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- Changes reflecting the change in applicability of frequency from 1 kHz to 150 kHz have been added.
- The examination of random complex irregular waveforms has been added.
- The handling of successive DC pulses has been clarified.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60479 describes the effects on the human body when a sinusoidal alternating current in the frequency range above 100 Hz passes through it.

The effects of current passing through the human body for:

- alternating sinusoidal current with DC components;
- alternating sinusoidal current with phase control;
- alternating sinusoidal current with multicycle control

are given but are only deemed applicable for alternating current frequencies from 15 Hz up to 100 Hz.

Means of extending the frequency of applicability of pure sinusoids to a frequency of 150 kHz are given, supplementing the data in IEC TS 60479-1.

Means of examining random complex irregular waveforms are given.

This document describes the effects of current passing through the human body in the form of single and multiple successive unidirectional rectangular impulses, sinusoidal impulses and impulses resulting from capacitor discharges.

The values specified are deemed to be applicable for impulse durations from 0,1 ms up to and including 10 ms.

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IEC TS 60479-1:2005, *Effects of current on human beings and livestock – Part 1: General aspects*

IEC TS 60479-1:2005/AMD1:2016

IEC 60990, *Methods of measurement of touch-current and protective conductor current*

ISO/IEC Guide 51, *Safety aspects – Guidelines for their inclusion in standards*

IEC Guide 104, *The preparation of safety publications and the use of basic safety publications and group safety publications*