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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition, published in 1999. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

It takes into account the latest developments in the design of reverberation chambers as described in IEC 61000-4-21, which is also referencing this standard as a possible test method. Furthermore, an alternative measurement procedure is added which is able to reduce the measurement time needed.

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### **1 Scope**

The requirements of modern electronic equipment have indicated a demand for a method for testing screening attenuation of microwave components over their whole frequency range. Convenient test methods exist for low frequencies and components of regular shape. These test methods are described in the relevant IEC product specifications (e.g. IEC 62153-4-3). For higher frequencies and for components of irregular shape, a new test method has become necessary and such a test method is described in this International Standard.

This International Standard describes the measurement of screening attenuation by the reverberation chamber test method, sometimes named mode stirred chamber, suitable for virtually any type of microwave component and having no theoretical upper frequency limit. It is only limited toward low frequencies due to the size of the test equipment, which is frequency-dependent and is only one of several methods of measuring screening attenuation.

For the purpose of this standard, examples of microwave components are waveguides, phase shifters, duplexers/multiplexers, power dividers/combiners etc.

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IEC 61000-4-21, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-21: Testing and measurement techniques – Reverberation chamber test methods*

### **3 Terms and definitions**

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 61196-1 and IEC 61000-4-21 apply.

### **4 Basic description of the reverberation chamber method**

The reverberation chamber method for measurement of the screening attenuation of microwave components consists of exposing the device under test (DUT) to an almost homogeneous and isotropic electromagnetic field and then measuring the signal level induced into the device.

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