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systems with input current  $> 16$  A and  
 $\leq 75$  A per phase (IEC 61000-3-12:2011  
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- the reference fundamental current  $I_1$  is replaced by the reference current  $I_{ref}$  for the calculation of emission limits;
- a new table of current emission limits (Table 5) is added;
- a new annex (Annex A) is added to define test conditions for some types of equipment;
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NOTE When an international publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

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IEC 60038	-	IEC standard voltages	EN 60038	-
IEC 60050-161 + A1 + A2	1990 1997 1998	International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) - Chapter 161: Electromagnetic compatibility	-	-
IEC 61000-2-2	-	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 2-2: Environment - Compatibility levels for low-frequency conducted disturbances and signalling in public low-voltage power supply systems	EN 61000-2-2	-
IEC 61000-2-4	-	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 2-4: Environment - Compatibility levels in industrial plants for low-frequency conducted disturbances	EN 61000-2-4	-
IEC 61000-3-2	-	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 3-2: Limits - Limits for harmonic current emissions (equipment input current $\leq 16$ A per phase)	EN 61000-3-2	-
IEC 61000-4-7	-	Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-7: Testing and measurement techniques - General guide on harmonics and interharmonics measurements and instrumentation, for power supply systems and equipment connected thereto	EN 61000-4-7	-

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Compliance with this standard provides presumption of conformity with the specified essential requirements of the Directives concerned.

NOTE Other requirements and other EU Directives may be applicable to the products falling within the scope of this standard.

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## INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

**ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC) –****Part 3-12: Limits –  
Limits for harmonic currents produced  
by equipment connected to public low-voltage systems  
with input current >16 A and ≤75 A per phase**

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- a new annex (Annex A) is added to define test conditions for some types of equipment;



- former Annexes B (Approximate interpolation formulas) and D (Information on the *PWHD* factor) are deleted.

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

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77A/740/FDIS	77A/747/RVD

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This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

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- replaced by a revised edition, or
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## INTRODUCTION

IEC 61000 is published in separate parts according to the following structure:

### **Part 1: General**

General considerations (introduction, fundamental principles)  
Definitions, terminology

### **Part 2: Environment**

Description of the environment  
Classification of the environment  
Compatibility levels

### **Part 3: Limits**

Emission limits  
Immunity limits  
(in so far as they do not fall under the responsibility of the product committees)

### **Part 4: Testing and measurement techniques**

Measurement techniques  
Testing techniques

### **Part 5: Installation and mitigation guidelines**

Installation guidelines  
Mitigation methods and devices

### **Part 6: Generic standards**

### **Part 9: Miscellaneous**

Each part is further subdivided into several parts, published either as International Standards or as technical specifications or technical reports, some of which have already been published as sections. Others will be published with the part number followed by a dash and a second number identifying the subdivision (example: IEC 61000-6-1).

This International Standard is a Product Family Standard.

## ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC) –

### Part 3-12: Limits – Limits for harmonic currents produced by equipment connected to public low-voltage systems with input current $>16$ A and $\leq 75$ A per phase

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61000 deals with the limitation of harmonic currents injected into the public supply system. The limits given in this International Standard are applicable to electrical and electronic equipment with a rated input current exceeding 16 A and up to and including 75 A per phase, intended to be connected to public low-voltage a.c. distribution systems of the following types:

- nominal voltage up to 240 V, single-phase, two or three wires;
- nominal voltage up to 690 V, three-phase, three or four wires;
- nominal frequency 50 Hz or 60 Hz.

Other distribution systems are excluded. The limits given in this edition apply to equipment when connected to 230/400 V, 50 Hz systems. See also Clause 5.

NOTE 1 The limits for the other systems will be added in a future edition of this standard.

NOTE 2 Equipment with a rated input current exceeding 75 A per phase should be considered in the harmonic current requirements for installations. See IEC/TR 61000-3-6 and future IEC/TR 61000-3-14.

This standard applies to equipment intended to be connected to low-voltage systems interfacing with the public supply at the low-voltage level. It does not apply to equipment intended to be connected only to private low-voltage systems interfacing with the public supply only at the medium- or high-voltage level.

NOTE 3 The scope of this standard is limited to equipment connected to public low voltage systems because emissions from equipment installed in private low voltage systems can be controlled in aggregate at the MV point of common coupling using procedures defined in IEC/TR 61000-3-6 and/or by means of contractual agreements between the distribution network operator and the customer. It is expected that operators of private systems will manage the EMC environment in a manner that ensures compliance with the provisions given in IEC/TR 61000-3-6 and/or the contractual agreements.

NOTE 4 If the equipment is intended to be connected only to private systems, the manufacturer should make this very clear in the product documentation.

NOTE 5 Professional equipment with input current  $\leq 16$  A per phase and that does not comply with the requirements and limits of standard IEC 61000-3-2 may be permitted to be connected to certain types of low voltage supplies, in the same way as equipment with input current  $>16$  A per phase and that does not comply with the requirements and limits of the present standard (see Annex C).

NOTE 6 The limits in this standard are not applicable to stand-alone harmonic filters.

This standard defines:

- a) requirements and emission limits for equipment;
- b) methods for type tests and simulations.

Tests according to this International Standard are type tests of complete pieces of equipment.

Conformity with this standard can also be determined by validated simulations.

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