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- addition of the Introduction;
- normative reference [ISO 48-5:2018](http://www.iso.org/iso/48-5:2018) replaces [ISO 7619-2:2010](http://www.iso.org/iso/7619-2:2010);
- deletion of the pneumatic slamming apparatus for slam open and slam shut tests of extension elements;
- introduction of sideward detachment tests for units mounted to the building or other structure;
- introduction of a stability test for units with doors, extension elements and flaps, opened and unlocked with storage areas partly loaded;
- introduction of definitions, figures and additional a stability test method for units intended to support a TV-set;
- revision of the guidance for the choice of loads, cycles, etc. for strength, durability and stability testing in [Annex A](http://www.iso.org/iso/annex-a);
- loads and forces for different applications have been merged in [Annex B](http://www.iso.org/iso/annex-b).

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