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- definitions have been provided for average spectral characteristics;
- default wavelength units of nm added;
- more examples are provided;
- text added and modified for clarity;
- the use of the symbols of [Annex A](#) have been generalized.

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