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### Foreword

This European Standard was prepared by a sub-group of WG 11 of the Technical Committee CENELEC TC 20, Electric cables.

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with the EN have to be withdrawn (dow) 2011-12-01

This is Part 6 of CENELEC standard EN 50483 “*Test requirements for low voltage aerial bundled cable accessories*”, which has six parts:

- Part 1: Generalities;
  - Part 2: Tension and suspension clamps for self supporting system;
  - Part 3: Tension and suspension clamps for neutral messenger system;
  - Part 4: Connectors;
  - Part 5: Electrical ageing test;
  - Part 6: Environmental testing.
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**1 Scope**

EN 50483 series applies to overhead line fittings for tensioning, supporting and connecting aerial bundled cables (ABC) of rated voltage  $U_0/U$  ( $U_m$ ): 0,6/1 (1,2) kV.

The objective is to provide a method of testing the suitability of accessories when used under normal operating conditions with low voltage aerial bundled cables complying with HD 626.

This Part 6 defines the environmental tests in particular the climatic and corrosion ageing tests. The objective of these tests is to predict the behaviour of ABC accessories when subjected to sun radiation, to weather conditions (humidity, spraying water, heat, cold) and pollution. EN 50483-1, EN 50483-2, EN 50483-3 and EN 50483-4 specify which type tests included in this part of the standard are needed.

Climate differs across Europe and in order to meet the differing geographic climatic conditions it is necessary to provide a range of tests to meet these variations. A range of optional, additional tests is provided to meet the varying climatic needs and these should be agreed between the customer and the supplier (see Annex C).

NOTE This European Standard does not invalidate existing approvals of products achieved on the basis of national standards and specifications and/or the demonstration of satisfactory service performance. However, products approved according to such national standards or specifications cannot directly claim approval to this European Standard. It may be possible, subject to agreement between supplier and purchaser, and/or the relevant conformity assessment body, to demonstrate that conformity to the earlier standard can be used to claim conformity to this standard, provided an assessment is made of any additional type testing that may need to be carried out. Any such additional testing that is part of a sequence of testing cannot be done separately.

**2 Normative references**

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 50483 series, *Test requirements for low voltage aerial bundled cable accessories*

EN 60068-2-5, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Sa: Simulated solar radiation at ground level* (IEC 60068-2-5)

EN 60068-2-9:1999, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Guidance for solar radiation testing* (IEC 60068-2-9:1975 + A1:1984)

EN 60068-2-11:1999, *Environmental testing – Part 2: Tests – Test Ka: Salt mist* (IEC 60068-2-11:1981)

EN ISO 3231, *Paints and varnishes – Determination of resistance to humid atmospheres containing sulfur dioxide* (ISO 3231)

IEC 60050-461, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 461: Electric cables*

**3 Terms and definitions**

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-461 and the following apply.

**3.1****aerial bundled cable (ABC)**

aerial cable consisting of a group of insulated conductors which are twisted together including, or not, a non insulated conductor

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NOTE The terms bundled conductors, bundled cables, bundled cores, conductor bundles and bundle could be used as equivalent to the term aerial bundled cable (ABC).

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