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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) diverse form fitting equations are provided.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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INTRODUCTION

The attenuation curve may show ripples owing to impedance mismatch, instrument noise or local irregularities.

In this case, a form fitting may be applied to smoothe the curve. The values on the fitting curve may be used to assess the compliance with the requirements.

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 61196 applies to coaxial communications cables. It specifies a test method for determining the attenuation constant of coaxial cables for use in communications systems. The test is applicable preferably at frequencies ≥ 5 MHz, but also for lower frequencies if the magnitude of the complex characteristic impedance is approximately equal to the nominal characteristic impedance of the specimen or if a form fitting function is applied.

2 Normative references

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IEC 61196-1, *Coaxial communication cables – Part 1: Generic specification – General, definitions and requirements*

3 Terms and definitions

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4 Attenuation constant

The attenuation constant is defined by:

$$\alpha = 10 \cdot \log\left(\frac{P_1}{P_2}\right) \cdot \frac{100}{l} \quad \text{in dB/100 m} \quad (1)$$

where

α is the attenuation constant in dB/100 m (frequency dependent);

P_1 is the input power of a receiver where the load impedance and the receiver impedance are equal and of the same value as the nominal value of the specimen;

P_2 is the output power of a source where the load impedance and the source impedance are equal and of the same value as the nominal value of the specimen;

l is the physical length of the specimen in m.