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IEC 62257-9-6, which is a technical specification, has been prepared by IEC technical committee 82: Solar photovoltaic energy systems.

This document is based on IEC/PAS 62111 (1999); it cancels and replaces the relevant parts of IEC/PAS 62111.

This part of IEC 62257 is to be used in conjunction with the IEC 62257 series.

The text of this technical specification is based on the following documents:

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Full information on the voting for the approval of this technical specification can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

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The committee has decided that the contents of this publication will remain unchanged until the maintenance result date indicated on the IEC web site under "http://webstore.iec.ch" in the data related to the specific publication. At this date, the publication will be

- transformed into an International standard,
- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

A bilingual version of this publication may be issued at a later date.

INTRODUCTION

The IEC 62257 series of documents intends to provide to different players involved in rural electrification projects (such as project implementers, project contractors, project supervisors, installers, etc.) documents for the setting up of renewable energy and hybrid systems with a.c. voltage below 500 V, d.c. voltage below 750 V and power below 100 kVA.

These documents are recommendations:

- to choose the right system for the right place;
- to design the system;
- to operate and maintain the system.

These documents are focused only on rural electrification concentrating on but not specific to developing countries. They must not be considered as all inclusive to rural electrification. The documents try to promote the use of renewable energies in rural electrification; they do not deal with clean mechanisms developments at this time (CO_2 emission, carbon credit, etc.). Further developments in this field could be introduced in future steps.

This consistent set of documents is best considered as a whole with different parts corresponding to items for safety, sustainability of systems and at the lowest life cycle cost as possible. One of the main objectives is to provide the minimum sufficient requirements, relevant to the field of application that is: small renewable energy and hybrid off-grid systems.

This document and the others of the IEC 62257 series are only guidance and so cannot be International Standards. Additionally their subject is still under technical development and so they shall be published as Technical Specifications.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SMALL RENEWABLE ENERGY AND HYBRID SYSTEMS FOR RURAL ELECTRIFICATION –

Part 9-6: Integrated system – Selection of Photovoltaic Individual Electrification Systems (PV-IES)

1 Scope

The purpose of this part of IEC 62257 is to propose simple selection procedure and cheap, comparative tests which can be performed in laboratories of developing countries, in order to identify the most suitable model of small Photovoltaic Individual Electrification Systems (PV-IES) up to 500 Wp for a particular rural electrification project from a number of products submitted for test.

It is different of the scope of IEC 62124, *Photovoltaic (PV) stand alone systems – Design verification*, which provides guidance for verifying the design of stand-alone PV systems and indoor and outdoor tests in order to evaluate the performance of PV systems including PV generator, battery storage and loads such as lights, TV sets, and refrigerators.

The tests provided in IEC 62257-9-6 allow assessment of the performance of a PV-IES according to the requirement of the General Specification (GS) of the project (see IEC/TS 62257-2) and to verify their ability to provide the required service. They should be performed locally, as close as possible to the real site operating conditions.

This document is not a type approval standard. It is a technical specification to be used as guidelines and does not replace any existing IEC standard on PV systems.

2 Normative references

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.

IEC 61215, *Crystalline silicon terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) modules – Design qualification and type approval*

IEC 61646, *Thin-film terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) modules – Design qualification and type approval*

IEC 61730-1, *Photovoltaic (PV) module safety qualification – Part 1: Requirements for construction*

IEC 61730-2, *Photovoltaic (PV) module safety qualification – Part 2: Requirements for testing*

IEC/TS 62257-2:2004, *Recommendations for small renewable energy and hybrid systems for rural electrification – Part 2: From requirements to a range of electrification systems*

IEC/TS 62257-4, *Recommendations for small renewable energy and hybrid systems for rural electrification – Part 4: System selection and design*