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## INTRODUCTION

### Background

Power conversion equipment (PCE) is indispensable for solar photovoltaic power energy systems in order to convert the DC electric power energy generated by solar photovoltaic panels into AC electric power, and to feed the AC power energy into the AC mains network or loads.

In recent years, standardization of EMC requirements for PCE has become more active. For example, CISPR/B has been considering the limits and measurement method for conducted disturbances at DC power ports of grid connected power converters since 2008. These proposed limits and measurement methods form the basis of the instructions for supplementing CISPR 11 in order to cover the set of EMC requirements for the PCE applying to the solar photovoltaic power energy systems. EMC requirements for PCE were added in CISPR 11 Ed.6.0 which was published in 2015. Some product committees, which consider products utilizing PCE, have their own product standards on EMC requirements. SC 22G has developed IEC 61800-3 to define the limits and test methods for power drive systems. SC 22H has IEC 62040-2 for uninterrupted power supplies, and TC 26 has IEC 60974-10 for arc welding. TC 9 sets the emission limits with IEC 62236 (all parts). Moreover, TC 69 will have IEC 61851-21-2<sup>1</sup> covering EMC requirements for conducted charging stations for electric vehicles.

### Purpose of the development of a product EMC standard

IEC Guide 107 specifies that TC 77 and CISPR have responsibility for developing the basic and generic standards for EMC requirements of products. Therefore, product committees are not free to set their own emission limits. If product committees intend to require immunity to particular disturbances, they shall refer to these basic EMC immunity standards.

However, when the EMC standards which are developed by TC 77 and CISPR are not considered suitable for a particular product or electromagnetic environment, product committees shall seek their assistance and advice for any change in the emission limits and/or measurement requirements.

Product committees are responsible for selecting the appropriate immunity test items and levels for their products as well as for defining the relevant performance criteria for the evaluation of the immunity test results. Consequently, product committees, such as TC 22, TC 26, TC 9, and TC 69, have their own EMC standard to define EMC limits and test methods for their products.

On the other hand, TC 82 does not have its own product EMC standards. Therefore, TC 82 has to refer to the generic standards. Nevertheless, TC 82 has the responsibility to consider EMC requirements for PCE applying to the solar photovoltaic power energy systems, and TC 82 can take action as follows to develop its own product EMC standards:

- a) select the immunity test items in accordance with EMC environments for the solar photovoltaic power energy systems;
- b) supplement generic standards with a detailed description of test conditions and test set up;
- c) propose the conditional limits and alternative test methods in terms of installation environmental and operational conditions;
- d) develop appropriate requirements and test method for high power equipment.

This document presents the minimum EMC requirements for PCE applying to solar photovoltaic power energy systems.

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# PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER GENERATING SYSTEMS – EMC REQUIREMENTS AND TEST METHODS FOR POWER CONVERSION EQUIPMENT

## 1 Scope

This document specifies electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) requirements for DC to AC power conversion equipment (PCE) for use in photovoltaic (PV) power systems.

The PCE covered by this document can be grid-interactive, which is termed as a grid connected power converter (GCPC), or stand-alone. It can be supplied by single or multiple photovoltaic modules grouped in various array configurations, and can be intended for use in conjunction with batteries or other forms of energy storage.

NOTE A micro inverter is an example of a GCPC supplied by a single photovoltaic module.

This document covers not only PCE connected to a public low voltage AC mains network or other low voltage AC mains installation, but also PCE connected to a medium or high voltage AC network with or without step-down power transformers. Requirements for the PCE connected to a medium or high voltage AC network are specified in this document. However, some requirements relevant to grid interconnection are addressed with other standards specifying power quality or their own grid codes in some countries.

NOTE DC/DC converters used for PV systems are not yet covered in this document. They can cause electromagnetic interference due to conducted disturbances at DC ports.

PCE is assessed with EMC requirements as a type test at a test site. This document provides test methods and test conditions for PCE as well as emission and immunity requirements, but not for photovoltaic modules and other balance of system components.

When compliance with EMC requirements at the test site cannot be shown due to technical reasons of the test site, PCE can be assessed in situ, such as at the manufacturer's premises or in the field where the PCE is assembled into a PV power system. However, only high frequency emission requirements for in situ assessment are specified in CISPR 11.

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IEC TR 61000-3-6:2008, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3-6: Limits – Assessment of emission limits for the connection of distorting installations to MV, HV and EHV power systems*