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## METHODS OF MEASUREMENT FOR DIGITAL NETWORK –

### Performance characteristics of terrestrial digital multimedia transmission network

#### 1 Scope

When a transmission network for digital terrestrial television broadcasting (DTTB) is being deployed, new networking technologies such as the Single Frequency Network (SFN) can be employed excelling the conventional analogue TV systems. However, new technical evaluation parameters are introduced for installing SFN systems. In addition new quality evaluation methods are also established in order to achieve stable and high-quality broadcasting services avoiding the cliff effect, which is one of the typical phenomena in the digital transmission that the signal quality is abruptly degraded when the received C/N becomes just lower than a specific value representing the system limit.

Given the background described above, this International Standard has the purposes of

- establishing measuring methods that enable the objective evaluation of the performance of transmission networks so as to make stable DTTB services a reality,
- establishing a technical baseline, such as a definition of technical terms, to standardize measuring methods.

The measurement methods described in this standard are intended for digital terrestrial television transmission network test and validation. The measurement methods for digital terrestrial transmitter are not included in this standard. These methods are described in IEC 62273-1.

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The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 62273-1:2007, *Methods of measurement for radio transmitters – Performance characteristics of terrestrial digital television transmitters*

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TR 101 190, *Digital video broadcasting (DVB); implementation guidelines for DVB Terrestrial services; Transmission aspects*

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