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- a) improvement of the description of measurement details for B6 fibre;
- b) correction of Equations (1), (2), (5) and (6);
- c) correction of Table E.1, Table E.2 and Table E.3.

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## OPTICAL FIBRES –

### Part 1-45: Measurement methods and test procedures – Mode field diameter

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60793 establishes uniform requirements for measuring the mode field diameter (MFD) of single-mode optical fibre, thereby assisting in the inspection of fibres and cables for commercial purposes.

#### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60793-1-40:2001, *Optical fibres – Part 1-40: Measurement methods and test procedures – Attenuation*

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

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#### 4 General consideration about mode field diameter

The mode field diameter measurement represents a measure of the transverse extent of the electromagnetic field intensity of the guided mode in a fibre cross section, and it is defined from the far-field intensity distribution as a ratio of integrals known as the Petermann II definition. See Equation (1).

The definitions of mode field diameter are strictly related to the measurement configurations. The mathematical equivalence of these definitions results from transform relationships between measurement results obtained by different implementations summarized in Figure 1 as follows.