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## Explanatory Note

The former OIML Recommendation IR-46 “ACTIVE ELECTRICAL ENERGY METERS FOR DIRECT CONNECTION (CLASS 2)” was withdrawn by the CIML in 1997, because it was inconsistent with existing IEC standards and the metering technology development had made it outdated. Within OIML TC 12 a working group for the revision of the IR 46 has been formed, with members from most parts of the world, to ensure that the revised recommendation attains a wide acceptance.

In the absence of an updated OIML Recommendation, the electricity meters are presently tested against IEC standards or national or regional standards. A revised OIML Recommendation could be accepted in most parts of the world, therefore reducing costs for manufacturers, nations and consumers. Although the drafted Recommendation is closely aligned with IEC standards, it is neither possible nor desirable to adopt IEC tests or requirements in every case because the IEC standards for electricity meters are technology-dependent and, in the case of electromechanical meters, rather old. In addition, IEC standards are not used in some parts of the world. Furthermore, it is important that the OIML Recommendation reflects the changing demands of legislation and protects consumer interests.

With newer technology, including static meters and software control, the variation within a “type” is much larger and “meter type” is harder to define. OIML must address the extent to which a meter can be changed without the necessity for a new type test, and how software can be tested and secured. EMC, integrity and functionality have also become much more important issues.

The OIML TC12 working group for the revision of IR 46 started its work at a meeting in Borås, Sweden, in September 2002, where task-groups were formed for different parts of the standardisation work. An Internet workplace was set up. This is a restricted-access web-site where the working group members can freely download information and download, change and upload working documents. The input from the different task-groups was collected to a pre-draft that was discussed during the second meeting, which was held in Maastricht, March 27-28.

In Maastricht, most of the items in the pre-draft were discussed and decided upon or left for further work. The discussions were mainly about two topics: how to define the accuracy requirements and the level of allowed effects of influence quantities. There are quite a few influence quantities that could affect the accuracy, and it was argued that the maximum permissible error should include the effect of all these conditions, or at least of most of them. However, it is far from obvious that the effects of different influence quantities are independent from each other and therefore not obvious that one could measure the effect of each one and then sum them up by the root-mean-square law as proposed.

The concept of maximum permissible error has been central to the new Recommendation. Several comments on this matter have been received, unfortunately expressing diverging views. In the resulting draft document, IEC values have been used in some cases but additional temperature requirements have been incorporated to satisfy Nordic needs as well as those of US, Canada and Australia. The impact of these additional requirements on meters intended for mild climate or indoor application should be negligible.

A third working group meeting was held in Copenhagen at the end of March 2004 where most of the major open questions were discussed and resolved. As an outcome of this meeting, a first Committee Draft for the revised IR 46 was agreed upon and circulated to P-members, O-members, liaison international bodies and external organisations for comments.

At the fourth meeting in Borås, Sweden, a second Committee Draft was revised based on the comments received. The areas where the approach or requirements of this Recommendation draft differs from that of other standards was extensively discussed.

At the fifth meeting in Ottawa, Canada, a further extensive revision was made to refine the requirements and tests.

## Foreword

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## **Part 1**

### **Metrological and technical requirements**

#### **1 Scope**

This document sets out requirements pertinent to the metrological control of electricity meters intended for use in revenue metering. The requirements are to be applied during type approval, verification, and re-verification. They also apply to modifications that may be made to existing approved devices.

The provisions set out here apply to:

Electricity meters for active energy at power frequency. Meters can be direct connected for system voltages up to 690 V, or transformer operated.

#### **2 Terminology**

The basic terminology used in this Recommendation is defined by the OIML International Document D11 “General Requirements for Electronic Measuring Instruments”, and conforms to the International Vocabulary of Basic and General Terms in Metrology (VIM) [1] and the Vocabulary of Legal Metrology (VML) [2]. In addition, for the purposes of this Recommendation, the following definitions shall apply:

##### **2.1 Meters and their constituents**

###### **2.1.1 Electricity meter**

An instrument intended to measure electrical energy continuously by integrating power with respect to time and to store the result.

Note: It is recognized that “continuously” may also cover meters with a sampling rate sufficiently high to fulfil the requirements of this Recommendation.

###### ~~2.1.2 Watt-hour meter~~

~~An electricity meter intended to measure and display active electrical energy. The active energy is normally displayed with the prefix kilo or Mega, as kWh or MWh.~~

~~Note: Since this Recommendation only deals with watt-hour meters, the short form “meter” is used.~~

###### ~~2.1.3 Demand meter~~

~~An electricity meter intended to measure demand or maximum demand or both, where demand is the rate at which active electrical energy is supplied to a load and which displays and stores the demand(s).~~

###### **2.1.4 Interval meter**

An electricity meter which displays and stores the result as measured in predetermined time intervals.

###### ~~2.1.5 Prepayment meter~~

~~An electricity meter intended to allow electrical energy to be delivered up to a predetermined amount. Such instrument measures energy continuously and may store and display the measured energy.~~

###### **2.1.6 Multi-tariff meter, multi-rate meter**

An electricity meter intended to measure and display electrical energy where energy will have more than one tariff rate. The tariff rate may be determined by time, load or some other quantity.

**2.1.7 Direct connected meter**

A meter intended for use by direct connection to the circuit(s) being measured, without the use of external device(s) such as instrument transformer(s).

**2.1.8 Transformer operated meter**

A meter intended for use with one or more external instrument transformers.

**2.1.9 Electromechanical meter**

Meter in which currents in fixed coils react with the currents induced in the conducting moving element, generally (a) disk(s), which causes their movement proportional to the energy to be measured. (IEC62052-11)

**2.1.10 Static meter**

Meter in which current and voltage act on solid state (electronic) elements to produce an output proportional to the energy to be measured. (IEC62052-11)

**2.1.11 Measuring element**

Part of the meter that transforms a current and a voltage into a signal proportional to the power and or energy.

Note: A measuring element can be based on an electromagnetic, electrical or an electronic principle.

**2.1.12 Current circuit**

Internal connections of the meter and part of the measuring element through which flows the current of the circuit to which the meter is connected. (IEC62052-11)

**2.1.13 Voltage circuit**

Internal connections of the meter, part of the measuring element and, in the case of static meters, part of the power supply, supplied with the voltage of the circuit to which the meter is connected. (IEC62052-11)

**2.1.14 Indicating device, display**

The part of the meter that displays the measurement results either continuously or on demand.

Note: An indicating device may also be used to display other relevant information.

**2.1.15 Register**

The part of the meter that stores the measured values. It can be an electromechanical device or an electronic device. The register may be integral to the indicating device.

**2.1.16 Primary register or primary rated register**

For transformer operated meters. A register where the scale factor(s) due to the used instrument transformer(s) is considered such that the measured energy on the primary side of the instrument transformer(s) is indicated.

**2.1.17 Register multiplier**

A constant with which the register reading shall be multiplied to obtain the value of the metered energy.

**2.1.18 Meter constant**

Value expressing the relation between the energy registered by the meter and the corresponding value of the test output.

### 2.1.19 Test output

A device which can be used for testing of the meter, providing pulses or the means to provide pulses corresponding to the energy measured by the meter.

### ~~2.1.20 Adjustment device~~

~~A device or function incorporated in the meter that allows the error curve to be shifted with a view to bringing errors (of indication) within the maximum permissible errors.~~

### 2.1.21 Ancillary device or auxiliary device

A device within the meter that is not part of the basic metrology function. The main ancillary devices are:

- a) Communication devices for data exchange;
- b) Tariff changing controls;
- c) Load control devices

Note: It is advised that ancillary devices are only subject to metrological control if they are used for trade.

## 2.2 Metrological characteristics

### 2.2.1 Current ( $I$ )

The electrical current flowing through the meter.

Note: The terms “current” and “voltage” in this Recommendation indicate r.m.s. (root mean square) values unless otherwise specified.

### 2.2.2 Starting current ( $I_{st}$ )

The lowest value of current specified by the manufacturer at which the meter should register electrical energy at unity power factor and, for poly-phase meters, with balanced load.

### 2.2.3 Minimum current ( $I_{min}$ )

The lowest value of current at which the meter is specified by the manufacturer to meet the accuracy requirements of this Recommendation.

### 2.2.4 Low current ( $I_{low}$ )

The lowest value within the manufacturer's specified range of current values at and above which the maximum permissible error requirement is constant with regard to current variations.

### 2.2.5 Transitional current ( $I_{tr}$ )

The value of current at and above which the meter is specified by the manufacturer to lie within the smallest maximum permissible error corresponding to the class index of the meter.

### 2.2.6 Maximum current ( $I_{max}$ )

The highest value of current at which the meter is specified by the manufacturer to meet the accuracy requirements of this Recommendation.

### 2.2.7 Voltage ( $U$ )

The electrical voltage supplied to the meter.

### 2.2.8 Nominal voltage ( $U_{nom}$ )

The voltage specified by the manufacturer for normal operation of the meter. Meters designed for operation across a range of voltages may have several nominal voltage values.

**2.2.9 Frequency ( $f$ )**

The frequency of the voltage (and current) supplied to the meter.

**2.2.10 Nominal frequency ( $f_{\text{nom}}$ )**

The frequency of the voltage (and current) specified by the manufacturer for normal operation of the meter.

**2.2.11 Harmonic**

A part of a signal that has a frequency that is an integer number multiple of the fundamental frequency of the signal. The fundamental frequency is generally the nominal frequency ( $f_{\text{nom}}$ )

**2.2.12 Harmonic number**

An integer number used to identify a harmonic. It is the ratio of the frequency of a harmonic to the fundamental frequency of the signal.

**2.2.13 Distortion factor ( $d$ )**

The ratio of the r.m.s. value of the harmonic content (obtained e.g. by subtracting from a non-sinusoidal alternating quantity its fundamental term) to the r.m.s. value of the fundamental term. The distortion factor is usually expressed in percentage. It is equivalent to THD, total harmonic distortion.

**2.2.14 Power factor (PF)**

The ratio of the active power to the apparent power. At sinusoidal and either one-phase or symmetrical three-phase conditions, the power factor =  $\cos \Phi$  = the cosine of the phase difference  $\Phi$  between voltage  $U$  and current  $I$ .

**2.2.15 Active power**

The rate at which energy is transported. In an electrical system it is measured as the time mean of the instantaneous power, which is calculated at each instant as the product of voltage and current.

$$p(t) = u(t) \cdot i(t)$$

where:

$u$  is the instantaneous voltage

$i$  is the instantaneous current

$p$  is the instantaneous power

At sinusoidal conditions active power is the product of the r.m.s. value of current and voltage and the cosine of the phase angle between them, calculated for each phase. It is usually expressed in kW.

$$\text{Active power } P = U_{\text{r.m.s.}} \cdot I_{\text{r.m.s.}} \cdot \cos \Phi$$

**2.2.16 Active energy**

Active power integrated over time. Usually expressed in kWh or MWh

$$E(T) = \int_0^T p(t) \cdot dt = \int_0^T u(t) \cdot i(t) \cdot dt$$

where:

$E$  is the active energy. Other symbols are as defined in 2.2.15

**2.2.17 Absolute error (of indication)**

Indicated (energy) value minus the true (energy) value.

Note: Since the true value cannot be determined, it is approximated by a value with a stated uncertainty that can be traced to national standards.

**2.2.18 Relative error (of indication)**

Absolute error (of indication) divided by the true (energy) value, usually expressed as a percentage.

Note: Since this Recommendation deals only with relative error, the short form “error” is used for relative error.

**2.2.19 Maximum permissible error (m.p.e.)**

The extreme values of the relative error (of indication) of a meter, permitted by this Recommendation, while the meter is operated within the rated operating conditions. In this Recommendation, the maximum permissible error is given as Base maximum permissible error and Maximum permissible error shift. (VIM 5.21 modified)

**2.2.20 Base maximum permissible error**

The extreme values of the relative error (of indication) of a meter, permitted by this Recommendation, when the current and power factor are varied within the intervals given by the rated operating conditions, and when the meter is otherwise operated at reference conditions.

**2.2.21 Maximum permissible error shift**

The extreme values of the change in relative error (of indication) of a meter, permitted by this Recommendation, when a single influence factor is taken from its value at reference conditions and varied within the rated operating conditions. For each influence factor there is one corresponding maximum permissible error shift.

**2.2.22 Intrinsic error**

The error of a measuring instrument, determined under reference conditions. (VIM 5.24)

**2.2.23 Initial intrinsic error**

The intrinsic error of a measuring instrument as determined prior to performance tests and durability evaluations.

**2.2.24 Influence quantity**

A quantity that is not the measurand but that affects the result of the measurement. (VIM 2.7)

**2.2.25 Influence factor**

An influence quantity having a value within the rated operating conditions specified in this Recommendation. (OIML D11, modified)

**2.2.26 Disturbance**

An influence quantity having a value within limits specified in accordance with this Recommendation, but outside the specified rated operating conditions of the meter. (OIML D11, modified)

Note: An influence quantity is a disturbance if the rated operating conditions for that influence quantity are not specified.

**2.2.27 Rated operating conditions**

Set of specified measuring ranges for performance characteristics and specified operating ranges for influence quantities, within which the variations of operating errors of a meter are specified and determined. (IEC 62052-11)

[Editor's note: The two alternative definitions proposed are given below.]

Conditions of use giving the range of values of influence quantities for which specified metrological characteristics of a measuring instrument are intended to lie within given limits. (VIM 5.5 (2<sup>nd</sup> edition), modified)

Operating conditions that must be fulfilled during measurement in order that a measuring instrument or measuring system perform as designed. (VIM 4.9 (3rd edition))

Note: Rated operating conditions generally specify intervals of values for a quantity being measured and for any influence quantity.

#### **2.2.28 Reference conditions**

Conditions of use prescribed for testing the performance of a measuring instrument or for intercomparison of results of measurements. (VIM 5.7, modified)

Note: The reference conditions generally include reference values or reference ranges for the influence quantities affecting the measuring instrument.

#### **2.2.29 Class index**

A designation that identifies the set of base maximum permissible errors and maximum permissible error shifts with which the meter shall comply, and the set of permissible responses to disturbances that are allowed for the meter, as defined in this Recommendation.

#### **2.2.30 Durability**

Ability of a measuring instrument to maintain its performance characteristics over a period of use. (OIML D11)

#### **2.2.31 Fault**

The difference between the error of indication and the intrinsic error of a measuring instrument. (OIML D11)

Notes:

(1) Principally, a fault is the result of an undesired change of data contained in or flowing through a measuring instrument.

(2) From the definition it follows that in this Document, a "fault" is a numerical value which is expressed either in a unit of measurement or as a relative value, for instance as a percentage.

#### **2.2.32 Critical change value**

The value at which the change in measurement result is considered undesirable. (Editor, alternative text: The maximum acceptable value of the change of the measurement result or error of measurement caused by a disturbance)

#### **2.2.33 Significant fault**

A fault greater than the value specified in this Recommendation (OIML D11).

~~A significant fault has occurred if the meter no longer meets the requirements on error stated in this Recommendation. (OIML D11, modified)~~

The following are also considered to be significant faults:

- A change larger than the critical change value has occurred in the measurement registers due to disturbances
- The functionality of the meter has become impaired.

#### **2.2.34 Checking facility**

Facility that is incorporated in the meter and which enables faults that would otherwise be significant faults to be detected and acted upon in such a way that incorrect registration is prohibited or recorded separately. (OIML D11, modified)

Faults that are detected and acted upon by means of a checking facility shall not be considered as significant faults.

