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- a) Revised and expanded terms and definitions.
- b) Additional information in 4.2 Access security level of the cabinet.
- c) Revised requirements for Security performance levels of cabinets and added additional levels in Table 2 – Security performance levels of cabinets.

- d) Added a column for panel strength in Table 3 – Security performance levels of cabinet – mechanical.
- e) Revised test for mechanical lock (and hinges added) in 5.2.2 Tests for strength of mechanical locks and hinges.
- f) Added 5.2.4 Tests for panel strength.
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## INTRODUCTION

The security of electrical and electronic equipment or systems currently applied in the fields of ICT (information and communication technology) and of industrial/infrastructure control systems, is of critical importance. The advent of 5G telecommunication service and edge computing/edge servers/edge switches places ICT equipment in industrial environments. This document defines performance levels for cabinets not only for ICT data centre and office locations but for any combination of equipment, purpose, and location.

In general, security is achieved by restrictions and protections against improper or unauthorized access from both the hardware and software sides of the systems.

The security of the hardware of electrical and electronic equipment or systems, which are housed in mechanical structures such as cabinets based on IEC 60297 series and IEC 60917 series, depends:

- on conditions of their installation sites,
- on the system hardware which provides access protection at the installation sites, and
- on the robustness of the mechanical structures and of their mechanical locks both at the access gates/doors of the installation sites and of the mechanical structures.

Therefore, a classification of the installation conditions and of the levels of security measures for the hardware is very important for design and practices of various electronic equipment or systems, which are used in the field of ICT, industrial control, transportation and others.

From this point of view, this document intends to clarify the relationship between the installation conditions and the security requirements for indoor cabinets, and to provide the required performance and test methods on mechanical components related with security provisions for indoor cabinets which are in accordance with the IEC 60297 series and IEC 60917 series.

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