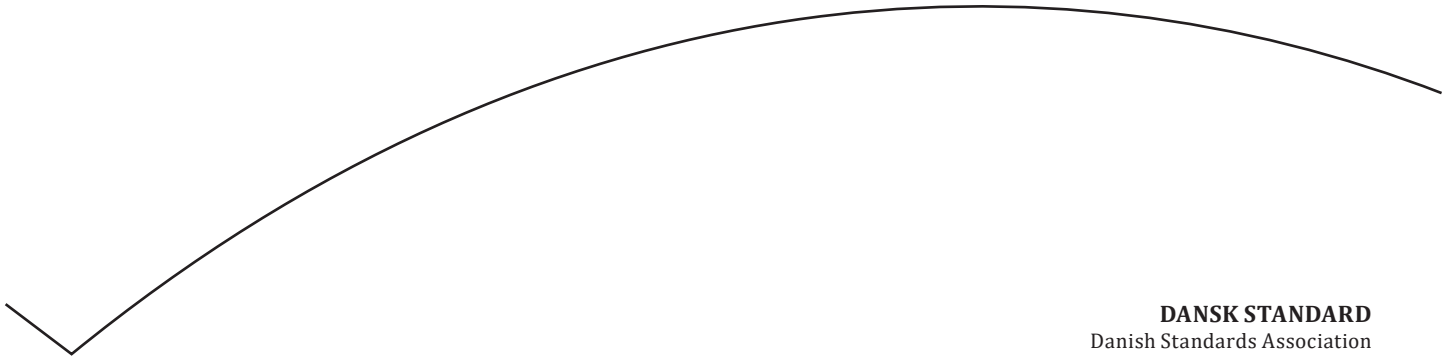


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- addition of requirements in new clause 4.2.1.2 "Reliable insulation";
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- update to cover the aspects of "reliable insulation" also known as "double insulation";
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This Standard establishes the basic rules and general principles applicable to the electrical, electronic, electromagnetic, microwave and engineering processes. It specifies the tasks of these engineering processes and the basic performance and design requirements in each discipline.

It defines the terminology for the activities within these areas.

It defines the specific requirements for electrical subsystems and payloads, deriving from the system engineering requirements laid out in ECSS-E-ST-10 "Space engineering – System engineering general requirements".

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