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INTRODUCTION

- 2 The purpose of this part of IEC 61400 is to provide the EMC requirements and test methods
- 3 that are applicable to all the equipment within its scope.
- 4 The current document applies to measurements on individual wind turbines and not multiple
- 5 turbines or wind power plants.

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6 1 Scope

7 This part of IEC 61400 applies to all type of wind turbine plants.

8 This standard defines the requirements and test methods for the verification of the wind
9 turbine performance against emissions and their immunity against conducted and radiated
10 phenomena.

11 The requirements and test methods are defined for the wind turbine and all the sub systems.

12 Compliance with this standard is given if the single wind turbine complies with all clauses of
13 the main body of this standard.
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15 2 This standard is applicable to both wind turbine plants to be installed in 16 offshore and onshore locations. Normative references

17 The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their
18 content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition
19 cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including
20 any amendments) applies.

21 CISPR 11: 2015/AMD1:2016, Industrial, scientific and medical equipment - Radio-frequency
22 disturbance characteristics - Limits and methods of measurement.

23 IEC 61000-4-2:2008, Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-2: Testing and
24 measurement techniques - Electrostatic discharge immunity test.

25 IEC 61000-4-3:2020, Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-3: Testing and
26 measurement techniques - Radiated, radio-frequency, electromagnetic field immunity test.

27 IEC 61000-4-4:2012RLV, Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-4: Testing and
28 measurement techniques – Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test.

29 IEC 61000-4-5:2014+AMD1:2017CSV, Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-5: Testing
30 and measurement techniques - Surge immunity test.

31 IEC 61000-4-6:2023, Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-6: Testing and
32 measurement techniques - Immunity to conducted disturbances, induced by radio-frequency
33 fields.

34 IEC 61000-4-8:2009 RLV, Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-8: Testing and
35 measurement techniques – Power frequency magnetic field immunity test.

36 IEC 61000-4-11:2020-COR 2022, Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-11: Testing
37 and measurement techniques - Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations
38 immunity tests.

39 IEC61000-4-34:2005+AMD1:2009CSV, Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-34:
40 Testing and measurement techniques - Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage
41 variations immunity tests for equipment with mains current more than 16 A per phase.

42 CISPR 16-2-3: 2016, Specification for radio disturbance and immunity measuring apparatus
43 and methods - Part 2-3: Methods of measurement of disturbances and immunity - Radiated
44 disturbance measurements

45 IEC 61400-1: 2019, Wind turbines - Part 1: Design requirements

46 IEC 61400-2: 2013, Wind turbines - Part 2: Small wind turbines.

47 IEC 61400-24 ed.2, Wind turbines - Part 24: Lightning protection.

48 CISPR TR 16-2-5: 2008, Specification for radio disturbance and immunity measuring
49 apparatus and methods - Part 2-5: In situ measurements for disturbing emissions produced by
50 physically large equipment

51 CISPR 16-4-2: 2011+amd:2014, Specification for radio disturbance and immunity measuring
52 apparatus and methods - Part 4-2: Uncertainties, statistics and limit modelling - Measurement
53 instrumentation uncertainty

54 IEC 61400-21-1:2019, Wind energy generation systems - Part 21-1: Measurement and
55 assessment of electrical characteristics – Wind turbines

56 **3 Terms and definitions**

57 For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

58 ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following
59 addresses:

60 • IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

61 • ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

62 For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions are given in IEC 61400-1, IEC
63 61400-2 and CISPR 11.

64 **4 Symbols and units**

65 See IEC 61400-1, IEC 61400-2, CISPR11 and the other referenced standards.

66 **5 Abbreviations**

67 See IEC 61400-1, IEC 61400-2, CISPR11 and the other referenced standards.

68 **6 Operating conditions during testing.**

69 Operating conditions specific for this standard are included in the relevant clauses.

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70 **7 Emission requirements**

71 **7.1 General**

72 The entire turbine shall comply with the requirements of this standard.

73 All subsystems shall fulfil the emission requirements of their product standard, product family
74 standards or the relevant generic standard.

