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- a) This edition constitutes a major review of the previous edition and covers the recent development of LS EQUIPMENT. It now includes the RISK GROUP 1C (RG-1C). LS EQUIPMENT of RG-1C incorporates technical means which inhibit emission into free space when the APPLICATOR is not in GOOD CONTACT with the target tissue.

- b) It now excludes LS EQUIPMENT of RG-1 and RG-2 as these are assumed to represent no hazard. RG-1C is only included if the incorporated light source is of RG-3.
- c) It clarifies its relation to the concept of Risk Groups (RGs), as introduced in IEC 62471.
- d) Although the previous edition was applicable to LS EQUIPMENT containing UV sources, more emphasis is given to UV applications of the equipment in this edition.
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This document amends and supplements IEC 60601-1:2005, IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD1:2012 and IEC 60601-1:2005/AMD2:2020, *Medical electrical equipment – Part 1: General requirements for basic safety and essential performance*.

The requirements of this document should be taken as the minimum to comply with, in order to achieve a reasonable level of safety and reliability during operation and application of non-laser light source equipment intended for therapeutic, diagnostic, monitoring and cosmetic or aesthetic use.

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