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## INTRODUCTION

IEC 61000 is published in separate parts, according to the following structure:

### **Part 1: General**

- General considerations (introduction, fundamental principles)
- Definitions, terminology

### **Part 2: Environment**

- Description levels
- Classification of the environment
- Compatibility levels

### **Part 3: Limits**

- Emission limits
- Immunity limits (in so far as they do not fall under the responsibility of the product committees)

### **Part 4: Testing and measurement techniques**

- Measurement techniques
- Testing techniques

### **Part 5: Installation and mitigation guidelines**

- Installation guidelines
- Mitigation methods and devices

### **Part 6: Generic standards**

### **Part 9: Miscellaneous**

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The purpose of this document is to help testing laboratories that operate in accordance with ISO/IEC 17025 to evaluate measurement uncertainty of harmonic current emission tests for IEC 61000-3-2 and IEC 61000-3-12.

The document contains practical formulae that enable uncertainty calculations in accordance with ISO/IEC Guide 98-3 (GUM).

The tables in this document provide examples relating to a worst-case scenario when the measurement equipment introduces maximum permissible errors, as specified in IEC 61000-4-7 and IEC 61000-3-2 and the combination of fundamental and harmonic currents drawn by the equipment under test (EUT) is least favourable.

Furthermore the detailed formulae, linking the uncertainty contribution with the corresponding source of uncertainty, allow the user of the document to calculate measurement uncertainties based on their own measurement data. Typically, these uncertainties would be significantly lower than the worst-case uncertainties.

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#### **1 Scope**

This document provides examples for the evaluation of measurement uncertainty of harmonic emission tests performed using IEC 61000-3-2 and IEC 61000-3-12, and their application to the relevant conformity decisions. It also contains practical formulae to enable calculations in accordance with ISO/IEC Guide 98-3 (GUM).

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IEC 61000-3-2:2018, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3-2: Limits – Limits for harmonic current emissions (equipment input current  $\leq 16$  A per phase)*  
IEC 61000-3-2:2018/AMD1:2020

IEC 61000-3-12, *Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) – Part 3-12: Limits – Limits for harmonic currents produced by equipment connected to public low-voltage systems with input current  $> 16$  A and  $\leq 75$  A per phase*

IEC 61000-4-7:2002, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-7: Testing and measurement techniques – General guide on harmonics and interharmonics measurements and instrumentation, for power supply systems and equipment connected thereto*  
IEC 61000-4-7:2002/AMD1:2008

IEC GUIDE 115, *Application of uncertainty of measurement to conformity assessment activities in the electrotechnical sector*

ISO/IEC 17025:2017, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*

ISO/IEC GUIDE 98-3, *Uncertainty of measurement – Part 3: Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

ISO/IEC GUIDE 99, *International vocabulary of metrology – Basic and general concepts and associated terms (VIM)*

JCGM 106:2012, *Evaluation of measurement data – The role of measurement uncertainty in conformity assessment*