Note - The action should be either to stop measuring and record the time and duration of the stop, or record the time and duration of the ~~significant~~ fault and the amount of energy measured during the ~~significant~~ fault.

### ~~2.2.35 — Metrologically sensitive components~~

~~Comprise all parts of software, hardware or firmware that contribute to the measurement of electric energy, and/or display or store the measurement results.~~

### ~~2.2.36 — Significant durability error~~

~~A sudden or gradual change of the metrological functionality of the meter such that a significant error occurs.~~

~~Specifically, a significant durability error may be:~~

- ~~a) a change in the measurement performance such that the relative error of measurement is higher than the maximum permissible error <sup>(1)</sup>; or~~
- ~~b) a sudden change in the stored information that is significant and has not resulted from energy passing through the meter; or~~
- ~~c) a change in the ability to handle disturbances such that the meter no longer fulfils the requirement of this Recommendation.~~

~~Note (1) — One such significant durability error is that the meter registers energy faster than given by the rated operating conditions.~~

## 3 Metrological Requirements

### 3.1 Rated operating conditions

**Table 1. Rated operating conditions**

| Condition or influence quantity | Values, Ranges                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Frequency                       | $f_{nom} \pm 2\%$ where $f_{nom}$ is to be specified by the manufacturer.<br><br>If the manufacturer specifies more than one nominal frequency, the rated operating conditions shall be the combination of all $f_{nom} \pm 2\%$ intervals                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Voltage                         | $U_{nom} \pm 10\%$ where $U_{nom}$ is to be specified by the manufacturer.<br><br>Meters designed to operate across a range of voltages shall have applicable $U_{nom}$ 's specified by the manufacturer. If the manufacturer specifies more than one nominal voltage the rated operating conditions shall be the combination of all $U_{nom} \pm 10\%$ intervals.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Current                         | $I_{st}$ to $I_{max}$<br><br>$I_{max}$ and $I_{tr}$ are to be specified by the manufacturer. The ratio $I_{max}/I_{tr}$ must be equal to or higher than 50 for direct connected meters and equal to or higher than 24 for transformer operated meters.<br>$I_{min} = 0.5 I_{tr}$ for class A meters direct connected<br>$I_{min} = 0.4 I_{tr}$ for class A transformer operated meters and all class B meters,<br>$I_{min} = 0.2 I_{tr}$ for class C and D meters<br><br>$I_{st} = 0.05 I_{tr}$ for all class A meters<br>$I_{st} = 0.04 I_{tr}$ for all class B meters and for class C and D direct connected meters<br>$I_{st} = 0.02 I_{tr}$ for class C and D transformer operated meters |
| Power factor                    | From 0.5 inductive to 1 to 0.8 capacitive, except for classes C and D where the operating range is from 0.5 inductive to 1 to 0.5 capacitive.<br>For bi-directional meters the power factor range limits are valid in both directions.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Temperature                     | From lower temperature limit to upper temperature limit as specified by manufacturer.<br>The manufacturer shall specify the lower temperature limit from the values -55°C, -40°C, -25°C, -10°C, +5°C.<br>The manufacturer shall specify the upper temperature limit from the values +30°C, +40°C, +55°C, +70°C.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Humidity and water              | With respect to humidity, the manufacturer shall specify the environment class for which the instrument is intended:<br><br>H1: enclosed locations where the instruments are not subjected to condensed water, precipitation, or ice formations;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|                  | <p>H2: enclosed locations where the instruments may be subjected to condensed water, to water from sources other than rain and to ice formations;</p> <p>H3: open locations with average climatic conditions.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Connection modes | <p>The manufacturer shall specify whether the meter is intended for direct connection, connection through current transformers or through current and voltage transformers.</p> <p>The manufacturer shall specify the connection mode, the number of measurement elements of the meter and the number of phases of the electric system for which the meter is intended.</p> <p>A watt-hour meter in accordance with this recommendation can be one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- single-phase two-wire, 1 element;</li> <li>- single phase three-wire, 1 element (applicable only for balanced and symmetrical voltages)</li> <li>- single phase three-wire, 2 element</li> <li>- three-phase four-wire 3-element;</li> <li>- three-phase three-wire 2-element (applicable only in cases where leakage currents can be ruled out);</li> <li>- two-phase three-wire 2 element (intended for operation on two phases of a three-phase service. Can also be a three-phase meter operated as two-phase three-wire).</li> </ul> <p>The manufacturer may specify alternative connection modes for poly-phase meters. These alternative connection mode(s) shall also be part(s) of the operating conditions.</p> |
| Tilt             | Mounting position as specified by the manufacturer $\pm 3$ degrees. If no mounting position is given, any mounting position is allowed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Harmonics        | The voltage and current shall be allowed to deviate from the sinusoidal form, as given by the requirements in clause 3.2.3, Table 4.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Load balance     | The load balance shall be allowed to vary from fully balanced conditions to current in only one current circuit for poly-phase meters and for single-phase 3-wire meters.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

Note: National authorities or regional legislation may specify certain values for various rated operating conditions. See Annex B.

## 3.2 Accuracy requirements

### 3.2.1 General

The manufacturer shall specify the class index of the meter to be one of A, B, C or D.

Note - Class B is the lowest accuracy class recommended for large consumers, i.e. where consumption exceeds 5000 kWh/year, or another value chosen by the appropriate authority.

The meter shall be designed and manufactured such that its error does not exceed the maximum permissible error for the specified class under rated operating conditions.

The meter shall be designed and manufactured such that, when exposed to disturbances, significant faults do not occur.

A fault is not considered a significant fault if it is detected and acted upon by means of a checking facility. The meter shall clearly indicate if such an event has occurred (cf. clauses 2.2.33 and 2.2.34).

Note: The indication could take the form of a light flashing in the event of a fault.

### 3.2.2 Direction of energy flow

Where a manufacturer has specified that a meter shall be capable of bidirectional energy flow, the meter shall correctly handle both positive and negative mean energy flow and the meter shall fulfil the requirement of this Recommendation for energy flow in both directions. The polarity of energy flow shall be defined by the manufacturer's connection instructions for the meter. Mean energy flow refers to the active power integrated over at least one cycle of the nominal frequency. For poly-phase meters the mean flow shall be over the sum of all phases.

A meter shall fall into one of the following categories:

Single-register, bi-directional; where the meter is specified as capable of measuring both positive and negative mean energy flow, and where the net result will be placed in a single register.

Two-register, bi-directional; where the meter is specified as capable of measuring both positive and negative mean energy flow, as defined by the connection of the meter, and where the positive result and negative result are placed in different registers.

Single-register, positive direction only; where the meter is specified as capable of measuring and registering only positive mean energy flow. It may inherently, by its design, register only positive mean energy flow or it may be equipped with a reverse running detent.

Single-register, uni-directional; where the meter is specified as capable of measuring and registering the absolute value of the mean energy flow. Normally such a meter will register all energy as consumed energy independent of the true direction of the energy flow or of how the meter is connected.

Note: The terms “single-register” and “two-register” in the list above refer to the basic energy register(s) only. A meter may have other registers, e.g. for storage of tariff information.

### 3.2.3 Maximum permissible errors at rated operating conditions

The relative error (expressed in percent) shall be within the base maximum permissible error stated in Table 2 when the current and power factor are varied within the limits given by Table 2, and when the meter is otherwise operated at reference conditions.

**Table 2. Base maximum permissible error**

| Quantity                                                                                                   |                            | Base maximum permissible errors (%) for meters of class           |                                |                              |                              |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|                                                                                                            |                            | A                                                                 | B                              | C                            | D                            |
| Current $I$ where $I_{tr} \leq I \leq I_{max}$ , and power factor variation from 0.8 cap. to 1 to 0.5 ind. |                            | $\pm 2.0$                                                         | $\pm 1.0$                      | $\pm 0.5^{(1)}$              | $\pm 0.2^{(1)}$              |
| Current $I$ where $I_{min} \leq I \leq I_{tr}$ , at unity power factor                                     |                            | $\pm 2.5$                                                         | $\pm 1.5$                      | $\pm 1.0$                    | $\pm 0.4$                    |
| Current $I < I_{min}$ , at unity power factor <sup>(2)</sup>                                               | Direct connected meter     | $\pm 2.5 * I_{tr} / (2 * I)$                                      | $\pm 1.5 * I_{tr} / (2.5 * I)$ | $\pm 1.0 * I_{tr} / (5 * I)$ | $\pm 0.4 * I_{tr} / (5 * I)$ |
|                                                                                                            | Transformer operated meter | $\pm 2.5 * I_{tr} / (2.5 * I)$                                    | $\pm 1.5 * I_{tr} / (2.5 * I)$ | $\pm 1.0 * I_{tr} / (5 * I)$ | $\pm 0.4 * I_{tr} / (5 * I)$ |
| No load <sup>(2)</sup>                                                                                     |                            | No significant metered energy as given by the corresponding test. |                                |                              |                              |

(1) – For this class the power factor requirement is from 0.5 ind. to 1 to 0.5 cap.

(2) – The meter is always allowed to stop for currents below  $I_{st}$ .

The meter shall be able to carry  $I_{max}$  continuously without an error larger than the base maximum permissible error for a meter of its class (see section 6.2.2 for details of test procedure). Further, the error shift due to continuous current at  $I_{max}$  shall not be larger than 50% of the base maximum permissible error for the relevant class.

The temperature coefficient of the meter shall fulfil the requirements of Table 3 when the meter is operated at reference conditions.

**Table 3. Limits for temperature coefficient of error**

| Influence quantity                                                                                                                                                           | Power factor  | Limits for temperature coefficient (%/K) for meters of class |            |            |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                              |               | A                                                            | B          | C          | D          |
| Temperature Coefficient (%/K), over any interval within the temperature range which is not less than 15K and not greater than 23 K, for current $I_{tr} \leq I \leq I_{max}$ | 1             | $\pm 0.1$                                                    | $\pm 0.05$ | $\pm 0.03$ | $\pm 0.01$ |
|                                                                                                                                                                              | 0.5 inductive | $\pm 0.15$                                                   | $\pm 0.07$ | $\pm 0.05$ | $\pm 0.02$ |

When the load current and power factor are held constant at a point within the rated operating range with the meter otherwise operated at reference conditions, and when any single influence factor is varied from its value at reference conditions to its extreme values, the variation of error shall be such that the additional percentage error is within the corresponding maximum permissible error shift stated in Table 4.

**Table 4. Maximum permissible error shift due to influence factors**

| Influence quantity                                                                                                                             | Test Procedure in Section | Power factor  | Maximum permissible error shift (%) for meters of class |           |            |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
|                                                                                                                                                |                           |               | A                                                       | B         | C          | D          |
| Temperature, varied over entire specified temperature range, $I_{tr} \leq I \leq I_{max}$                                                      | 6.2.6.2                   | 1             | $\pm 3.3$                                               | $\pm 1.7$ | $\pm 0.7$  | $\pm 0.3$  |
|                                                                                                                                                |                           | 0.5 inductive |                                                         |           |            |            |
| Load balance, only for poly-phase meters and for single phase 3-wire meters, current in only one current circuit, $I_{tr} \leq I \leq I_{max}$ | 6.2.6.3                   | 1             | $\pm 1.5^{(1)}$                                         | $\pm 0.7$ | $\pm 0.2$  | $\pm 0.1$  |
|                                                                                                                                                |                           | 0.5 inductive |                                                         |           |            |            |
| Voltage variation $U_{nom} \pm 10\%^{(2)}$ , $I_{tr} \leq I \leq I_{max}$                                                                      | 6.2.6.4                   | 1             | $\pm 1.0$                                               | $\pm 0.7$ | $\pm 0.2$  | $\pm 0.1$  |
|                                                                                                                                                |                           | 0.5 inductive | $\pm 1.5$                                               | $\pm 1.0$ | $\pm 0.4$  | $\pm 0.2$  |
| Frequency variation $f_{nom} \pm 2\%$ , $I_{tr} \leq I \leq I_{max}$                                                                           | 6.2.6.5                   | 1             | $\pm 0.8$                                               | $\pm 0.5$ | $\pm 0.2$  | $\pm 0.1$  |
|                                                                                                                                                |                           | 0.5 inductive | $\pm 1.5$                                               | $\pm 0.7$ | $\pm 0.2$  | $\pm 0.1$  |
| Harmonic components in voltage and current circuits ( $d$ is $0 - 40\% I$ , $0 - 5\% U$ ) <sup>(3)</sup> , $I_{tr} \leq I \leq I_{max}$        | 6.2.6.6                   | 1             | $\pm 1.0$                                               | $\pm 0.6$ | $\pm 0.3$  | $\pm 0.2$  |
| Tilt $\leq 3$ degrees, $I_{tr} \leq I \leq I_{max}$                                                                                            | 6.2.6.7                   | 1             | $\pm 1.5$                                               | $\pm 0.5$ | $\pm 0.4$  | n.a        |
| Damp heat as given by humidity class and appropriate test section                                                                              | 6.3.2.15.3, 6.3.2.15.4    | 1             | $\pm 0.2$                                               | $\pm 0.1$ | $\pm 0.05$ | $\pm 0.02$ |

(1) The error shift may exceed the value specified in the table provided the absolute value of the error is less than 2.5 %.

(2) For poly-phase meters the requirement is for symmetrical voltage variations.

(3) As long as the r.m.s. current is not higher than  $I_{max}$  and the peak value of the current is not higher than  $1.41 \cdot I_{max}$ . Furthermore, the amplitude of individual harmonic components shall not exceed  $(I_1 / h)$  for current and  $(0.12 \cdot U_1 / h)$  for voltage, where  $h$  is the harmonic order.

### 3.2.4 Allowed effects of disturbances

#### 3.2.4.1 General

The meter shall withstand disturbances which may be encountered under conditions of normal use; as stated in clause 3.2.1, no significant fault shall occur for any of the disturbances listed in Table 5 and Table 6. The meter shall be deemed to comply with the requirements of this clause if it passes the corresponding tests prescribed in chapter 6.

Due to the integrating nature of electricity meters, only influence factors that may prevail for relatively long times do affect the accuracy in a quantifiable way. The disturbances have therefore been divided into two categories, semi-steady state disturbances and disturbances of transient nature.

