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This edition of IEC 61215-1 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the second edition of IEC 61215:2005 and the second edition of IEC 61646:2008:

- a) New standard series structure consistent with other IEC standards: Part 1 lists general requirements, Part 1-x specifics for each PV technology and Part 2 defines testing. All tests defined in Part 2 are MQTs (module quality tests).
- b) Sampling procedure rewritten (Clause 4).
- c) Marking requirements better defined for name plate and general documentation.

- d) Pass/fail criteria have been divided into two “gates”. Gate No. 1 verifies the initial maximum power at STC with respect to name plate rating and Gate No. 2 defines the power loss during accelerated aging testing.
- e) Revised hot-spot endurance test (MQT 09).
- f) Update of the other tests to be consistent with changes in IEC 61646.
- g) Removal of the method for measuring temperature coefficients and reference to IEC 60891.
- h) Definition of NMOT as the nominal module operating temperature measured with the module under maximum power conditions.
- i) Rewriting of the standard using NMOT instead of NOCT and reference to future IEC 61853-2 for the test procedure.
- j) Rewriting of the robustness of termination test (MQT 14) to include evaluation of both cables and junction boxes.
- k) Stabilization of PV modules implemented. This replaces either light soaking procedure from IEC 61646 or preconditioning from IEC 61215.

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