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**Optical fibres -  
Part 2-60: Product specifications - Sectional specification for class C single-  
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- a) replacement of "intraconnection" with "interconnection" and addition of the definition of "interconnection fibres";
- b) modification of the nominal MFD limit of C1 fibres;
- c) addition of "Primary coating diameter-coloured" limits for class C fibres and change of "Primary coating diameter-uncoloured" limits for class C<sub>80</sub> fibres;

- d) change of coating strip force limits for class C1, class C2, and class C3 fibres;
- e) replacement of "Fibre cut-off wavelength" with "Cable cut-off wavelength" and revision of "Note b" in Table 6;
- f) replacement of "Fibre cut-off wavelength" with "Cable cut-off wavelength" and deletion of the "Note" in Table 8;
- g) addition of 200 µm coating diameter requirements for C1\_125 fibres and change of coating diameters limits for C1\_80 fibres in Table A.1;
- h) addition of 200 µm coating diameter requirements for C1\_125 fibres and change of coating strip force limits in Table A.2 and in Table A.5;
- i) replacement of "Fibre cut-off wavelength" with "Cable cut-off wavelength", modification of the "Cable cut-off wavelength" limit and addition of a new "Note" in Table A.3;
- j) addition of a transmission requirements at 1 625 nm and deletion of 1 310 nm for C1 fibres in Table A.4;
- k) modification of "Fibre cut-off wavelength" limits of C3 fibres in Table C.3;
- l) replacement of "Fibre cut-off wavelength" with "Cable cut-off wavelength" for C4 fibres in Table D.3.

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## 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60793 is applicable to optical fibre types C1, C2, C3, and C4, as described in Table 1. These fibres are used for the interconnections within or between optical components systems and are optimized to support dense optical connectivity. While the fibres can be overcoated or buffered for the purpose of making protected pigtails, they can be used without overcoating. They can, however, be colour coded.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60793-1-20, *Optical fibres - Part 1-20: Measurement methods and test procedures - Fibre geometry*

IEC 60793-1-21, *Optical fibres - Part 1-21: Measurement methods and test procedures - Coating geometry*

IEC 60793-1-22, *Optical fibres - Part 1-22: Measurement methods and test procedures - Length measurement*

IEC 60793-1-30, *Optical fibres - Part 1-30: Measurement methods and test procedures - Fibre proof test*

IEC 60793-1-31, *Optical fibres - Part 1-31: Measurement methods and test procedures - Tensile strength*

IEC 60793-1-32, *Optical fibres - Part 1-32: Measurement methods and test procedures - Coating strippability*

IEC 60793-1-33, *Optical fibres - Part 1-33: Measurement methods and test procedures - Stress corrosion susceptibility*

IEC 60793-1-40, *Optical fibres - Part 1-40: Attenuation measurement methods*

IEC 60793-1-44, *Optical fibres - Part 1-44: Measurement methods and test procedures - Cut-off wavelength*

IEC 60793-1-45, *Optical fibres - Part 1-45: Measurement methods and test procedures - Mode field diameter*

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IEC 60793-1-51, *Optical fibres - Part 1-51: Measurement methods and test procedures - Dry heat (steady state) tests*

IEC 60793-1-52, *Optical fibres - Part 1-52: Measurement methods and test procedures - Change of temperature tests*

IEC 60793-2, *Optical fibres - Part 2: Product specifications - General*