#### 3.2.4.2 Semi-steady state disturbances

**Table 5. Semi-steady state disturbances**

All requirements are valid at power factor 1.0 and at  $10 I_{tr}$ , unless otherwise specified. An error shift larger than that prescribed below constitutes a significant fault. The meter shall continue to function after the completion of each of these tests.

| Influence Quantity                                   | Test Procedure in Section | Value                                 | Limit of error shift (%) allowed for meters of class |           |            |           |
|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
|                                                      |                           |                                       | A                                                    | B         | C          | D         |
| Severe voltage variations                            | 6.3.1.2                   | $0.8U_{nom} \leq U < 0.9 U_{nom}$     | $\pm 1.5$                                            | $\pm 1$   | $\pm 0.6$  | $\pm 0.3$ |
|                                                      |                           | $1.1U_{nom} < U \leq 1.15 U_{nom}$    |                                                      |           |            |           |
|                                                      |                           | $U < 0.8 U_{nom}$                     | +10 to –100                                          |           |            |           |
| One or two phase voltages interrupted <sup>(1)</sup> | 6.3.1.3                   |                                       | $\pm 4$                                              | $\pm 2$   | $\pm 1$    | $\pm 0.5$ |
| Sub-harmonics in the AC current circuit              | 6.3.1.4                   | Two periods on – two periods off      | $\pm 3$                                              | $\pm 1.5$ | $\pm 0.75$ | $\pm 0.5$ |
| Harmonics in the AC current circuit                  | 6.3.1.5                   | $I_{max}$ , phase-fired at 90 degrees | $\pm 1$                                              | $\pm 0.8$ | $\pm 0.5$  | $\pm 0.4$ |

|                                                             |           |                                                                                                                        |      |      |       |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Reversed phase sequence                                     | 6.3.1.6   | Any two phases interchanged                                                                                            | ±1.5 | ±1.5 | ±0.1  | ±0.05 |
| Continuous (DC) magnetic induction of external origin       | 6.3.1.7   | ≤ 200 mT <sup>(editors note)</sup> at 30 mm from core surface                                                          | ±3   | ±1.5 | ±0.75 | ±0.5  |
| Magnetising field (AC, power frequency) of external origin. | 6.3.1.8   | ≤ 300 A/m                                                                                                              | ±2.5 | ±1.3 | ±0.5  | ±0.25 |
| Radiated RF electromagnetic fields <sup>(2)</sup>           | 6.3.1.9.1 | $f=80$ MHz to 800 MHz, 960 to 1400 MHz: ≤10 V/m, modulated<br>$f=800$ to 960 MHz, 1400 to 2400 MHz: ≤30 V/m, modulated | ±3   | ±2   | ±1    | ±1    |
| Conducted disturbances induced by RF fields                 | 6.3.1.9.2 | $f=0.15$ MHz to 80 MHz: $U \leq 10$ V, modulated                                                                       | ±3   | ±2   | ±1    | ±1    |
| DC in the AC current circuit <sup>(3)</sup>                 | 6.3.1.10  | sinusoidal current<br>$I \leq I_{\max}/\sqrt{2}$<br>half-wave rectified                                                | ±6   | ±3   | ±1.5  | ±1    |
| High-order harmonics                                        | 6.3.1.11  | 2 % of fundamental voltage, $f$ between $15 f_{\text{nom}}$ and $50 f_{\text{nom}}$                                    | ±1   | ±1   | ±0.5  | ±0.5  |

(1) Only for poly-phase meters. Two phases interrupted is only for those connection modes where a missing phase means that there can be no energy delivered.

(2) Direct or indirect, conducted disturbances induced by radio-frequency fields.

(3) Only for direct connected meters.

(Editor's note) modern magnets producing induction in excess of 100 mT at 25 mm have been used in known fraud attempts. This test level is designed to avoid the possibility to use magnets easily available for fraud purposes. This note will be removed later.

### 3.2.4.3 Disturbances of a transient nature

If a meter is operated under the conditions outlined in Table 6 and no current is applied, a change in the registers or pulses of the test output shall not be considered as a significant fault if the change in the registers or equivalent energy of the test output is less than:

$$\text{Critical change value} = m * U_{\text{nom}} * I_{\text{max}} * 10^{-6} \text{ kWh},$$

where  $m$  is the number of measuring circuits.

**Table 6. Disturbances of transient nature**

| Disturbance quantity                                        | Test Procedure in Section | Test Settings                                                                                                                                          | Allowed effect                                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Magnetising field (AC, power frequency) of external origin. | 6.3.2.2                   | 1000 A/m, 3 s                                                                                                                                          | No significant fault as given by the corresponding test                |
| Electrostatic discharges                                    | 6.3.2.3                   | ≤ 8 kV contact discharge, ≤ 15 kV air discharge. As defined in the test section.                                                                       | No significant fault as given by the corresponding test.               |
| Fast transients                                             | 6.3.2.4                   | Voltage and current circuits: 4kV; auxiliary circuits: 2 kV. As defined in the test section.                                                           | No significant fault as given by the corresponding test.               |
| All phase voltages interrupted                              | 6.3.2.5                   | Duration 5 seconds. As defined in the test section                                                                                                     | No significant fault as given by the corresponding test.               |
| Voltage dips                                                | 6.3.2.5                   | ≤ 60 % reductions, ≤ 50 power line cycles. As defined in the test section.                                                                             | No significant fault as given by the corresponding test.               |
| Surges on AC mains power lines                              | 6.3.2.6                   | Voltage circuits: ≤2kV line to line, ≤4kV line to earth. Ancillary circuits: ≤1kV line to line, ≤2kV line to earth. As defined in the test section.    | No significant fault as given by the corresponding test.               |
| Damped oscillatory waves <sup>(1)</sup>                     | 6.3.2.7                   | Voltage circuits: Common mode ≤ 2.5 kV, differential mode ≤ 1.0 kV. As defined in the test section.                                                    | No significant fault as given by the corresponding test.               |
| Short-time overcurrent                                      | 6.3.2.8                   | Direct connected meters: ≤30*I <sub>max</sub> , meters connected through current transformers: ≤ 20*I <sub>max</sub> . As defined in the test section. | No significant fault as given by the corresponding test.               |
| Impulse voltage                                             | 6.3.2.9                   | As per Table 17 in relevant test section                                                                                                               | No significant fault: or other condition as given in the test section. |

|                                    |                                          |                                 |                                                                                                              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Earth fault <sup>(2)</sup>         | 6.3.2.10                                 | Earth fault in one phase        | No significant fault as given by the corresponding test.                                                     |
| Operation of auxiliary devices     | 6.3.2.11                                 | $I = I_{tr}$ and $I_{max}$      | No significant fault as given by the corresponding test.                                                     |
| Vibration                          | 6.3.2.12.1                               | As defined in the test section. | No significant fault as given by the corresponding test.                                                     |
| Shock                              | 6.3.2.12.2                               | As defined in the test section. | No significant fault as given by the corresponding test.                                                     |
| Protection against solar radiation | 6.3.2.13                                 | As defined in the test section. | No alteration in appearance or impairment in functionality, metrological properties and sealing.             |
| Protection against ingress of dust | 6.3.2.14                                 | As defined in the test section  | No interference with correct operation or impairment of safety, including tracking along creepage distances. |
| Extreme temperatures               | 6.3.2.15.1,<br>6.3.2.15.2                | As defined in the test section. | No significant fault as given by the corresponding test.                                                     |
| Humidity and water                 | 6.3.2.15.3,<br>6.3.2.15.4,<br>6.3.2.15.5 | As defined in the test section. | No significant fault as given by the corresponding test.                                                     |

(1) Only for transformer operated meters.

(2) Only for three-phase four wire transformer-operated meters intended for use in networks equipped with earth fault neutralizers

~~The operation of auxiliary devices shall not disturb the meter.~~

If no significant fault occurs during the appropriate tests described in Part 2 of this Recommendation, the instrument is presumed to comply with the requirements of this sub-clause.

### **3.3 — Mechanical requirements**

~~The meter shall withstand the amount of vibration and shock to which it may be exposed under conditions of normal use, and as given by the corresponding tests.~~

~~Dust shall not impair the performance of the meter.~~

### **3.4 Timing requirements for interval and multi-tariff meters**

Interval meters shall be able to measure and store interval data for a minimum of 35 days of 30-minute interval data for remotely-read meters and 200 days of 30-minute interval data for manually-read meters.

The internal clocks of interval and multi-tariff meters shall meet the requirements of IEC 62054-21.

### **3.5 Meter Markings**

The following information shall be marked on every meter:

- Manufacturer
- $U_{nom}$
- $I_{max}$
- $I_{tr}$
- Approval mark(s)
- Serial number
- Number of phases
- Number of wires
- Register multiplier (if other than unity)

- Meter constant(s)
- Year of manufacture
- Class index
- Directionality of energy flow if the meter is bidirectional or unidirectional. No marking is required if the meter is capable only of positive direction energy flow.

Individual national authorities may also require the following information to be marked:

- Meter type
- Temperature range
- Humidity and water protection information
- Impulse voltage protection information
- $f_{\text{nom}}$
- The connection mode(s) for which the meter is specified

The markings shall be indelible, distinct and legible from outside the meter. The markings of meters intended for outdoor locations shall withstand solar radiation. Multiple values of  $U_{\text{nom}}$  and  $f_{\text{nom}}$  may be marked if so specified by the manufacturer.

If the serial number is affixed to dismountable parts, the serial number shall also be provided in a position where it is not readily disassociated from parts determining the metrological characteristics.

Symbols or their equivalent may be used where appropriate. See e.g. IEC 62053-52, Electricity metering equipment (AC) - Particular requirements - Part 52: Symbols, or other designations accepted by local jurisdictions,

### **3.6 Protection of metrological properties**

#### **3.6.1 General provisions**

Meters shall be provided with the means to protect the metrological properties of the meter. Such means can be mechanical or electronic or a combination of the two.

All means to protect the metrological properties of meters intended for outdoor locations shall withstand solar radiation.

The meter shall have a case which, if dismountable, can be sealed and which can not be opened unintentionally. The internal parts of the meter shall be accessible only by such means that result in permanently visible damage to the seal or case. It shall be possible to install or disconnect the meter without breaking the seal that protects the internal parts of the meter.

Software resident in the meter (firmware) must be uniquely identified.

Software that affects the metrological characteristics shall be identified as such and shall be secured. Software identification shall be provided and evidence of an intervention shall be available for at least 12 months after the meter has been de-energised.

#### **3.6.2 Protection of hardware and firmware**

Any metering hardware or firmware shall be protected in such way that it cannot be changed without breaking a seal as described above or leaving other permanent evidence of the change in the meter or its software.

Parameters that participate in the determination of the results of measurement shall be protected by mechanical seals or other means. If non-mechanical protection is used, it shall fulfil the following requirements:

- a) Any change of the software itself or the metering parameters may not be completed without authorised access, for example by means of a code (password) or of a special device (hard key, etc.).

- b) Access to parameters that participate in the determination of results of measurement and access to parameters that are not used directly for metering shall have independent authorisation. For example, it should be possible for meters to be installed without giving installation personnel access to the software or the metering parameters.
- c) The register that stores the total energy metered may not be changed or zeroed without authorised access, for example by means of a code (password) or of a special device (hard key, etc.). The password shall only be acceptable if it is provided by a dedicated device that allows the use of an encrypted signature.
- d) It shall be possible to update the means for authorized access.
- e) If the metrological integrity of a meter cannot be maintained during the parameter change process, the meter shall stop registering energy until the modifications are completed.
- f) The meter shall be capable of recording all interventions which could potential result in alteration of any metrological parameters, including the contents of any register(s) which store(s) energy measurements. For identification, data concerning the latest intervention shall be recorded into an event logger. The record shall include at least an event counter, the date the parameter was changed, and the old and new values of the parameter. If the event logger capacity is reached, the meter shall not allow any further changes to be made which affect these parameters until the event log data have been transferred to a secure storage facility. The meter shall maintain the integrity of any event logger data for the entire period that the meter has a valid seal or until the event log data have been transferred.

### 3.7 Suitability for use

#### 3.7.1 Readability of result

The indicating device shall be easy to read and the characters of measurement results shall as minimum be 4 mm high. Any decimal fractions shall be clearly indicated; for mechanical registers, any decimal fraction drum shall be marked differently.

The indicating device of meters intended for outdoor locations shall withstand solar radiation.

In the case of multiple values presented by a single indicating device it shall be possible to display the content of all relevant memories. For automatic sequencing displays, each display of register for billing purposes shall be retained for a minimum of 5 s.

For multi-tariff meters, the register which reflects the active tariff shall be indicated. It shall be possible to read each tariff register locally and each register shall be clearly identified.

The register shall be capable of storing and displaying an amount of energy that corresponds to the meter running at  $P = U_{\text{nom}} \cdot I_{\text{max}} \cdot n$  for at least 4000 h, where n is the number of phases.

Note: The National Authority may change the minimum time required for register rollover.

In the case of electronic registers, the minimum retention time for results is one year for a disconnected meter.

#### 3.7.2 Testability

The meter shall be equipped with a test output for efficient testing, such as a rotor with a mark or a test pulse output. If the design of the test output is such that the pulse rate does not correspond to the measured power in every given relevant time interval, the manufacturer shall declare the necessary number of pulses to ensure a standard deviation of measurement less than 0.1 base m.p.e., at  $I_{\text{max}}$ ,  $I_{\text{tr}}$  and  $I_{\text{min}}$ .

The relation between the measured energy given by the test output and the measured energy given by the indicating device shall comply with the marking on the name-plate.

#### 3.7.3 Checking facility

If the meter is equipped with a checking facility, the event record of the facility shall have room for at least 100 events and shall be of a first-in-first-out type. The event record may not be changed or zeroed without breaking a seal and/or without authorised access, for example by means of a code (password) or of a special device (hard key, etc.).

### **3.8 — Durability**

~~The meter shall be designed to maintain an adequate stability of its metrological characteristics over a period of time specified by the manufacturer, provided that it is properly installed, maintained and used according to the manufacturer's instructions when in the environmental conditions for which it is intended.~~

~~The meter shall be designed to reduce as far as possible the effect of a defect that would lead to an inaccurate measurement result, unless the presence of such a defect is obvious.~~

~~The meter shall be designed and manufactured such that either~~

- ~~a) Significant durability errors do not occur, or~~
- ~~b) Significant durability errors are detected and acted upon by means of a durability protection.~~

~~The manufacturer shall provide at least one of the alternative forms of documentation for the durability of the meter:~~

- ~~a) A description of design measures for durability enhancement or protection~~
- ~~b) Documented experiences based on the operation of meters of similar construction~~
- ~~c) Durability test procedure. The durability test shall be described by the manufacturer. It shall as far as possible relate to international standards and generally accepted procedures.~~

~~Note — Manufacturers' data on durability may be useful for national legislation regarding intervals for subsequent verifications and/or statistical sampling schemes.~~

## Part 2 Tests

### 4 Type approval

#### 4.1 Documentation

The documentation submitted with the application for type approval shall include:

- a) Identification of the type, including
  - 1) name or trademark and type designation
  - 2) version(s) of hardware and software
  - 3) drawing of name plate
- b) Metrological characteristics of the meter, including
  - 1) a description of the measuring principle(s)
  - 2) metrological specifications
  - 3) any steps which should be performed prior to testing the meter.
- c) The technical specification for the meter, including
  - 1) a block diagram with a functional description of the components and devices,
  - 2) drawings, diagrams and general software information, explaining the construction and operation, including interlocks,
  - 3) description and position of seals or other means of protection,
  - 4) ~~documentation related to durability characteristics,~~
  - 5) any document or other evidence that the design and construction of the meter complies with the requirements of this recommendation.
- d) User manual.
- e) Installation manual
- f) A description of the checking facility for significant faults, if applicable.

Furthermore, if the type approval is to be based on existing type test documentation, the application for type approval shall be accompanied by type test documents or other evidence that supports the assertion that the design and characteristics of the measuring instrument comply with the requirements of this Recommendation.

#### 4.2 Type definition

Meters produced by the same manufacturer may form a type provided they have similar metrological properties resulting from the use of the same uniform construction of parts/modules that determine the metrological properties.

A type may have several current ranges and several values of the nominal voltage and frequency, and include several connection modes and several ancillary devices.

Note: The same uniform construction normally means the same construction of the measuring elements, the same construction of metering software, the same construction of the register and indicating device, the same temperature compensation mechanism, the same construction of case, terminal block, and mechanical interface.

##### 4.2.1 Type test sampling

The manufacturer shall provide at least three specimens of the meter. The type test shall be made on one or more specimens of the meter, selected by the type test body, to establish its specific characteristics and to prove its conformity with the requirements of this Recommendation. In the case of modifications to the meter made after or during the type test and affecting only part of the meter, the issuing body may deem it sufficient to perform limited tests on the characteristics that may be affected by the modifications.

## 5 Test program

The initial intrinsic error shall be determined as the first test on the meter, as described in 6.2.1.

