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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

a) no special test phantom used for EMC testing;

b) test method for continuous masking sound pressure level;

c) test method for visual stimulators;

d) allows use of equipment not intended for continuous operation;

e) clarification that audible and visible indicators are not to be considered ALARM SYSTEMS as per IEC 60601-1-8.

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INTRODUCTION

This particular standard concerns the BASIC SAFETY and ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE of ELECTROMYOGRAPHS and EVOKED RESPONSE EQUIPMENT. It amends and supplements IEC 60601-1, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance* (IEC 60601-1:2005 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012), hereinafter referred to as the general standard.

The aim of this second edition is to bring this particular standard up to date with reference to the latest edition of the general standard.

The requirements of this particular standard take priority over those of the general standard.

A “General guidance and rationale” for the more important requirements of this particular standard is included in Annex AA. It is considered that knowledge of the reasons for these requirements will not only facilitate the proper application of the document but will, in due course, expedite any revision necessitated by changes in clinical practice or as a result of developments in technology. However, Annex AA does not form part of the requirements of this document.