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This first edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical change with respect to IEC 62446:2009:

– the scope has been expanded to include a wider range of system test and inspection regimes to encompass larger and more complex PV systems.

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INTRODUCTION

Grid connected PV systems are expected to have a lifetime of decades, with maintenance or modifications likely at some point over this period. Building or electrical works in the vicinity of the PV array are very likely, for example roof works adjacent to the array or modifications (structural or electrical) to a home that has a PV system. The ownership of a system may also change over time, particularly for systems mounted on buildings. Only by the provision of adequate documentation at the outset can the long term performance and safety of the PV system and works, on or adjacent to the PV system, be ensured.

This part of IEC 62446 is split into two sections:

- **System documentation requirements** – This section details the information that shall be provided within the documentation provided to the customer following installation of a grid connected PV system.
- **Verification** – This section provides the information expected to be provided following initial (or periodic) verification of an installed system. It includes requirements for inspection and testing.

This part of IEC 62446 references IEC TS 62548:2013, which is in the process of being converted into an International Standard. It is envisaged that work on the second edition of IEC 62446-1 will start when IEC 62548 is completed.