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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) the contents are updated throughout;
- b) the informative Annexes A “Guide to the installation of optical fibre cables” and B “Guide to hydrogen effects in optical fibre cables” have been deleted from this standard and will be published as separate Technical Reports;
- c) the informative Annex C is renamed Annex A and the informative Annex B “Guide to qualification sample” is added.

This standard shall be used in conjunction with IEC 60794-1-2.

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