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- addition of design recommendations for lithium system only (5.6.2);
- separation of nickel systems and lithium systems (Clause 6);

- addition of specific requirements and tests for lithium systems (Clause 8);
- addition of charging of secondary lithium-ion cells for safe use (Annex A).

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## SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR PORTABLE SEALED SECONDARY CELLS, AND FOR BATTERIES MADE FROM THEM, FOR USE IN PORTABLE APPLICATIONS

### 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies requirements and tests for the safe operation of portable sealed secondary cells and batteries (other than button) containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolyte, under intended use and reasonably foreseeable misuse.

### 2 Normative references

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IEC 60050-482, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Part 482: Primary and secondary cells and batteries*

IEC 61951-1, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Portable sealed rechargeable single cells – Part 1: Nickel-cadmium*

IEC 61951-2, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Portable sealed rechargeable single cells – Part 2: Nickel-metal hydride*

IEC 61960, *Secondary cells and batteries containing alkaline or other non-acid electrolytes – Secondary lithium cells and batteries for portable applications*

ISO/IEC Guide 51, *Safety aspects – Guidelines for their inclusion in standards*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60050-482 and ISO/IEC Guide 51, as well as the following apply.

#### 3.1

#### **safety**

freedom from unacceptable risk

#### 3.2

#### **risk**

a combination of the probability of occurrence of harm and the severity of that harm

#### 3.3

#### **harm**

physical injury or damage to the health of people or damage to property or to the environment