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

- a) the specification has been streamlined by cross-referencing IEC 60794-1-1, IEC 60794-1-2 and the IEC 60794-3 series;
- b) an annex containing the MICE table has been deleted;
- c) an annex on examples has been added.

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

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1 Scope

This part of IEC 60794, which is a family specification, covers optical self-supporting aerial telecommunication cables. Requirements of the sectional specification IEC 60794-3 for duct, buried and aerial cables are applicable to cables covered by this standard.

Self-supporting aerial telecommunication cable in this context means a cable construction with sufficient strength members designed to be suspended on poles and similar devices without the aid of another supporting wire or conductor. ADSS cables installed on power lines which require special sheath material for tracking and erosion resistance and other constructions intended for high-voltage applications are not covered by this standard.

Detail specifications may be prepared based on this family specification.

NOTE IEC TR 62839-1 gives rules to build an environmental declaration if needed.

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IEC 60793-2, *Optical fibres – Part 2: Product specifications – General*

IEC 60794-1-1, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-1: Generic specification – General*

IEC 60794-1-21, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-21: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures – Mechanical tests methods*

IEC 60794-1-22:2012, *Optical fibre cables – Part 1-22: Generic specification – Basic optical cable test procedures – Environmental tests methods*

IEC 60794-3:2014, *Optical fibre cables – Part 3: Outdoor cables – Sectional specification*

IEC 60811-203, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 203: General tests – Measurement of overall dimensions*

IEC 60811-302, *Electric and optical fibre cables – Test methods for non-metallic materials – Part 302: Electrical tests – Measurement of the d.c. resistivity at 23 °C and 100 °C of filling compounds*

3 Terms and definitions

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