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a) extension of the frequency range down to 4 MHz and up to 10 GHz;
b) testing of devices with proximity sensors;
c) application specific phantoms;
d) device holder specifications;
e) fast SAR testing procedures;
f) test reduction procedures;
g) LTE assessment procedure;
h) revision of validation clause, including validation antennas;
i) revision of SAR assessment procedure;
j) time-average SAR measurement procedure;
k) uncertainty analysis;

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INTRODUCTION

The objective of this document is to provide procedures for measuring the human exposure from devices intended to be used at a position near the human head or body. It was developed to provide procedures to evaluate electromagnetic field (EMF) exposures due to radio frequency (RF) transmitting devices used next to the ear, in front of the face, mounted on the body, operating in conjunction with other RF-transmitting and non-transmitting devices or accessories (e.g. belt-clips), or embedded in garments. The types of devices dealt with include but are not limited to mobile telephones, cordless telephones, cordless microphones, and radio transmitters in personal computers. The applicable frequency range is from 4 MHz to 10 GHz. The document defines:

– measurement system requirements (Clause 6),
– SAR measurement protocols (Clause 7),
– SAR measurement uncertainty evaluation (Clause 8), and
– reporting requirements (Clause 9).

At the time this document was developed, two computational and measurement joint IEC/IEEE projects dealing with millimetre-wave power density assessment were under development, covering the frequency range from 6 GHz to 300 GHz. Hence there is an overlap of frequency between this document, which deals with SAR, and the other joint IEC/IEEE projects dealing with power density from 6 GHz to 10 GHz. The IEC/IEEE joint working group was aware of this fact and believed that it would give the flexibility of using whatever metrics suitable for the considered case of compliance assessment.

1 Scope

This document specifies protocols and test procedures for the reproducible and repeatable measurement of the conservative exposure peak spatial average SAR (psSAR) induced inside a simplified model of the head and the body by radio-frequency (RF) transmitting devices, with a defined measurement uncertainty. These protocols and procedures apply to a significant majority of the population, including children, during the use of hand-held and body-worn wireless communication devices. These devices include single or multiple transmitters or antennas, and are operated with their radiating structure(s) at distances up to 200 mm from a human head or body. This document is employed to evaluate SAR compliance of different types of wireless communication devices used next to the ear, in front of the face, mounted on the body, operating in conjunction with other RF-transmitting, non-transmitting devices or accessories (e.g. belt-clips), or embedded in garments. The applicable frequency range is from 4 MHz to 10 GHz. Devices operating in the applicable frequency range can be tested using the phantoms and other requirements defined in this document.

The device categories covered include, but are not limited to, mobile telephones, cordless microphones, and radio transmitters in personal, desktop and laptop computers, for multi-band operations using single or multiple antennas, including push-to-talk devices. This document can also be applied for wireless power transfer devices operating above 4 MHz.

This document does not apply to implanted medical devices.

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 62209-3:2019, *Measurement procedure for the assessment of specific absorption rate of human exposure to radio frequency fields from hand-held and body-mounted wireless communication devices – Part 3: Vector measurement-based systems (Frequency range of 600 MHz to 6 GHz.*

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