During the test for initial intrinsic error the meter shall be allowed to stabilize at each current level before measurements for a period, no longer than 5 minutes, to be nominated by the manufacturer. The order of the testpoints shall be from lowest current to highest current and then from highest current to lowest current. For each testpoint, the resulting error shall be the mean of these measurements. For  $I_{\max}$ , the maximum measurement time shall be 10 minutes including stabilizing time.

The determination of the intrinsic error (at reference conditions) shall always be carried out before tests of influence factors and before disturbance tests that relate to a maximum permissible error shift requirement or to a significant fault condition for error.

Otherwise the order of tests is not prescribed in this Recommendation.

Test (pulse) outputs may be used for tests of accuracy requirements. A test must then be made to ensure that the relation between the basic energy register and the used test output complies with the manufacturer's specification.

If a meter is specified with alternate connection modes, such as one-phase connections for poly-phase meters, the tests for base maximum permissible error in accordance with 3.2.3 shall be made for all specified connection modes.

## 6 Test procedures for type approval

### 6.1 Test conditions

Unless otherwise stated in the individual test instructions, all influence quantities except for the influence quantity being tested shall be held at reference conditions as given by Table 7 during type approval tests.

**Table 7 Reference conditions and their tolerances**

| Quantity                                                     | Reference conditions                  | Tolerance                      |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Voltage(s) <sup>(2)</sup>                                    | $U_{\text{nom}}$                      | $\pm 1 \%$                     |
| Ambient temperature                                          | $23^{\circ} \text{C}^{(1)}$           | $\pm 2^{\circ}\text{C}$        |
| Frequency                                                    | $f_{\text{nom}}$                      | $\pm 0.3 \%$                   |
| Wave-form                                                    | Sinusoidal                            | $d \leq 2 \%$                  |
| Magnetic induction of external origin at reference frequency | 0 T                                   | $B \leq 0.05 \text{ mT}$       |
| Electromagnetic RF fields 30 kHz- 2.4 GHz                    | 0 V/m                                 | $\leq 1 \text{ V/m}$           |
| Operating position for instruments sensitive to position     | Mounting as stated by manufacturer    | $\pm 0.5^{\circ}$              |
| Phase sequence for poly-phase meters                         | L1, L2, L3                            | -                              |
| Load balance                                                 | Equal current in all current circuits | $\pm 2 \%$ and $\pm 2^{\circ}$ |

<sup>(1)</sup> Tests may be performed at other temperatures if the results are corrected to the reference temperature by applying the temperature coefficient established in the type tests, and provided an appropriate uncertainty analysis is carried out.

<sup>(2)</sup> The requirement applies to both phase-to-phase and phase-neutral for poly-phase meters

Note – The reference conditions and their tolerance are given to ensure reproducibility between testing laboratories, not to determine the accuracy of the tests! The demands on short time stability during test for influence factors may be much higher than shown in this table.

**Table 8. Load conditions and their tolerances in tests**

| Quantity   | Conditions                    | Tolerance             |
|------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Current(s) | Current range of device under | Class A,B: $\pm 2 \%$ |

|              |                                         |                                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
|              | test                                    | Class C,D: $\pm 1\%$                              |
| Power factor | Power factor range of device under test | current to voltage phase difference $\pm 2^\circ$ |

Note – The load conditions and their tolerance are given to ensure reproducibility between testing laboratories, not to determine the accuracy of the tests! The demands on short time stability during test for influence factors may be much higher than shown in this table.

For most tests, the measured power will be constant if the other influence quantities are kept constant at reference conditions. However, this is not possible for some tests such as influence of voltage variation and load unbalance. Therefore, the error shift shall always be measured as the shift of the relative error and not of the absolute power.

## 6.2 Tests for maximum permissible error

### 6.2.1 Determination of initial intrinsic error

The error of the meter at reference conditions should be tested to determine whether it is less than the relevant base m.p.e. given in Table 2. Mandatory testpoints are as follows:

**Table 9. Mandatory testpoints for base maximum permissible error test.**

| Current        | Most inductive power factor <sup>(1)</sup> | Unity Power factor | Most capacitive power factor <sup>(1)</sup> |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| $I_{\min}$     | Not required                               | Yes                | Not required                                |
| $I_{tr}$       | Yes                                        | Yes                | Yes                                         |
| $2 I_{tr}$     | Yes                                        | Yes                | Yes                                         |
| $10 I_{tr}$    | Yes                                        | Yes                | Yes                                         |
| $0.5 I_{\max}$ | Yes                                        | Yes                | Yes                                         |
| $I_{\max}$     | Yes                                        | Yes                | Yes                                         |

<sup>(1)</sup> Most inductive or capacitive power factor according to Table 1.

Note: If results at inductive test points differ significantly in magnitude from corresponding test points on capacitive testpoints, further tests on other capacitive testpoints should be considered.

Meters that are specified as being capable of bidirectional or unidirectional energy measurement as described in 3.2.2 shall meet the requirements of 3.2 for energy flow in both directions. Mandatory testpoints for negative flow are  $I_{tr}$  and  $I_{\max}$  as given by Table 9.

Meters that are specified as capable of measuring only positive energy flow as described in 3.2.2 shall meet the requirements of 3.2 for positive energy flow. These meters shall also be subjected to reversed energy flow, in response to which the meter shall not register energy in the primary register or emit more than one pulse from the test output. The test time shall be at least 1 minute, or the time that the test output would register ten pulses in the forward energy flow direction, or the time that the primary register would register 2 units of the least significant digit in the forward energy flow direction, whichever is longest. Mandatory testpoints for reverse energy flow are  $I_{\min}$  and  $I_{\max}$  at unity power factor.

For reverse running detent designs that are prone to be affected by heating, the test time shall be extended to 10 minutes at  $I_{\max}$ .

### 6.2.2 Continuous maximum current

It shall be tested that the meter is able to carry  $I_{\max}$  continuously as specified in 3.2.3. The test shall be carried out as follows: the voltage circuits shall first be energised at reference voltage for at least 1 hour for class A meters and at least 2 hours for meters of all other classes. Then, with the meter otherwise at reference conditions, the maximum current shall be applied to the current circuits. The cable to be used for energizing the meter shall be of copper, have a length of 1 m and a cross-section which ensures that the current density is between  $3.2 \text{ A/mm}^2$  and  $4 \text{ A/mm}^2$ .

The error of the meter shall be monitored at unity power factor and at intervals short enough to record the curve of error variation as a function of time. The test shall be carried out for at least 1 h, and in any event until the variation

of error over any 20-minute period does not exceed 10 % of base maximum permissible error. The error of the meter and the error shift compared to the intrinsic error shall comply with the requirements given in 3.2.3 at all times.

If the maximum error shift does not occur by the end of the test, the meter shall either be allowed to return to its initial temperature and the entire test repeated at power factor = 0.5 inductive or, if the load can be changed in less than 30 seconds, the error of the meter shall be measured at  $I_{\max}$  and power factor = 0.5 inductive and it shall be checked that the error of the meter and the error shift compared to the intrinsic error comply with the requirements given in 3.2.3.

### 6.2.3 Starting current

The meter shall be subjected to a current equal to the starting current  $I_{st}$ . It shall be tested that the meter starts and continues to operate at this current as given by Table 1.

If the meter is designed for the measurement of energy in both directions, then this test shall be applied with energy flowing in each direction. The effect of an intentional delay in measurement after reversal of energy direction should be taken into account when performing the test.

The meter shall be considered to have started if the output produces pulses (or revolutions) at a rate consistent with the base maximum permissible error requirements given by Table 2.

Mandatory test points:  $I_{st}$  at unity power factor.

### 6.2.4 Test of no-load condition

This is to test the required no-load performance of the meter given by Table 2. For this test, the current in the current circuit shall be  $0.2 I_{st}$  at unity power factor.

For meters with a test output, the output of the meter shall not produce more than one pulse. For an electromechanical meter, the rotor of the meter shall not make a complete revolution.

The minimum test period  $\Delta t$  shall be

$$\Delta t \geq \frac{75 \cdot 10^3}{k \cdot m \cdot U_{nom} \cdot 0.2 I_{st}} \text{ minutes, where}$$

$k$  is the number of pulses emitted by the output device of the meter per kilowatthour (imp/kWh) or the number of revolutions per kilowatthour (rev/kWh);

$m$  is the number of measuring elements;

the nominal voltage  $U_{nom}$  is expressed in volts; and

the starting current  $I_{st}$  is expressed in amperes.

For transformer-operated meters with primary or half-primary registers where the value of  $k$  (and possibly  $U_n$ ) are given as primary side values, the constant  $k$  (and  $U_{nom}$ ) shall be recalculated to correspond to secondary side values (of voltage and current).

### 6.2.5 Meter constants

If test (pulse) outputs are used to test accuracy requirements, a test must be made to ensure that the relation between the basic energy register and the used test output(s) complies with the manufacturer's specification as required in 3.7.2.

All registers and pulse outputs that are under legal control must be tested unless a system is in place that guarantees the identical behaviour of all meter constants.

The test shall be made by putting the energy  $E$  through the meter, where  $E$  is at least:

$$E_{\min} = \frac{R \cdot 10}{\text{base maximum permissible error}(\%)}$$

where  $R$  is the apparent resolution of the basic energy register. The relative difference between the registered energy and the energy passed through the meter as given by the number of pulses from the test output shall be computed. The relative difference must not be greater than one tenth of the base maximum permissible error. The test may be performed at a single arbitrary current  $I \geq I_{tr}$ .

Note: Any means may be used to enhance the apparent resolution  $R$  of the basic register, as long as care is taken to assure that the results reflect the true resolution of the basic register.

## 6.2.6 Influence factors

### 6.2.6.1 General

During these tests it shall be checked that the error shift due to the variation of any single influence factor is within the corresponding maximum permissible error shift stated in Table 4. (See also the definition of maximum permissible error shift in 2.2.21)

### 6.2.6.2 Temperature dependence

The aim of this test is to verify that the temperature coefficient requirements of Table 3 and the error shift requirements of Table 4 are fulfilled. For each testpoint, the error of the meter shall be determined at the reference temperature and at each of the upper and lower ambient temperature limits specified for the meter.

The error shift relative to the intrinsic error, at 23 degrees Celsius, shall be computed for each of the above temperatures and must comply with the requirements of Table 4.

Furthermore, for each testpoint and for each temperature interval given by adjacent upper or lower temperature limits including the reference temperature, the (mean) temperature coefficient,  $c$ , shall be determined as follows:

$$c = \frac{e_u - e_l}{t_u - t_l}$$

where  $e_u$  and  $e_l$  are the errors at the uppermost and the lowest temperatures respectively in the temperature interval of interest; and

$t_u$  and  $t_l$  are the uppermost and the lowest temperatures respectively in the temperature interval of interest.

Each temperature coefficient must be in accordance with the requirements of Table 3.

Mandatory testpoints: The test shall at minimum be performed at PF = 1 and PF = 0.5 inductive and for currents of  $I_{tr}$ ,  $10 I_{tr}$  and  $I_{max}$ .

### 6.2.6.3 Load balance

This test is only for poly-phase meters and for single-phase three-wire meters. The error of the meter with current in one current circuit only shall be measured and compared to the intrinsic error, at balanced load. The error shift shall comply with the requirements of Table 4. During the test reference voltages shall be applied to all voltage circuits.

Mandatory testpoints: The test shall be performed for all current circuits at PF = 1 and PF = 0.5 ind., and at minimum for currents of  $10 I_{tr}$  and  $I_{max}$  for direct connected meters and at minimum at  $I_{max}$  for transformer operated meters.

### 6.2.6.4 Voltage variation

The error shift, compared to the intrinsic error at  $U_{nom}$ , shall be measured when the voltage is varied within the corresponding rated operating range. For poly-phase meters, the test voltage shall be balanced. The error shift shall comply with the requirements of Table 4. If several  $U_{nom}$  values are stated, the test shall be repeated for each  $U_{nom}$  value.

Mandatory testpoints: The test shall be performed at  $10 I_{tr}$ , PF = 1 and PF = 0.5 inductive and at voltages  $0.9 U_{nom}$  and  $1.1 U_{nom}$ .

#### 6.2.6.5 Frequency requirements

The error shift compared to the intrinsic error, at  $f_{nom}$ , shall be measured when the frequency is varied within the corresponding rated operating range. The error shift shall comply with the requirements of Table 4. If several  $f_{nom}$  values are stated, the test shall be repeated with each  $f_{nom}$  value.

Mandatory testpoints: The test shall be performed at  $10 I_{tr}$ , PF = 1 and PF = 0.5 ind. and at minimum for frequencies of  $0.98 f_{nom}$  and  $1.02 f_{nom}$ .

#### 6.2.6.6 Harmonics in voltage and current

The error shift compared to the intrinsic error, at sinusoidal conditions, shall be measured when harmonics are added in both the voltage and the current. The error shift due to harmonics shall comply with the requirements of Table 4. The amplitude of a single harmonic should not be more than  $0.12 U_1/h$  for voltage and  $I_1/h$  for the current, where  $h$  is the harmonic number and  $I_1$  is the fundamental. The peak value of the current may not exceed  $1.4 I_{max}$ , i.e. for the second table, the fundamental current  $I_1$  may not exceed  $0.58 I_{max}$ . The r.m.s. current may not exceed  $I_{max}$ , i.e. the fundamental current component  $I_1$  may not exceed  $0.93 I_{max}$ .

Mandatory testpoints: The test shall as a minimum be performed at  $10 I_{tr}$ , PF = 1 and PF = 0.5 inductive with power factor given for the fundamental component. The harmonics shall be according to the tables below:

**Table 10. Quadriform waveform**

| Harmonic number | Current amplitude | Current phase angle | Voltage amplitude | Voltage phase angle |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1               | 100 %             | 0 °                 | 100 %             | 0 °                 |
| 3               | 30 %              | 0 °                 | 3.8 %             | 180 °               |
| 5               | 18 %              | 0 °                 | 2.4 %             | 180 °               |
| 7               | 15 %              | 0 °                 | 1.7 %             | 180 °               |
| 11              | 10 %              | 0 °                 | 1.1 %             | 180 °               |
| 13              | 5 %               | 0 °                 | 0.8 %             | 180 °               |

**Table 11. Peaked wave**

| Harmonic number | Current amplitude | Current phase angle | Voltage amplitude | Voltage phase angle |
|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1               | 100 %             | 0 °                 | 100 %             | 0 °                 |
| 3               | 30 %              | 180 °               | 3.8 %             | 0 °                 |
| 5               | 18 %              | 0 °                 | 2.4 %             | 180 °               |
| 7               | 15 %              | 180 °               | 1.7 %             | 0 °                 |
| 11              | 10 %              | 180 °               | 1.1 %             | 0 °                 |
| 13              | 5 %               | 0 °                 | 0.8 %             | 180 °               |

Harmonic amplitudes are calculated relative to the amplitude of the fundamental frequency component of the voltage or current respectively. Phase angle is calculated relative to the zero-crossing of the fundamental frequency voltage or current component respectively.

#### 6.2.6.7 Tilt

This test is only for electromechanical meters or meters of other constructions that may be influenced by the working position. The error shift compared to the intrinsic error, at the operating position given by the manufacturer,

shall be measured when meter is tilted from its ideal position to an angle 3 degree from that position. The error shift shall comply with the requirements of Table 4.

Mandatory testpoints: The test shall as minimum be performed at  $I_{tr}$ , PF = 1 and at two perpendicular tilting angles.

