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- a) a new specific term DOSIMETER is introduced to replace the general term DOSEMETER;
- b) terms and definitions taken exclusively from IEC TR 60788:2004 and which are specifically applicable in this document have been moved to 201.3;
- c) the collateral standards IEC 60601-1-11:2015, IEC 60601-1-11:2015/AMD1:2020, IEC 60601-1-12:2014 and IEC 60601-1-12:2014/AMD1:2020 are applicable if MANUFACTURER so declares;

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- e) to adopt changes which are introduced with respect to indicator lights in 7.8.1 of the IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020 clarification of requirements is provided to avoid conflicts with requirements of indicator lights stipulated for X-RAY EQUIPMENT;
- f) explanation of the term ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE is provided in Annex AA to emphasize the performance of the clinical function under NORMAL and SINGLE FAULT CONDITIONS.

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INTRODUCTION

This document has been prepared to provide, based on IEC 60601-1:2005 (third edition) and its collaterals, a complete set of safety requirements for ME EQUIPMENT for RADIOGRAPHY and RADIOSCOPY. The purpose of this second edition is to introduce changes to reference the second amendment (2020) to IEC 60601-1:2005 and associated collateral standards. Moreover, in Annex AA a clarification of the term for ESSENTIAL PERFORMANCE is provided. This document addresses the system level of X-RAY EQUIPMENT, which consists of a combination of an X-RAY GENERATOR, ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT and ACCESSORIES. Component functions are addressed as far as necessary.

The minimum safety requirements specified in this document are considered to provide for a practical degree of safety in the operation of ME EQUIPMENT for RADIOGRAPHY and RADIOSCOPY. Requirements for additional provisions for ME EQUIPMENT for interventional applications are covered by IEC 60601-2-43.