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## INTRODUCTION

Payment meters are used in situations where the supply of electrical energy to the load may be interrupted or its restoration enabled under the control of the payment meter in relation to a payment tariff agreed between the customer and the supplier. The payment meter is part of a system that uses token carriers to pass payment information as tokens between a vending network and the payment meters that include the meter accounting process.

The primary reason for this edition is to align it with the requirements introduced in IEC 62052-31:2015 metering safety standard.

The functions of a payment meter are to measure electrical energy consumed and to decrement the available credit value in accordance with the metered consumption, and possibly in accordance with the passing of time. This available credit value is incremented as the result of payments made to the electricity supplier, and the meter accounting process continuously calculates the balance of available credit held by the customer. When the available credit value has been decremented to a predetermined value that is related to the payment mode in use, a switch is used to interrupt the supply to the customer's load. However, additional features may be present in the payment meter, which prevent or delay the opening of the switch, or limit further consumption to a low load level. Such "social" features may include the provision of an emergency credit facility, the possibility of operation in a fixed-payment mode, and the inhibiting of interruptions for certain periods of time.

In return for the payment (usually in cash) and depending on the particular type of system, the customer may be issued with a single-use token on a disposable token carrier for the equivalent value, or a reusable token carrier may be credited with that value, or the token may be transmitted directly to the meter via a communications network (a so-called virtual token carrier). "One-way" and "two-way" data transfer systems may be used, and the token carriers may be: physical devices such as smart cards, or other electronic devices, or magnetic cards; virtual token carriers where the token information is transferred by a remote communications system; or numeric token carriers where sequences of digits are issued on a paper receipt and entered via a keypad on the meter.

IEC 62051:1999, Clause 17 provides some details of payment metering terminology.