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- a) revised information for safety dealing with keeping batteries out of the reach of children;
- b) removal of the method to determine the insulation resistance;
- c) changes to the test matrix;
- d) revision of the over-discharge test;
- e) revised definition and note for "button cell" or "button battery" in 3.2;
- f) revised method for evaluation of an explosion, moved from 3.6 to 6.2.1.

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INTRODUCTION

The concept of safety is closely related to safeguarding the integrity of people and property. This part of IEC 60086 specifies tests and requirements for primary batteries with aqueous electrolyte and has been prepared in accordance with ISO/IEC guidelines, taking into account all relevant national and international standards which apply. Also included in this document is guidance for appliance designers with respect to battery compartments and information regarding packaging, handling, warehousing and transportation.

Safety is a balance between freedom from risks of harm and other demands to be met by the product. There can be no absolute safety. Even at the highest level of safety, the product can only be relatively safe. In this respect, decision-making is based on risk evaluation and safety judgement.

As safety will pose different problems, it is impossible to provide a set of precise provisions and recommendations that will apply in every case. However, this document, when followed on a judicious "use when applicable" basis, will provide reasonably consistent standards for safety.

PRIMARY BATTERIES –

Part 5: Safety of batteries with aqueous electrolyte

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60086 specifies tests and requirements for primary batteries with aqueous electrolyte to ensure their safe operation under intended use and reasonably foreseeable misuse.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60086-1:2015, *Primary batteries – Part 1: General*

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3.1

battery

one or more cells electrically connected by permanent means, fitted in a case, with terminals, markings and protective devices etc., as necessary for use

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-482:2004, 482-01-04 [1], modified – The definition has been revised.]

3.2

button cell

button battery

small round cell or battery where the overall height is less than the diameter, containing aqueous electrolyte

Note 1 to entry: See coin (cell or battery), lithium button (cell or battery) in IEC 60086-1 and IEC 60086-2.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-482:2004, 482-02-40, modified – The second term "coin cell" has been deleted, the definition has been revised and the note has been replaced with a new note.]