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Norme de produit pour démontrer la conformité des dispositifs de communication sans fil aux restrictions de base et aux valeurs limites d'exposition relatives à l'exposition des personnes aux champs électromagnétiques dans la plage de fréquences de 30 MHz à 6 GHz: dispositifs tenus à la main ou portés à proximité immédiate du corps humain

Produktnorm zum Nachweis der Übereinstimmung von schnurlosen Kommunikationsgeräten mit den Basisgrenzwerten und Expositionsgrenzwerten für die Exposition von Personen gegenüber elektromagnetischen Feldern im Frequenzbereich von 30 MHz bis 6 GHz: In enger Nachbarschaft zum menschlichen Körper handgehaltene und am Körper getragene Geräte

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## European foreword

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This document supersedes EN 50566:2013.

EN 50566:2017 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 50566:2013:

1) the standard requires that the assessment has to take into account all reasonably foreseeable operating conditions (Clause 4);

2) the standard covers equipment intended for use only by workers as well as equipment intended for use by the general public and different limits are given for each case (Clause 5).

This document has been prepared under a mandate given to CENELEC by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association, and supports essential requirements of EU Directive(s).

For the relationship with EU Directive(s) see informative Annex ZZ, which is an integral part of this document.

# 1 Scope

This product standard applies to wireless communication devices used at distances up to and including 200 mm from the human body, i.e. when held in the hand or in front of the face, mounted on the body, combined with other transmitting or non-transmitting devices or accessories (e.g. belt-clip, camera or Bluetooth add-on), or integrated into garments. The applicable frequency range is from 30 MHz to 6 GHz.

The objective of this standard is to demonstrate the compliance of such devices with the basic restrictions and exposure limit values related to human exposure to radio frequency electromagnetic fields.

For devices used next to the ear the applicable product standard is EN 50360:2017 [1].

For low power devices the applicable product standard is EN 50663:2017 [2].

# 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 62209-2:2010, *Human exposure to radio frequency fields from hand-held and body-mounted wireless communication devices — Human models, instrumentation, and procedures — Part 2: Procedure to determine the specific absorption rate (SAR) for wireless communication devices used in close proximity to the human body (frequency range of 30 MHz to 6 GHz) (IEC 62209-2:2010)*

Council Recommendation 1999/519/EC of 12 July 1999 *on the limitation of exposure of the general public to electromagnetic fields (0 Hz to 300 GHz) (Official Journal L 199, 30.6.1999, p. 59-70)*

Directive 2013/35/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 June 2013 *on the minimum health and safety requirements regarding the exposure of workers to the risks arising from physical agents (electromagnetic fields) (20th individual Directive within the meaning of Article 16(1) of Directive 89/391/EEC) and repealing Directive 2004/40/EC (Official Journal L 179, 29.6.2013, p. 1–21)*

# 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

**3.1**
**basic restrictions**
restrictions on exposure of the general public to electric, magnetic, and electromagnetic fields that are based directly on established health effects and biological considerations

Note 1 to entry: Concerning the frequency range of this standard, the physical quantity used is the Specific Absorption Rate (SAR).

**3.2**
**exposure limits values**
restrictions on exposure of workers to electric, magnetic and electromagnetic fields that are based directly on established health effects and biological considerations

Note 1 to entry: Concerning the frequency range of this standard, the physical quantity used is the Specific Absorption Rate (SAR).