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Foreword

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Introduction

Indicator lights of consumer products provide important information to use products properly. Although their importance is recognized widely, many difficulties exist in relation to indicator lights such as insufficient on/off visibility, unclear implications of lighting modes, and discomforting glare are reported by users, particularly by older persons or persons with visual disabilities. These claims result from the lack of a relevant standard related to indicator lights design. This document is intended to provide design requirements and recommendations for adequate brightness, colour, and use of blinking lights of indicator lights considering the needs of older persons and persons with visual disabilities.

This document adopts the concepts of accessibility given in ISO/IEC Guide 71 and in ISO/TR 22411.

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1 Scope

This document specifies design requirements and recommendations for indicator lights, mainly LED sourced, on consumer products for use by older people and people with visual disabilities. It does not consider the needs of persons who are blind.

Indicator lights include those that inform users visually about the conditions, changes in functional status and settings, and malfunction of products. They convey information by light on/off, time-modulated intensity, blinking, colour, luminance level, and layout.

This document addresses household and home appliances. It excludes electronic displays presenting characters and graphics, machinery, and appliances in special use for professional, technical, and industrial applications.

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.

ISO/IEC Guide 71, *Guide for addressing accessibility in standards*

ISO 17049, *Accessible design — Application of braille on signage, equipment and appliances*

CIE S 017, *ILV: International Lighting Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC Guide 71 and CIE S 017 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

consumer product

product that is intended to be acquired and used by an individual for personal rather than professional use

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 20282-2:2013, 4.3]

3.2

indicator light

light which is associated with the operation of a product and is indicative of the operation of a product

Note 1 to entry: Indicator light informs users about the conditions, changes in functional statuses and settings, or malfunction of products.

Note 2 to entry: Indicator light conveys information by light on/off, time-modulated intensity, blinking, colour, luminance level, and layout.