### **6.3 Test for disturbances**

#### **6.3.1 Semi steady-state disturbances**

##### **6.3.1.1 General**

During these tests it shall be checked that the error shift due to each influence factor does not exceed the critical change value, and that it is within the corresponding maximum permissible error shift stated in Table 5. (See also definition 2.2.33, Significant Fault.)

##### **6.3.1.2 Severe voltage variations**

The meter shall fulfil the requirements for the influence of severe voltage variations as specified in Table 5. The error shift relative to the intrinsic error shall first be measured at  $U_{nom}$  and it shall be then verified that the error shift complies with the requirements of Table 5 when the voltage is varied from  $0.8 U_{nom}$  to  $0.9 U_{nom}$  and from  $1.1 U_{nom}$  to  $1.15 U_{nom}$ . For poly-phase meters, the test voltage shall be balanced. If several  $U_{nom}$  values are stated, the test shall be repeated for each  $U_{nom}$  value.

Mandatory testpoints: The test shall as minimum be performed at  $10 I_{tr}$ , PF = 1 and for voltages of  $0.8 U_{nom}$ ,  $0.85 U_{nom}$ ,  $1.10 U_{nom}$  and  $1.15 U_{nom}$ .

Further, the error shift compared to the intrinsic error, at  $U_{nom}$ , shall be measured when the voltage is varied from  $0.8 U_{nom}$  down to 0 and compared to the requirements of Table 5.

Mandatory testpoints: The test shall as minimum be performed at  $10 I_{tr}$ , PF = 1 and for voltages of  $0.70 U_{nom}$ ,  $0.6 U_{nom}$ ,  $0.50 U_{nom}$ ,  $0.40 U_{nom}$ ,  $0.30 U_{nom}$ ,  $0.20 U_{nom}$ ,  $0.10 U_{nom}$ , and 0 V. If the meter has a distinct shut-down voltage, the test shall also be performed at a testpoint within a 2 V range below that voltage and a test point within a 2 V range above the turn-on voltage.

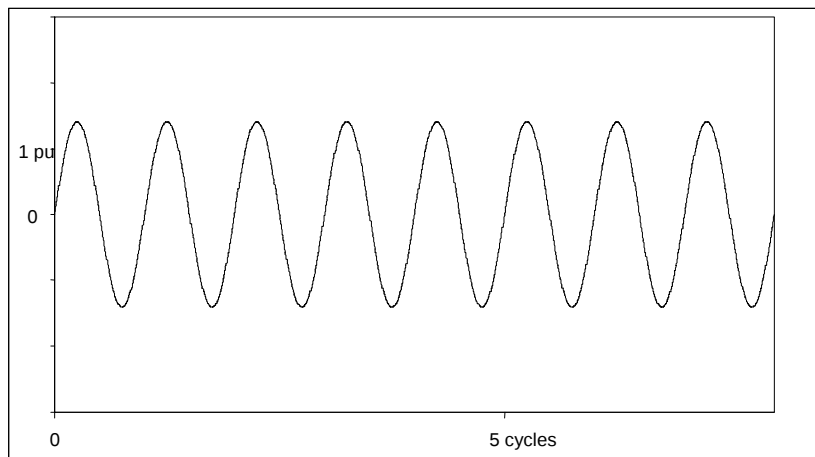
##### **6.3.1.3 One or two phase voltages interrupted**

The meter shall fulfil the requirements for the influence of one or two phase voltages interrupted as specified in Table 5. The test is only for poly-phase meters with three measuring elements. The error shift compared to the intrinsic error, at balanced voltage and load current conditions, shall be measured when one or two of the phase voltages are removed while keeping the load current constant.

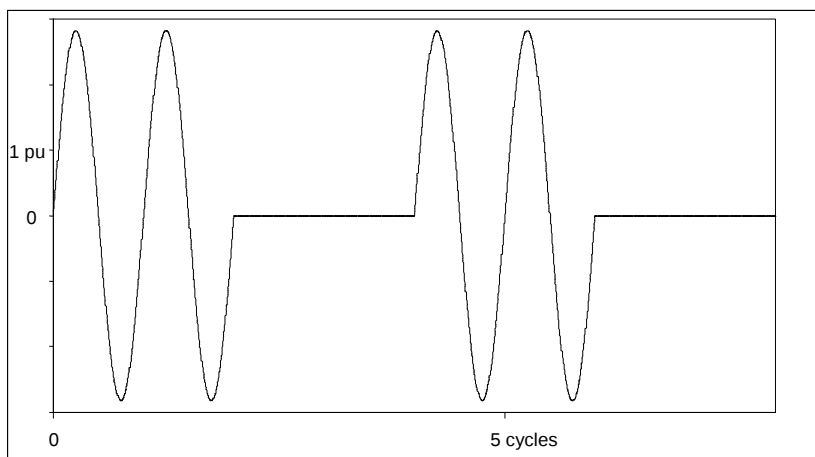
Mandatory testpoint:  $I=10I_{tr}$ , two of the phase voltages removed in combinations such that each phase has been removed at least once.

##### **6.3.1.4 Sub-harmonics in the AC current circuit**

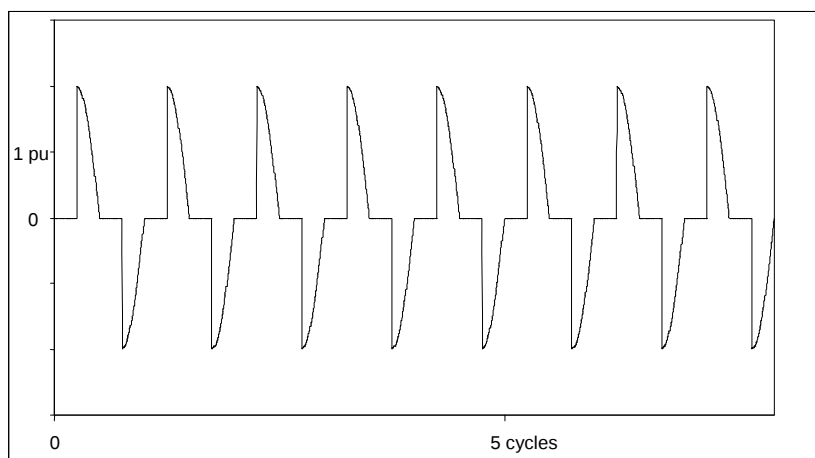
The meter shall fulfil the requirements for the influence of sub-harmonics as specified in Table 5. The error shift compared to the intrinsic error, at sinusoidal conditions, shall be measured when the sinusoidal reference current is replaced by another sinusoidal signal with twice the peak value, and which is switched on and off every second period as shown by Figure 1 a) and b). (The measured power should then be the same as for the original sinusoidal signal while the r.m.s. current is 1.41 times higher). Care should be taken that no significant DC current is introduced. During the test, the peak value of the current may not exceed  $1.4 I_{max}$ . The error shift shall comply with the requirements of Table 5. Mandatory testpoints: The test shall as minimum be performed at a reference current of  $10 I_{tr}$ , PF = 1.



**a) Continuous test current for intrinsic error.**



**b) Sub-harmonic test current 2 cycles on, 2 cycles off**



**c) Harmonic test current, zero current during phase angles of 0-90° and 180-270°.**

**Figure 1. Test currents for sub-harmonics and harmonics tests.**

#### **6.3.1.5 Harmonics in the AC current circuit**

The meter shall fulfil the requirements for the influence of harmonics in the current as specified in Table 5. The error shift, compared to the intrinsic error, at sinusoidal conditions, shall be measured when the sinusoidal reference current as shown in Figure 1 a) is replaced by a current with twice the original peak value where the sinusoidal

waveform is set to zero during the first and third quarters of the period as shown by Figure 1 c). The measured power should then be the same as for the original sinusoidal signal while the r.m.s. current is 1.41 times higher. During the test, the peak value of the current may not exceed  $1.4 I_{\max}$ . The error shift shall comply with the requirements of Table 5. The test shall otherwise be performed at reference conditions.

Mandatory testpoints: The test shall as minimum be performed at a reference current of  $10 I_{tr}$ , PF=1.

#### 6.3.1.6 Reversed phase sequence (any two phases interchanged)

This test only applies to three-phase meters. The error shift, compared to the intrinsic error at reference conditions, shall be measured and shall comply with the requirements of Table 5, when any two of the three phases are interchanged.

Mandatory testpoints: The test shall as minimum be performed at a reference current of  $10 I_{tr}$ , PF = 1 with any two of the three phases are interchanged.

#### 6.3.1.7 Continuous (DC) magnetic induction of external origin

~~Applicable standard IEC 62053-21, 62053-22.~~

The error shift, compared to the intrinsic error, at reference conditions, shall be measured with a probe in the form of a permanent magnet with at least a surface area of  $2000 \text{ mm}^2$ . The magnetic field at the core axis shall comply with Table 12 below. The meter shall fulfil the requirements for the influence of continuous (DC) magnetic induction as specified in Table 5.

Mandatory testpoints: 6 points per surface. If the meter is intended for wall mounting the back surface does not have to be tested. The applied current test point should be  $10 I_{tr}$ , PF =1. The greatest error shift is to be noted as the test result.

**Table 12. Field at axis at different distances form the core surface**

| Distance from core surface | Magnetic induction | Tolerance           |
|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 30 mm                      | 200 mT             | $\pm 30 \text{ mT}$ |

Note: Neodymium or niobium permanent magnets are recommended for this test.

#### 6.3.1.8 Magnetising field (AC, power frequency) of external origin.

Applicable standard IEC 61000-4-8.

The error shift, compared to the intrinsic error at reference conditions, shall be measured when the meter is subjected to an AC magnetising field at power frequency. The meter shall fulfil the requirements specified in Table 5.

Test procedure in brief: The test consists of exposure to power frequency magnetic field ( $f=f_{\text{nom}}$ ). During the test the error shift must not be larger than indicated in Table 5.

Test severity: Continuous field, 300 A/m

Mandatory testpoints: The test shall as minimum be performed at  $10 I_{tr}$  and at  $I_{\max}$ , PF = 1 and with the magnetising field at three orthogonal directions.

#### 6.3.1.9 Electromagnetic fields

##### 6.3.1.9.1 Radiated, radio frequency (RF), electromagnetic fields

Applicable standard IEC 61000-4-3.

The error shift, compared to the intrinsic error, at sinusoidal conditions, shall be measured when the meter is subjected to electromagnetic RF fields. The meter shall fulfil the requirements specified in Table 5.

Test procedure in brief: The meter shall be exposed to electromagnetic field strength as specified by the severity level and a field uniformity as defined by the standard referenced. The frequency ranges to be considered are swept with the modulated signal, pausing to adjust the RF signal level or to switch oscillators and antennas as necessary. Where the frequency range is swept incrementally, the step size shall not exceed 1 % of the preceding frequency value. The test time for a 1 % frequency change shall not be less than the time to make a measurement and in any case not less than 0.5 s.

The meter shall be tested as a table top instrument. During the test, the meter shall be energized with reference voltage and a current equal to  $10 I_{tr}$ . The measurement error of the meter shall be monitored by comparison with a reference meter not exposed to the electromagnetic field or immune to the field, or by an equally suitable method. The measurement time compared to the sweep, or the dwell time of the amplitude modulated carrier at each frequency, shall be such that the error at each 1% incremental interval of the carrier frequency is monitored and can comply with the requirements of Table 5.

Editor: Alternative text for last sentence: The error at each 1% incremental interval of the carrier frequency shall be monitored and compared to the requirements of Table 5. When using a continuous frequency sweep this can be accomplished by adjusting the ratio of the sweep time and the time of each measurement. When using incremental 1% frequency steps, this can be done by adjusting the dwell time on each frequency to fit the measurement time.

The cable length exposed to the electromagnetic field shall be 1m.

The carrier shall be modulated with 80 % AM at 1 kHz sine wave.

The sensitive frequencies (e.g. clock frequencies) shall be analyzed separately<sup>(1)</sup>.

Note (1): Usually these sensitive frequencies can be expected to be the frequencies emitted by the meter.

Meters, such as electromechanical meters, which have been constructed using only passive elements may be assumed to be immune to radiated radiofrequency fields.

**Table 13. Severity of test**

| Frequency range | Field strength |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 80 – 800 MHz    | 10 V/m         |
| 960 – 1400 MHz  | 10 V/m         |
| 800 – 960 MHz   | 30 V/m         |
| 1400 – 2000 MHz | 30 V/m         |

### **6.3.1.9.2 Immunity to Conducted Disturbances, Induced by Radiofrequency Fields**

Applicable standard IEC 61000-4-6.

Object of the test: To verify compliance with the requirements of Table 5 for immunity to conducted disturbances, induced by RF fields.

Test procedure in brief: A radiofrequency electromagnetic current to simulate the influence of electromagnetic fields shall be coupled or injected into the power ports and I/O ports of the EUT using coupling/decoupling devices as defined in the standard referenced. The performance of the test equipment consisting of an RF generator, (de)coupling devices, attenuators, etc. shall be verified.

The EUT shall be tested as a tabletop instrument. During the test, the EUT shall be energized with reference voltage and a current equal to  $10 I_{tr}$ . The measurement error of the EUT shall be monitored. The measurement time compared to the sweep time shall be such, or the dwell time of the amplitude modulated carrier at each frequency

shall be such, that the error at each 1% incremental interval of the carrier frequency is monitored and can comply with the requirements of Table 5.

If the EUT is a poly-phase meter, the tests shall be performed at all extremities of the cable.

Meters, such as electromechanical meters, which have been constructed using only passive elements may be assumed to be immune to conducted disturbances induced by RF fields.

Test severity:

RF amplitude (50 Ohm): 10 V (e.m.f.)

Frequency range : 0.15 – 80 MHz

Modulation: 80 % AM, 1 kHz sine wave

#### 6.3.1.10 DC in the AC current circuit

Object of the test: The error shift, compared to the intrinsic error, at sinusoidal conditions, shall be less than the requirements of Table 5 when the amplitude is increased to twice its value and the current is half-wave rectified.

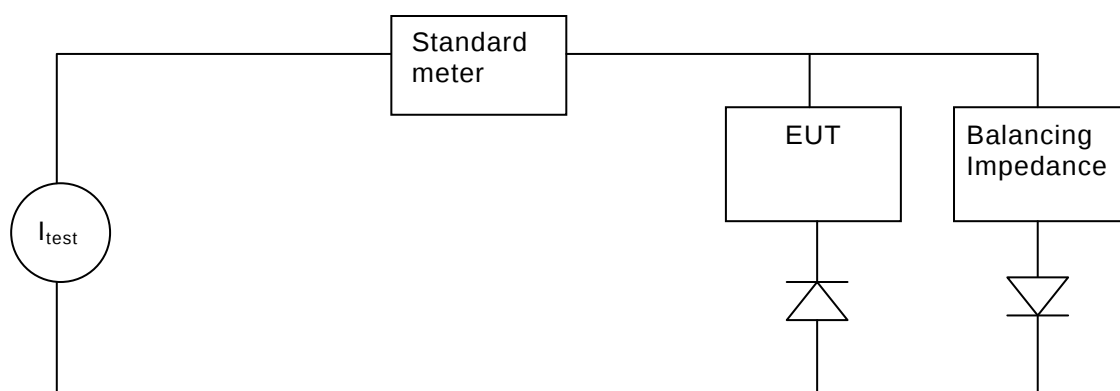
The test is not applicable to transformer operated meters.

Test procedure in brief: The test shall be performed at  $I = I_{\max} / \sqrt{2}$ , PF = 1, where  $I$  is the current through the standard meter.

Electromechanical and transformer operated meters may be assumed to be immune to DC in the AC current circuit.

