installations.

This document also applies to DC installations according to use cases TIER 2 and TIER 3 of the World Bank defined in ESMAP 008/15 report: Beyond Connections Energy Access Redefined.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 60364-4-41, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 4-41: Protection for safety – Protection against electric shock*

IEC 60364-5-52, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 5-52: Selection and erection of electrical equipment – Wiring systems*

IEC 60445, *Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification – Identification of equipment terminals, conductor terminations and conductors*