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- a) incorporation of the requirements for HBES switches, previously included in IEC 60669-2-5;
- b) modification of 19.106, test and requirements for switches for LEDs;
- c) general indication to cover electronic control devices;
- d) test for looping through.

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

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### Part 2-1: Particular requirements – Electronic control devices

#### 1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is completely replaced by the following:

This part of IEC 60669 applies to electronic control devices, a general term to cover electronic switches, home and building electronic systems (HBES) / building automation and control systems (BACS) switches and electronic extension units.

It applies to electronic switches and to HBES/BACS switches, for alternating current (AC) only with a rated switching voltage not exceeding 250 V and a rated current not exceeding 16 A, intended for household and similar fixed electrical installations, either indoors or outdoors.

It also applies to electronic extension units with a rated supply voltage not exceeding 250 V AC and 120 V DC, such as sensors and push buttons.

This document also applies to electronic remote control switches (RCS) and electronic time delay switches (TDS). Particular requirements are given in Annex FF.

Switches including only passive components such as resistors, capacitors, inductors, positive temperature coefficient (PTC) and negative temperature coefficient (NTC) components, varistors, printed wiring boards and connectors are not considered as electronic control devices.

This document also applies to electronic switches and HBES/BACS switches for the operation of lighting equipment circuits and the control of the brightness of lighting equipment (dimmers) as well as the control of the speed of motors (for example, those used in ventilating fans) and for other purposes (for example, heating controls).

The operation and/or control as mentioned above can be transmitted by an electronic signal via several media, for example, powerline (mains), twisted pair, optical fibre, radio frequency, infrared, etc. and are performed:

- intentionally by a person via an actuating member, a key, a card, etc., via a sensing surface or a sensing unit, by means of touch, proximity, turn, optical, acoustic, thermal;
- by physical means, for example, light, temperature, humidity, time, wind velocity, presence of people;
- by any other influence.

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This document covers only those requirements for mounting boxes which are necessary for the tests on the electronic control devices.

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