Note: The half-wave rectification and measurement can be done as shown in Figure 2 (only the current path is shown, the voltage shall be connected as normal). The uncertainty of measurement in this method is very dependent on the (sub-period) output impedance of the current source and the current circuit impedance of the standard meter in combination with the possible impedance differences of the two current branches.

NB: Since the uncertainty is dependent on the absolute branch impedance difference and not the relative (if not  $R_{\text{balancing}} \gg R_{\text{source}}$ ), the problem can generally not be remedied by introducing additional matched resistors in each branch. It can, however, be monitored by studying the DC current from the source. The DC components should not be higher than 0.5 to 1 % of the AC value. (When measuring a DC component in the order of 1 % of the AC component, the instrument should preferably be calibrated beforehand by a measurement of the test current with the test circuit diodes disconnected and short-circuited.)



**Figure 2. Proposed current test circuit for DC and even harmonic test (only one-phase current circuit shown, voltage to be connected as normal)**

#### 6.3.1.11 High-order harmonics.

Object of the test: The meter shall fulfil the requirements for the influence of high-order harmonics as specified in Table 5.

Test Procedure: Asynchronous test signals, swept from  $f = 15 \cdot f_{\text{nom}}$  to  $50 \cdot f_{\text{nom}}$ , shall be superimposed first on the signal to the voltage circuits and then on the signal to the current circuits. In the case of a poly-phase meter all voltage or current circuits may be tested at the same time. The function of the meter shall not be impaired and the additional error shall not exceed that given in Table 5. The signal frequency shall be swept from low frequency to high frequency and back down while the metering error is measured.

Severity: The asynchronous signal shall have a value of  $0.02 \cdot U_{\text{nom}}$  and  $0.1 I_{\text{tr}}$ , with a tolerance of  $\pm 5\%$ .

Mandatory testpoints: The meter shall be operated at reference conditions with a current equal to  $I_{\text{tr}}$ . During the test, the sweep time of the test shall be adjusted so that at least 100 accurate readings of the meter error are made during each sweep.

### 6.3.2 Disturbances of a transient nature

#### 6.3.2.1 General instructions for disturbance tests

These tests are to verify that the meter fulfils the requirements for the influence of disturbances of a transient nature as given by Table 6. Tests are to be performed using one disturbance at a time; all other influence quantities should be set to the reference conditions unless otherwise stated in the relevant test description. No significant fault shall occur. Unless otherwise stated, each test shall include:

- a check that any change in the registers or equivalent energy of the test output is less than the critical change value given in 3.2.4.3,
- an operational check to verify that the meter registers energy when subjected to current,
- a check for correct operation of pulse outputs and tariff change inputs, if present; and
- confirmation by measurement that the meter still fulfils the base maximum permissible error requirements after the disturbance test.

Temporary loss of functionality is allowed as long as the meter returns to normal functionality automatically when the disturbance is removed.

The mandatory testpoints for the check of base maximum permissible error are at:

- $I_{\text{tr}}$ , PF=1,
- $10 I_{\text{tr}}$ , PF=0.5 ind.

#### 6.3.2.2 Magnetising field

Applicable standard: IEC 61000-4-8.

Object of the test: To verify compliance with the provisions for magnetic induction (AC, power frequency) of external origin given by 3.2.4.3 and Table 6.

Test procedure in brief: The meter shall be connected to reference voltage but with no current in the current circuits. The magnetic induction shall be applied along three orthogonal directions. During the test no significant fault shall occur.

Test severity: Magnetic field strength short duration (1 s to 3 s): 1000 A/m

#### 6.3.2.3 Electrostatic discharge

Applicable standard: IEC 61000-4-2.

Object of the test: to verify compliance to requirements in 3.2.4.3 and Table 6 under conditions of electrostatic discharge.

Test procedure in brief: An ESD generator shall be used with performance characteristics specified in the standard referenced. Before starting the tests, the performance of the generator shall be verified. At least 10 discharges (in the most sensitive polarity) shall be applied. For an EUT not equipped with a ground terminal, the EUT shall be fully

discharged between discharges. Contact discharge is the preferred test method. Air discharges shall be used where contact discharge cannot be applied.

Direct application: In the contact discharge mode to be carried out on conductive surfaces, the electrode shall be in contact with the EUT. In the air discharge mode on insulated surfaces, the electrode is approached to the EUT and the discharge occurs by spark.

Indirect application: The discharges are applied in the contact mode to coupling planes mounted in the vicinity of the EUT.

The test shall be done with the meter in operating conditions. The voltage circuits shall be energised with  $U_{nom}$  and the current and auxiliary circuits shall be open, without any current. No significant fault shall occur.

Test severity:

Contact discharge voltage <sup>(1)</sup>: 8 kV

Air discharge voltage <sup>(2)</sup>: 15 kV

Note (1): Contact discharges shall be applied on conductive surfaces.

Note (2): Air discharges shall be applied on non-conductive surfaces.

The EUT shall be tested as table-top equipment.

Meters, such as electromechanical meters, which have been constructed using only passive elements may be assumed to be immune to electrostatic discharges.

#### 6.3.2.4 Fast transients

Applicable standards: IEC 61000-4-1, IEC 61000-4-4.

Object of the test: To verify compliance to the requirements of 3.2.4.3 and Table 6 under conditions where electrical bursts are superimposed on voltage and current circuits, and I/O and communication ports.

Test procedure in brief: A burst generator shall be used with the performance characteristics specified in the standard referenced. The test consist of exposure to bursts of voltage spikes for which the repetition frequency of the impulses and peak values of the output voltage on 50 Ohm and 1000 Ohm load are defined in the standard referenced. The characteristics of the generator shall be verified before connecting the EUT. Both positive and negative polarity of the bursts shall be applied. The duration of the test shall not be less than 1 min for each amplitude and polarity. For the coupling of the bursts into the I/O and communication lines with a reference voltage over 40 V, a capacitive coupling clamp as defined in the standard shall be used. The test pulses shall be applied continuously during the measurement time.

Test conditions:

- The EUT shall be tested as a table top equipment
- The EUT voltage and auxiliary circuits shall be energised with reference voltage
- The cable length between the coupling device and the EUT shall be 1m.
- The test voltage shall be applied in common mode (line-to-earth) to:
  - a) the voltage circuits;
  - b) the current circuits, if separated from the voltage circuits in normal operation;
  - c) the auxiliary circuits, if separated from the voltage circuits in normal operation and with a reference voltage over 40 V.

Test severity:

- Test voltage on the current and voltage circuits: 4 kV.
- Test voltage on auxiliary circuits with a reference voltage over 40 V: 2 kV.
- Duration of each test: Not less than 1 min for each amplitude and polarity.

The function of the meter shall not be perturbed, and the error shift, compared to the intrinsic error at reference conditions, shall be less than that given for the relevant meter class in Table 14.

Mandatory test points:  $10I_{tr}$ , PF=1.

**Table 14. Limits of error shift for fast transients**

| Class | Limits of error shift |
|-------|-----------------------|
| A     | 6.0                   |
| B     | 4.0                   |
| C     | 2.0                   |
| D     | 1.0                   |

Meters, such as electromechanical meters, which have been constructed using only passive elements may be assumed to be immune to fast transients.

### 6.3.2.5 Voltage dips and interruptions

Applicable standards: IEC 61000-4-11, IEC 61000-6-1, IEC 61000-6-2.

Object of the test: To verify compliance to the requirements of 3.2.4.3 and Table 6 under conditions of short time mains voltage reductions (dips and interruptions).

Test procedure in brief: A test generator, which is able to reduce the amplitude of the AC mains voltage over an operator-defined period of time, should be used in this test. The performance of the test generator shall be verified before connecting the EUT.

Meters, such as electromechanical meters, which have been constructed using only passive elements may be assumed to be immune to voltage dips and interruptions.

The mains voltage reductions shall be repeated 10 times with an interval of at least 10 seconds.

The tests shall be carried out under the following conditions:

- voltage circuits energized with  $U_{nom}$ ;
- without any current in the current circuits.

Test severity

Voltage reduction tests:

| Test       | test a     | test b   | test c    |
|------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Reduction: | 30 %       | 60 %     | 60 %      |
| Duration:  | 0.5 cycles | 5 cycles | 50 cycles |

Voltage interruption test:

|               |           |
|---------------|-----------|
| Interruption: | > 95 %    |
| Duration:     | 5 seconds |

No significant fault shall occur.

### 6.3.2.6 Surges on AC mains power lines

Applicable standard: IEC 61000-4-5.

Object of the test: To verify compliance with the requirements of 3.2.4.3 and Table 6 under conditions where electrical surges are superimposed on the mains voltage and - if applicable - on I/O and communication ports.

Test procedure in brief: A surge generator shall be used with the performance characteristics specified in the standard referenced. The test consists of exposure to surges for which the rise time, pulse width, peak values of the output voltage/current on high/low impedance load, and minimum time interval between two successive pulses are defined in the standard referenced. The characteristics of the generator shall be verified before connecting the EUT.

This test is not applicable for meters such as electromechanical meters which may be assumed to be immune to surges.

The following test conditions shall apply:

- meter in operating condition:
  - voltage circuits energized with nominal voltage;
  - without any current in the current circuits and the current terminals shall be open circuit;
- cable length between surge generator and meter: 1 m;
- tested in differential mode (line to line);
- phase angle: pulses to be applied at 60° and 240° relative to zero crossing of AC supply;

Test severity:

Auxiliary circuits with a reference voltage over 40 V:

Line to line: Test voltage 1.0 kV, generator source impedance 42  $\Omega$

Line to earth<sup>(1)</sup>: Test voltage 2.0 kV, generator source impedance 42  $\Omega$

Number of tests: 5 positive and 5 negative

Repetition rate: maximum 1/min.

Voltage circuits:

Line to line: Test voltage: 2.0 kV, generator source impedance: 2  $\Omega$

Line to earth<sup>(1)</sup>: Test voltage: 4.0 kV, generator source impedance: 2  $\Omega$

Number of tests: 5 positive and 5 negative

Repetition rate: maximum 1/min.

(1): For cases where the earth of the meter is separate to neutral.

### 6.3.2.7 Damped oscillatory waves immunity test

Applicable standard: IEC 61000-4-12.

Object of the test: To verify compliance with the requirements of 3.2.4.3 and Table 6 under conditions of damped oscillatory waves.

Test procedure in brief: The meter is subjected to damped oscillatory voltage waveforms with a peak voltage according to the test severity stated below.

The following limitations and conditions shall apply:

- the test is only for meters intended to be operated with voltage transformers;
- meters shall be tested as table top equipment;
- meters shall be in operating condition:
  - voltage circuits energized with nominal voltage;

— with  $I = 20 I_{tr}$  and power factor one and 0.5 inductive;

Test severity:

- test voltage on voltage circuits and auxiliary circuits with a operating voltage  $> 40 \text{ V}$ :
  - common mode: 2.5 kV;
  - differential mode: 1.0 kV;
- test frequencies:
  - 100 kHz, repetition rate: 40 Hz;
  - 1 MHz, repetition rate: 400 Hz;
- test duration: 60 s (15 cycles with 2 s on, 2 s off, for each frequency)

During the test the meter shall not be perturbed and the error shift shall be less than the limits given in Table 15.

Mandatory test points:  $10I_{tr}$ , PF=1

**Table 15. Limits of error shift for damped oscillatory wave**

| Class | Limit for error shift (%) |
|-------|---------------------------|
| A     | 3.0                       |
| B     | 2.0                       |
| C     | 1.0                       |
| D     | ??                        |

#### 6.3.2.8 Short-time overcurrent

Object of the test: To verify compliance to the requirements of 3.2.4.3 and Table 6 under conditions of short time overcurrent.

The meter shall be able to handle the current caused by a short-circuit within the load being metered, when that load is protected with the proper fuses or breakers.

Test current: For direct connected meters:  $30 \cdot I_{max} + 0 \% - 10\%$ , for one half cycle at rated frequency or equivalent. For meters connected through current transformers: A current equivalent to  $20 \cdot I_{max} + 0 \% - 10\%$ , for 0.5s.

The test current shall be applied in one phase at the time. The test current value given is the r.m.s. value, not the peak value.

No damage shall occur. With the voltage still connected the meter shall be allowed to return to normal temperatures (about one hour). The error shift, compared to the initial error before the test, shall then be less than the limit of error shift given by Table 16.

Mandatory test points:  $10I_{tr}$ , PF=1.

**Table 16 Limit of error shift for short-time overcurrent**

| Class | Limit of error shift (%) for transformer operated meters | Limit of error shift (%) for direct connected meters |
|-------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| A     | 1.0                                                      | 1.5                                                  |
| B     | 0.5                                                      | 1.5                                                  |
| C     | 0.3                                                      | 0.5                                                  |
| D     | 0.1                                                      | 0.2                                                  |

### **6.3.2.9 Impulse voltage**

#### **6.3.2.9.1 General**

Object of the test: To verify compliance to the requirements of 3.2.4.3 and Table 6 under conditions of impulse voltage.

The meter and its incorporated auxiliary devices, if any, shall be such that they retain adequate dielectric qualities, taking account of the atmospheric influences and different voltages to which they are subjected under normal conditions of use.

The meter shall withstand the impulse voltage test as specified below. The test shall be carried out only on complete meters.

For the purpose of this test, the term “earth” has the following meaning:

- a) when the meter case is made of metal, the “earth” is the case itself, placed on a flat, conducting surface;
- b) when the meter case or only part of it is made of insulating material, the “earth” is a conductive foil wrapped around the meter touching all accessible conductive parts and connected to the flat, conducting surface on which the meter is placed. The distances between the conductive foil and the terminals, and between the conductive foil and the holes for the conductors, shall be no more than 2 cm.

During the impulse voltage test, the circuits that are not under test shall be connected to the earth.

The conditions for the impulse voltage tests are:

- ambient temperature: 15 °C to 25 °C;
- relative humidity: 25 % to 75 %;
- atmospheric pressure: 86 kPa to 106 kPa.

After completion of the impulse voltage test, there shall be no damage to the meter and no significant fault shall occur.

#### **6.3.2.9.2 Impulse Voltage Test Procedure**

The test shall be performed as defined in IEC 61000-4-5

Conditions:

- · impulse waveform: 1.2/50  $\mu$ s impulse specified in IEC 60060-1;
- · voltage rise time:  $\pm 30$  %;
- · voltage fall time:  $\pm 20$  %;
- · source series impedance:  $500 \Omega \pm 50 \Omega$ ;
- · source energy:  $10.0 \text{ J} \pm 1.0 \text{ J}$ ;
- · test voltage: in accordance with Table 17;
- · test voltage tolerance:  $+0 -10$  %.

For each test the impulse voltage is applied ten times with one polarity and then repeated ten times with the other polarity. The minimum time between impulses shall be 3 s.

**Table 17. Impulse voltage test levels**

| Voltage phase to earth derived from rated system voltage<br>V | Rated impulse voltage<br>V |                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
|                                                               | Low system exposure        | high system exposure |
| $V \leq 100$                                                  | 2 500                      | 3 000                |
| $100 \leq V \leq 150$                                         | 4 000                      | 6 000                |
| $150 \leq V \leq 300$                                         | 6 000                      | 10 000               |
| $300 < V \leq 600$                                            | 8 000                      | 12 000               |

Note: A highly exposed system is one which may be subjected to high voltage impulses and which provides little or no attenuation of such impulses such as power distribution systems using overhead cables and/or meters mounted on the exterior of premises.

Note – National authority may change the applicable rated impulse voltage levels.

