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The main technical changes with regard to the previous edition are as follows:

- addition of a test procedure in simulated sunlight of subsequent measurement of primary and secondary reference device;
- definition of standard test conditions;
- reduction of allowed diffuse component for secondary reference cell calibration to 20 %.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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### Part 2: Requirements for photovoltaic reference devices

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60904 gives requirements for the classification, selection, packaging, marking, calibration and care of photovoltaic reference devices.

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