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- a) update of references (especially to ISO standards);
- b) revision of requirements on climatic conditions;
- c) revision of requirements on background noise level.

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Although the noise emitted by household appliances does not generally present a hazard to the hearing of the operator and other exposed persons, the need for standardization procedures for the determination of the noise emitted has been recognized for a long time. Such procedures should be specified, not only for special types of appliances, but also the principles should be applicable to the majority of appliances in general use.

Generally, the determination of noise levels is only part of a comprehensive testing procedure covering many aspects of the properties and performances of the appliance. It is therefore important that the requirements for noise measurements (such as test environment, instrumentation, and amount of labour involved) be kept at a modest level.

The results of noise measurements are used for many purposes, for example for noise declaration, as well as for comparing the noise emitted by a specific appliance to the noise emitted by other appliances of the same family. In other cases, the results are taken as a basis for engineering action in the development stages of new pieces of equipment, or in deciding on means for sound insulation. For all purposes, it is important to specify procedures with known accuracy so that the results of measurements taken by different laboratories can be compared.

These conditions have, as far as possible, been taken into account in the preparation of this test code. The acoustic measuring methods are based on those described in ISO 3743-1:2010, ISO 3743-2:2018 and ISO 3744:2010.

The adoption of these methods permits the use of hemi-anechoic rooms, special reverberation test rooms and hard-walled test rooms. The result of the measurements is the sound power level of the appliance. Within the measuring uncertainty specific to these methods, the results from the determination under free field conditions over a reflecting plane are equal to those obtained in reverberant fields.

The use of intensity methods as described in ISO 9614-1:1993, ISO 9614-2:1996, and ISO 9614-3:2002 is applicable under special conditions, which are described in specific parts of the IEC 60704-2 series.

This test code is concerned with airborne noise only. In some cases, structure-borne noise, for example transmitted to the adjoining room, can be of importance.