### **6.3.2.9.3 Impulse voltage tests for circuits and between circuits**

The test shall be made independently on each circuit (or assembly of circuits) which is insulated from other circuits of the meter in normal use. The terminals of the circuits which are not subjected to impulse voltage shall be connected to earth.

Thus, when the voltage and current circuits of a measuring element are connected together in normal use, the test shall be made on the whole. The other end of the voltage circuit shall be connected to earth and the impulse voltage shall be applied between the terminal of the current circuit and earth. When several voltage circuits of a meter have a common point, this point shall be connected to earth and the impulse voltage successively applied between each of the free ends of the connections (or the current circuit connected to it) and earth. The other end of this current circuit shall be open.

When the voltage and current circuits of the same measuring element are separated and appropriately insulated in normal use (e.g. each circuit connected to measuring transformer), the test shall be made separately on each circuit.

During the test of a current circuit, the terminals of the other circuits shall be connected to earth and the impulse voltage shall be applied between one of the terminals of the current circuit and earth. During the test of a voltage circuit, the terminals of the other circuits and one of the terminals of the voltage circuit under test shall be connected to earth and the impulse voltage shall be applied between the other terminal of the voltage circuit and earth.

The auxiliary circuits intended to be connected either directly to the mains or to the same voltage transformers as the meter circuits, and with a reference voltage over 40 V, shall be subjected to the impulse voltage test by being tied together with a voltage circuit during tests. The other auxiliary circuits shall not be tested.

### **6.3.2.9.4 Impulse voltage test of electric circuits relative to earth**

All the terminals of the electric circuits of the meter, including those of the auxiliary circuits with a reference voltage over 40 V, shall be connected together.

The auxiliary circuits with a reference voltage below or equal to 40 V shall be connected to earth. The impulse voltage shall be applied between all the electric circuits and earth. During this test no flashover, disruptive discharge or puncture shall occur.

### **6.3.2.10 Earth fault**

Object of the test: To verify compliance to the provisions of 3.2.4.3 and Table 6 under conditions of earth fault.

This test only applies to three-phase four-wire transformer-operated meters connected to distribution networks which are equipped with earth fault neutralizers or in which the star point is isolated. In the case of an earth fault and with 10 % overvoltage, the line-to-earth voltages of the two lines which are not affected by the earth fault will rise to 1.9 times the nominal voltage.

The following test requirements apply:

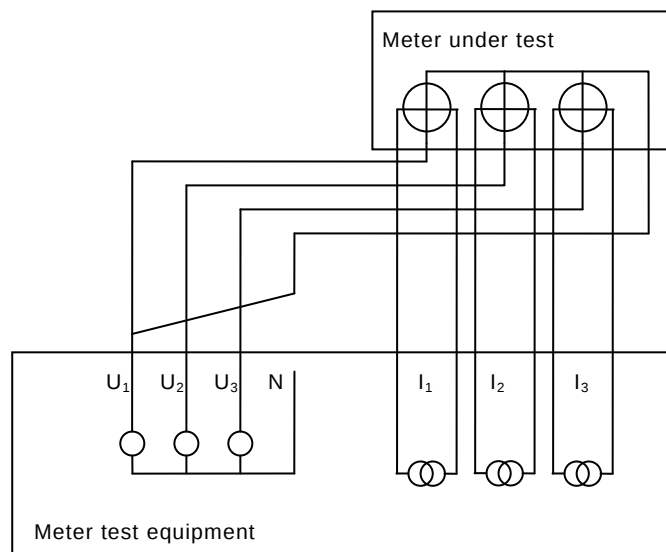
For a test under a simulated earth fault condition in one of the three lines, all voltages are increased to 1.1 times the nominal voltages during 4 h. The neutral terminal of the meter under test is disconnected from the ground terminal of the meter test equipment (MTE) and is connected to the MTE's line terminal at which the earth fault has to be simulated (see Figure 3). In this way, the two voltage terminals of the meter under test which are not affected by the earth fault are connected to 1.9 times the nominal phase voltages. After the test, the meter shall show no damage and shall operate correctly.

The change of error measured when the meter is back at nominal working temperature shall not exceed the limits given below in Table 18.

Mandatory testpoints:  $I_n = 10 I_{tr}$ , power factor = 1, balanced load.

**Table 18 Limit of error shift for earth fault test**

| Class | Limit of error shift [%] |
|-------|--------------------------|
| A     | 1.0                      |
| B     | 0.7                      |
| C     | 0.3                      |
| D     | 0.1                      |



**Figure 3. Set-up for earth fault test.**

#### 6.3.2.11 Operation of auxiliary devices

The operation of auxiliary devices shall be tested to ensure that they do not affect the metrological performance of the meter. In this test, the meter shall be operated at reference conditions and its error continuously monitored, while auxiliary devices such as communication devices, relays and other I/O circuits are operated. The functionality of the meter shall not be impaired and the error shift due to the operation of the auxiliary devices shall always be less than 1/10 of the base m.p.e..

Mandatory testpoints:  $I_{tr}$  and  $I_{max}$ .

### 6.3.2.12 Mechanical tests

#### 6.3.2.12.1 Vibrations

Applicable standard IEC 60068-2-47, IEC 60068-2-64.

Test procedure in brief: The test consists of exposure to the vibration level for a time sufficient for testing the various functions of the EUT during the exposure. The EUT shall, in turn, be tested in three, mutually perpendicular axes whilst mounted on a rigid fixture by its normal mounting means.

The EUT shall normally be mounted so that the gravitational force acts in the same direction as it would in normal use. Where the effect of gravitational force is not important the EUT may be mounted in any position.

Test severity

|                       |                                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Total frequency range | 10 – 150 Hz                       |
| Total r.m.s. level    | 7 m·s <sup>-2</sup>               |
| ASD level 10-20 Hz    | 1 m <sup>2</sup> ·s <sup>-3</sup> |
| ASD level 20-150 Hz   | -3 dB/octave                      |
| Duration per axis:    | at least 2 minutes.               |

After the test it shall be tested that the functionality of the meter has not been impaired and that the error at 10  $I_{tr}$  has not changed by more than 1/10 of the base maximum permissible error.

#### 6.3.2.12.2 Shock

~~Applicable standard IEC 60068-2-31. (Ed. See also alternative text below provided by Aaron Snyder)~~

~~Test method: Dropping on to a face.~~

~~Test procedure in brief: The EUT, placed in its normal position of use on a rigid surface, is tilted towards one bottom edge and is then allowed to fall freely on to the test surface. The height of fall is the distance between the opposite edge and the test surface. However, the angle made by the bottom and the test surface shall not exceed 30°.~~

~~Test severity:~~

|                                                   |                  |
|---------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| <del>Height of fall:</del>                        | <del>25 mm</del> |
| <del>Number of falls (on each bottom edge):</del> | <del>1</del>     |

~~After the test it shall be tested that the functionality of the meter has not been impaired and that the error at 10  $I_{tr}$  has not changed more than 1/10 of base maximum permissible error.~~

Applicable standard IEC 60068-2-32

Test severity:

|                                         |                                                                |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Test surface:                           | concrete or steel                                              |
| Height of fall:                         | 50 mm                                                          |
| Number of falls on each face:           | 2                                                              |
| Attitudes (landing faces of the meter): | at least five including the bottom, top, one side, front, back |

Test procedure:

The EUT, placed on the test surface, is tilted towards one edge of the tested face, lifted to the proper height and is then allowed to fall freely on to the test surface.

The height of fall is the shortest distance between the test object and the test surface. The angle between the face of the meter and the test surface shall be 15-30°.

After the test it shall be tested that the functionality of the meter has not been impaired and that the error at 10  $I_{tr}$  has not changed more than 1/10 of base maximum permissible error.

### 6.3.2.13 Protection against solar radiation

Applicable standard: IEC 60068-2-5

The object of the test is to verify compliance with the requirements regarding protection against solar radiation as specified in sections 3.5, 3.6.1, 3.7.1 and 3.2.4.3.

The test shall be carried out under the following conditions:

- for outdoor meters only;
- meter in non-operating condition;
- test procedure A (8 h irradiation and 16 h darkness);
- upper temperature: +55 °C;
- duration of the test: 3 cycles or 3 days.

After the test the meter shall be visually inspected and a function test shall be made. The appearance and, in particular, the legibility of markings and displays shall not be altered. Any means of protection of the metrological properties, such as the case and sealing, shall not be affected. The function of the meter shall not be impaired.

*[Alternative test proposed by Australia – originally from Australian Standard AS1284.1:]*

This test sets out the method for determining the resistance of certain components to ultraviolet radiation.

Test components are irradiated under controlled conditions and any visual effect noted.

The test apparatus shall be as follows:

|                          |                                                                                  |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Lamp:                    | Type QE-400-H-E40 122/292 to IEC 60188                                           |
| Ballast:                 | Inductive type to IEC 60922                                                      |
| Preconditioning of lamp: | 100 h at ballast rated voltage $\pm 6\%$ after which the outer glass is removed. |
| Light output:            | 21750 lm to 27000 lm                                                             |
| Operated life of lamp:   | Not greater than 4000 h                                                          |
| Operating voltage:       | Ballast rated voltage $\pm 6\%$ .                                                |

The procedure shall be as follows:

Arrange the test objects at 250 mm from the longitudinal axis of the lamp and cover some portion to prevent irradiation. Rotate the test objects about the longitudinal axis of the lamp (or vice versa) so that the test surfaces always face the lamp. Irradiate the test object for 48 h. Visually compare irradiated and unexposed portions of the test objects.

Note 1: The test objects should be ventilated to avoid elevated temperatures and ozone levels.

Note 2: Surfaces near the test objects should be non-reflective.

The following shall be reported:

For a transparent object, whether there is any noticeable deterioration or loss in transparency (see ASTM D1003)

For a non transparent object, whether there is any noticeable effect.

### 6.3.2.14 Protection against ingress of dust

Applicable standard: IEC 60529

The object of the test is to verify compliance with the requirements regarding protection against the ingress of dust as specified in section 3.2.4.3.

The test shall be carried out under the following conditions:

- for outdoor meters only;
- reference conditions;
- IP 5x rating;
- **Category 2 enclosure.**

After the test the interior of the meter shall be visually inspected and a function test shall be made. The talcum powder or other dust used in the test shall not have accumulated in a quantity or location such that it could interfere with the correct operation of the equipment or impair safety. No dust shall deposit where it could lead to tracking along the creepage distances. The function of the meter shall not be impaired.

### **6.3.2.15 Climatic tests**

#### **6.3.2.15.1 Extreme temperatures - dry heat**

Applicable standards: IEC 60068-2-2, IEC 60068-3-1.

Object of the test: To verify compliance to the provisions of 3.2.4.3 and Table 6 under conditions of dry heat.

The test consists of exposure to the specified high temperature under “free air” conditions for 2 hours (beginning from when the temperature of the EUT is stable), with the EUT in a non-operating state.

The change of temperature shall not exceed 1 °C/min during heating up and cooling down.

The absolute humidity of the test atmosphere shall not exceed 20 g/m<sup>3</sup>.

Test severity: The test shall be performed at a standard temperature one step higher than the standard temperature specified for the meter.

Possible temperatures: 40 55 70 85 °C

After the test it shall be tested that the functionality of the meter has not been impaired and that the error at 10  $I_{tr}$  has not changed by more than 1/10 of the base maximum permissible error.

#### **6.3.2.15.2 Extreme temperatures - cold**

Applicable standards: IEC 60068-2-1, IEC 60068-3-1.

Object of the test: To verify compliance to the provisions of 3.2.4.3 and Table 6 under conditions of low temperatures.

The test consists of exposure to the specified low temperature under “free air” conditions for 2 hours (beginning from the time when the temperature of the EUT is stable) with the EUT in a non-operating state.

The change of temperature shall not exceed 1 °C/min during heating up and cooling down.

Test severity: The test shall be performed at a standard temperature one step lower than the standard temperature specified for the meter.

Possible temperatures: -10 -25 -40 -55 °C

After the test it shall be tested that the functionality of the meter has not been impaired and that the error at 10  $I_{tr}$  has not changed more than 1/10 of base maximum permissible error.

**6.3.2.15.3 Damp heat, steady-state (non-condensing), for humidity class H1**

Applicable standards: IEC 60068-2-78, IEC 60068-3-4.

To verify compliance with the provisions in Table 4, 3.2.4.3 and Table 6 under conditions of high humidity and constant temperature. For meters that are specified for enclosed locations where the meters are not subjected to condensed water, precipitation, or ice formations (H1). The test consists of exposure to the specified high level temperature and the specified constant relative humidity for a certain fixed time defined by the severity level. The EUT shall be handled such that no condensation of water occurs on it.

The test shall be carried out under the following conditions:

- Voltage and auxiliary circuits energized with reference voltage;
- Without any current in the current circuits.

Test severity:

|             |        |
|-------------|--------|
| Temperature | 30 °C  |
| Humidity    | 85 %   |
| Duration    | 2 days |

During the test no significant fault shall occur, i.e. any change in the registers shall be smaller than the critical change value.

Immediately after the test the meter shall operate correctly and comply with the accuracy requirements of Table 4.

24 hours after the test the meter shall be submitted to a functional test during which it shall be demonstrated to operate correctly. There shall be no evidence of any mechanical damage or corrosion which may affect the functional properties of the meter.

**6.3.2.15.4 Damp heat, cyclic (condensing) for humidity class H2 and H3**

Applicable standards: IEC 60068-2-30, IEC 60068-3-4.

To verify compliance with the provisions in Table 4 and Table 6 under conditions of high humidity and temperature variations. This test applies to meters with a humidity class specification either for enclosed locations where meters can be subjected to condensed water or for open locations (humidity classes H2 and H3).

Test procedure in brief: The test consists of exposure to cyclic temperature variation between 25 °C and the temperature specified as the upper temperature limit of the meter, whilst maintaining the relative humidity above 95 % during the temperature change and low temperature phases, and at 93 % during the upper temperature phases. Condensation should occur on the EUT during the temperature rise.

The 24 h cycle consists of:

- 1) temperature rise during 3 h
- 2) temperature maintained at upper value until 12 h from the start of the cycle
- 3) temperature reduced to lower value within 3 h to 6 h, the rate of fall during the first hour and a half being such that the lower value would be reached in 3 h
- 4) temperature maintained at lower value until the 24 h cycle is completed.

The stabilizing period before and recovery after the cyclic exposure shall be such that all parts of the EUT are within 3 °C of their final temperature.

The test shall be carried out under the following conditions:

- Voltage and auxiliary circuits energized with reference voltage;

- Without any current in the current circuits.
- Mounting position according to manufacturer's specification

Meters with a humidity class specification for enclosed locations where meters can be subjected to condensed water shall be tested at severity level 1. Meters with a humidity class specification for open locations shall be tested at severity level 2.

|                    |    |    |        |
|--------------------|----|----|--------|
| Severity levels    | 1  | 2  | unit   |
| Upper temperature: | 40 | 55 | °C     |
| Duration           | 2  | 2  | cycles |

During the test no significant fault shall occur, i.e. any change in the registers shall be smaller than the critical change value.

Immediately after the test the meter shall operate correctly and comply with the accuracy requirements of Table 4.

24 hours after the test the meter shall be submitted to a functional test during which it shall be demonstrated to operate correctly. There shall be no evidence of any mechanical damage or corrosion which may affect the functional properties of the meter.

#### **6.3.2.15.5 Water test**

Applicable standards: IEC 60068-2-18, IEC 60512-14-7, IEC 60529

To verify compliance with the provisions in 3.2.4.3 and Table 6 under conditions of rain and water splashes. The test is applicable to meters that are specified for open locations (H3).

