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## INTRODUCTION (to Amendment 1)

The Amendment has been developed to correct the misalignment of the MICE table with ISO/IEC 24702.

## INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – GENERIC CABLING – INTRODUCTION TO THE MICE ENVIRONMENTAL CLASSIFICATION

### 1 Scope

This Technical Report acts as an introduction to the concepts used to develop the MICE environmental classification system used in cabling standards developed by ISO/IEC. It also provides detailed explanation of the sources used to define the boundaries of MICE classifications.

### 2 Reference documents

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.

ISO/IEC 11801, *Information technology – Generic cabling for customer premises*

ISO/IEC 15018, *Information technology – Generic cabling for homes*

ISO/IEC 24702, *Information technology – Generic cabling – Industrial premises*

IEC 60068-2-5:1975, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests. Test Sa: Simulated solar radiation at ground level*

IEC 60654-4:1987 *Operating conditions for industrial-process measurement and control equipment. Part 4: Corrosive and erosive influences*

IEC 60721-1, *Classification of environmental conditions – Part 1: Environmental parameters and their severities*

IEC 60721-3-3, *Classification of environmental conditions – Part 3-3: Classification of groups of environmental parameters and their severities - Stationary use at weatherprotected locations*

~~IEC 61000-2-5, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 2: Environment – Section 5: Classification of electromagnetic environments. Basic EMC publication*~~

IEC 61000-6-1, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6-1: Generic standards – Immunity for residential, commercial and light-industrial environments*

IEC 61000-6-2, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6-2: Generic standards – Immunity for industrial environments*

IEC 61131-2, *Programmable controllers – Part 2: Equipment requirements and tests*

~~IEC 61326:2001, *Electrical equipment for measurement, control and laboratory use – EMC requirements*~~

IEC 61918, *Industrial communication networks – Installation of communication networks in industrial premises*