Test procedure in brief: The EUT is mounted on an appropriate fixture and is subjected to impacting water generated from either an oscillating tube or a spray nozzle used to simulate spraying or splashing water.

The instrument shall be in functional mode during the test under the following conditions:

Flow rate (per nozzle): 0.07 L/min

Duration: 10 min

Angle of inclination: 0 ° and 180 °

During the test no significant fault shall occur, i.e. any change in the registers shall be smaller than the critical change value.

Immediately after the test the meter shall operate correctly and comply with the accuracy requirements of Table 4.

24 hours after the test the meter shall be submitted to a functional test during which it shall be demonstrated to operate correctly. There shall be no evidence of any mechanical damage or corrosion which may affect the functional properties of the meter.

## **7 Examination for conformity with type**

An examination for conformity with type should determine whether a meter complies with all requirements in section 3, and whether documentation supplied by the manufacturer complies with the requirements in section 4.1.

A meter may only be deemed to have passed examination for conformity to type if the results of any type tests comply with the requirements given in section 3. The measurement uncertainty must be small enough to allow clear discrimination between a pass result and a fail result. In particular, an uncertainty less than one fifth the maximum permissible error given for the corresponding test point must be obtained for tests described in section 6.2, unless otherwise specified in the relevant test description.

The scope of the tests performed and test severities used shall be consistent with the manufacturer's specifications and with the requirements of section 3.

## 8 VERIFICATION

### 8.1 General

Verification may be carried out either individually or statistically. In all cases meters shall conform to the requirements of this Recommendation. The following minimum programme applies to the initial verification of all meters, whether verified individually or statistically, and to re-verification of meters which have been repaired or otherwise changed. For individual or statistical re-verification of meters that have not been repaired or otherwise changed, the programme may be modified and further reduced.

### 8.2 Testing

#### 8.2.1 Calibration status

Check that the test system used has sufficient accuracy to verify the meters under test, and that the calibration is valid.

#### 8.2.2 Conformity check

Check that the instrument is manufactured in conformity with the type approval documentation.

#### 8.2.3 Warming-up

It may be necessary to warm the meter up before full operation. The length of the warming-up period depends on the actual type of instrument and shall be determined in advance. During the test for initial intrinsic error the meter shall be allowed to stabilize at each current level before measurements for a period, no longer than 5 minutes, to be nominated by the manufacturer. The order of the testpoints shall be from lowest current to highest current and then from highest current to lowest current. For each testpoint, the resulting error shall be the mean of these measurements. For  $I_{\max}$ , the maximum measurement time shall be 10 minutes including stabilizing time.

#### 8.2.4 Test for base maximum permissible error

The minimum programme consists of:

- Check of meter response with no load
- Check of meter response at starting current
- Test of the dependence of meter accuracy on current
- Check of the register

##### 8.2.4.1 No-load check

For this test, the current in the current circuit shall be  $0.2 I_{st}$  at unity power factor. The test shall be performed at  $U_{nom}$ . For meters with a test output, the output of the meter shall not produce more than one pulse. For an electromechanical meter, the rotor of the meter shall not make a complete revolution. The minimum test period  $\Delta t$  shall be

$$\Delta t \geq \frac{75 \cdot 10^3}{k \cdot m \cdot U_{nom} \cdot 0.2 \cdot I_{st}} \text{ minutes} \quad \text{where}$$

- $k$  is the number of pulses emitted by the output device of the meter per kilowatthour (imp/kWh) or number of revolutions; and
- $m$  is the number of measuring elements.

A meter with more than one connection mode shall be tested in all modes. However, if the test is made *in-situ* on an installed meter, only the actual mode of connection need be tested.

For transformer-operated meters with primary or half-primary registers, the constant  $k$  shall correspond to the secondary values (voltage and currents).

If the meter technology is both widely known and well-understood, and an established method exists which will permit a more rapid demonstration of correct meter response at a test current of  $0.2 I_{st}$  at unity power factor and  $U_{nom}$ , use of this alternative method may be allowed.

#### 8.2.4.2 Starting current check

The test is performed at  $I_{st}$  and unity power factor. For initial verification of meters produced from a continuously operating process resulting in a large number of identical units, it is sufficient for the error curve from 0 to  $I_{min}$  to be recorded on a sample batch every 3 months for the particular meter type. For initial verification of meters produced by other means, it will be sufficient if the meter is observed to run continuously when the starting current is applied. A meter with more than one connection mode shall be tested in all modes. However, if the test is made *in-situ* on an installed meter, only the actual mode of connection need be tested.

#### 8.2.4.3 Current dependence

Meters shall comply with the accuracy requirements of Table 2. These shall be checked at the following currents:

- $I_{min}$ , PF=1;
- $I_{tr}$ , PF=1;
- $I_{tr}$ , PF=0.5 ind.
- $10 I_{tr}$ , PF=1;
- $10 I_{tr}$ , PF=0.5 ind.
- $I_{max}$ , PF=1;
- $I_{max}$ , PF=0.5 ind.

In the case of three-phase meters with an alternative single-phase connection mode, the single-phase load test shall be performed separately for each phase at:

- $10 I_{tr}$ ; PF=1 and
- $10 I_{tr}$ ; PF = 0.5 inductive.

#### 8.2.4.4 Check of the register

If test (pulse) outputs are used for tests of accuracy requirements, a test must be performed to ensure that the relation between the basic energy register and the relevant test output(s) complies with that specified by the manufacturer. The test may be carried out by putting an energy  $E$  through the meter, where  $E$  is at least:

$$E_{min} = \frac{R \cdot 10}{\text{base maximum permissible error(\%)}}$$

and where  $R$  is the apparent resolution of the basic energy register.

The energy put through the meter shall be calculated using the number of pulses from the test output; the relative difference between this energy and the energy registered shall be determined. This relative difference must not be greater than one tenth of the base maximum permissible error.

The test may be performed at a single arbitrary current  $I \geq I_{tr}$ .

### 8.2.5 Sealing

If there are no seals on the meter (e.g. because they have not yet been applied or because they have been removed during verification testing), the meter shall be sealed in accordance with the type approval documentation.

## 8.3 Reference conditions for initial and subsequent verifications in a laboratory

**Table 19 Reference conditions and their tolerances for initial and subsequent verification**

| Quantity                                                     | Reference conditions                  | Tolerance                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Voltage(s)                                                   | $U_{nom}$                             | $\pm 2 \%$                   |
| Ambient temperature                                          | 23°C                                  | $\pm 5^\circ\text{C}$        |
| Frequency                                                    | $f_{nom}$                             | $\pm 0.5 \%$                 |
| Wave-form                                                    | Sinusoidal                            | $d \leq 2 \%$                |
| Magnetic induction of external origin at reference frequency | 0 T                                   | $B \leq 0.1 \text{ mT}$      |
| Electromagnetic RF fields 30 kHz- 2.4 GHz                    | 0 V/m                                 | $< 2 \text{ V/m}$            |
| Operating position for instruments sensitive to position     | Mounting as stated by manufacturer    | $\pm 3.0^\circ$              |
| Phase sequence for poly-phase meters                         | L1, L2, L3                            | -                            |
| Load balance                                                 | Equal current in all current circuits | $\pm 5 \%$ and $\pm 5^\circ$ |

**Table 20 Load conditions and their tolerances in tests for initial and subsequent verification**

|              |                                         |                                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Current(s)   | Current range of device under test      | Class A,B: $\pm 10 \%$<br>Class C,D: $\pm 10 \%$  |
| Power factor | Power factor range of device under test | current to voltage phase difference $\pm 5^\circ$ |

## ~~8.4 Additional requirements for the statistical verifications and in-service inspections~~

~~Under consideration pending work in OIML TC3 subcommittee 4.~~

**Annex A Part 3 Test report Format  
(to be drafted later)**

## Annex A (Informative)

### A.1 Estimate of overall maximum probable uncertainty

#### A.1.1 Estimation based on the requirements of this Recommendation

This Recommendation permits a base maximum permissible error plus an error shift caused by influence quantities. The actual error of a complying meter when in use could therefore exceed the base maximum permissible error. There is a need to estimate a overall maximum permissible error that indicates the largest error that can reasonably be attributed to a meter type that complies with this Recommendation. This entails estimating the uncertainty of measurement of an arbitrary meter at arbitrary conditions (within the rated operating conditions).

However, adding the base maximum permissible error and all error shifts algebraically would give a much too pessimistic estimate of the metering uncertainty, for two reasons. For an arbitrary set of influence factor values, some of the error shifts will be low and some will probably have opposite signs, tending to cancel each other out. Furthermore, the electricity meter is an integrating device, thus the errors caused by influence quantities will average out to some extent as the values of the influence factors vary over time.

If we make the following assumptions:

- a) The integrating effect may be ignored,
- b) None of the effects of the influence factors are correlated,
- c) The values of the influence quantities are more likely to be close to the reference values than to limits of the rated operated conditions,
- d) The influence quantities, and the effects of the influence factors, can be treated as Gaussian distributions, and thus a value of half the maximum permissible error shift can be used for the standard uncertainty,

Then the overall maximum permissible error (assuming a coverage factor of two corresponding to a coverage probability of approximately 95 %) can be estimated using the formula<sup>(1)</sup>:

$$u = 2 * \sqrt{\frac{u_{base}^2}{4} + \frac{u_{voltage}^2}{4} + \frac{u_{frequency}^2}{4} + \frac{u_{unbalance}^2}{4} + \frac{u_{harmonic}^2}{4} + \frac{u_{tilt}^2}{4} + \frac{u_{temperature}^2}{4}}$$

where:

$u_{base}$  is the base maximum permissible error;

$u_{voltage}$  is the maximum error shift permitted for voltage variation;

$u_{frequency}$  is the maximum error shift permitted for frequency variation;

$u_{unbalance}$  is the maximum error shift permitted for unbalance variation;

$u_{harmonics}$  is the maximum error shift permitted for the variation of harmonic content;

$u_{tilt}$  is the maximum error shift permitted for tilt;

$u_{temperature}$  is the maximum error shift permitted for temperature variation.

Note (1): This is line with the ISO Guide to the expression of uncertainty of measurement (GUM).

#### A.1.2 Estimation based on type test results and specific conditions

The overall maximum permissible error can also be estimated for a particular meter type using type test results. Type test results can often show a smaller variation than that required by this Recommendation, leading to an assured smaller value for the overall maximum permissible error. In such cases, the assumption of a Gaussian distribution may no longer be valid, and a rectangular distribution should be assumed for the effects of influence factors instead.

Thus, the overall maximum permissible error can then be estimated from a combination of test results using the formula:

$$u = 2 * \sqrt{\frac{u_{base}^2}{3} + \frac{u_{voltage}^2}{3} + \frac{u_{frequency}^2}{3} + \frac{u_{unbalance}^2}{3} + \frac{u_{harmonic}^2}{3} + \frac{u_{tilt}^2}{3} + \frac{u_{temperature}^2}{3}}$$

where:

$u_{base}$  is the maximum error obtained in the test for base maximum error, algebraically added to the measurement uncertainty of the type test<sup>(2)</sup>;

$u_{voltage}$  is the maximum error shift obtained in the test for voltage variation, algebraically added to the measurement uncertainty of the type test;

$u_{frequency}$  is the maximum error shift obtained in the test for frequency variation, algebraically added to the measurement uncertainty of the type test;

$u_{unbalance}$  is the maximum error shift obtained in the test for unbalance variation, algebraically added to the measurement uncertainty of the type test;

$u_{harmonics}$  is the maximum error shift obtained in the test for variation of harmonic content, algebraically added to the measurement uncertainty of the type test;

$u_{tilt}$  is the maximum error shift obtained in the test for influence of tilt, algebraically added to the measurement uncertainty of the type test;

$u_{temperature}$  is the maximum error shift obtained in the test for temperature variation, algebraically added to the measurement uncertainty of the type test.

Note (2): The measurement uncertainty must be included in each component  $u_i$  of the overall maximum permissible error. Since one term is a known value and the other an uncertainty they cannot be treated as two uncorrelated statistical distributions, and must hence be added algebraically.

The effect of correlations between factors such as load profiles and ambient temperature variation on meter accuracy have not been included in the above calculations, but could be modelled in situations where appropriate.]

## Annex B (Informative)

### B.1 Legislative considerations

It would be impractical to develop this Recommendation to fit each and every one of the wide variety of situations and meter applications which exist around the world. It is therefore inevitable that some issues may need to be addressed by national authorities or at a regional level.

One way in which this Recommendation seeks to provide an appropriate balance between flexibility and uniformity is by the provision of options for a number of conditions, such as:

- a) Nominal voltage
- b) Nominal frequency
- c) Rated temperature
- d) Level of protection from water and humidity
- e) Level of protection from impulse voltages
- f) Handling of energy flow direction

It should be noted that in some countries or regions, local legislation may also include specific requirements relating to matters such as:

- g) Electrical interface
- h) Mechanical interface and housing

It should also be noted that, while the maximum current is most often specified by the characteristics of the installation, the value of the transitional current and/or the ratio between the maximum current and the transitional current are important for end customers with low power consumption, since these customers could experience large relative metering errors if the load current is lower than the transitional current for a large part of the time. It is thus recommended that the values of  $I_{tr}$  and  $I_{max}$  be chosen from the table below:

**Table 21. Preferred current ranges**

| Type of meter connection                  | Preferred values of $I_{tr}$ and $I_{max}$<br>(Amperes)                                                                   | Other values of $I_{tr}$ and $I_{max}$<br>(Amperes)                                |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Direct connection                         | Standard $I_{tr}$ values: 0.125, 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 3.<br>Standard $I_{max}$ values: 10, 20, 40, 60, 80, 100, 120, 200, 320 | Other $I_{tr}$ values: 0.75, 1.5, 2.5, 4, 5<br>Other $I_{max}$ values: 30, 50, 160 |
| Connection through current transformer(s) | Standard $I_{tr}$ values: 0.05, 0.1, 0.25<br>Standard $I_{max}$ values: 1.2, 1.5, 2, 2.4, 3, 4, 6, 7.5, 10, 20            | Other $I_{tr}$ values: 0.125<br>Other $I_{max}$ values: 3.75, 5                    |

Note 1 - The current range of transformer operated meters should be compatible with the current range of current transformers.

Note 2 - The legislator may prescribe the maximum permissible  $I_{tr}$  value, prescribe a minimum current range, or a minimum ratio between  $I_{max}$  and  $I_{tr}$ . These can be prescribed as absolute values or values based on the typical power demand for certain types of customers etc.

#### B.1.1 Choice of class index

More accurate meters should be used when metering large flows of electricity in order to minimise the economic impact of unavoidable measurement errors. While class A meters may be acceptable for situations involving low energy consumption, higher class indices should be used when higher rates of energy consumption are involved.

The accuracy of the meter will be independent of the power grid characteristics for most meter connection modes; however, there may be a need for the evaluation of the influence of grid characteristics, especially for meters with higher class indices, in cases where there are underlying assumptions of grid symmetry and/or lack of leakage currents. It is possible that contributions to the overall meter error due to grid characteristics in such situations may

be larger than contributions from the meter itself, especially at higher accuracy; it may therefore be appropriate to limit the use of connection modes of this type.

#### **B.1.2 Matters not covered by the scope of this document**

This document is limited to describing the relevant metrological requirements of an electricity meter and therefore omits certain matters which may or should be regulated by legislation, such as:

- a) EMC emissions
- b) Electrical safety and personal safety
- c) Security of communication protocols and further handling of measurement results

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