75 **7.2 Conducted Emissions**

76 Conducted emissions requirements do not apply for wind turbines.

77 **7.3 Radiated Emissions**

78 **7.3.1 General**

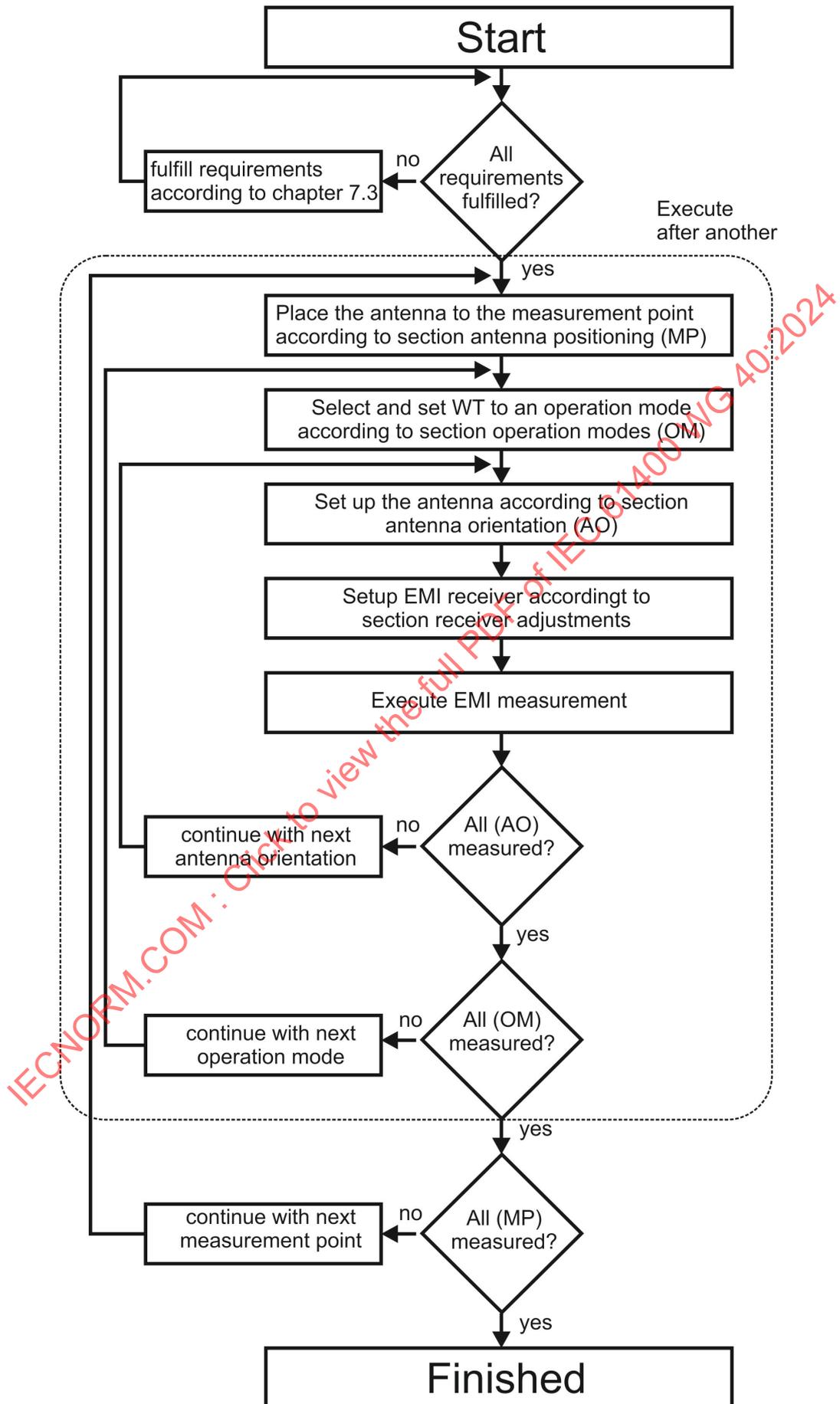
79 Due to continuous variation of wind speed and other external influences the emissions of wind
80 turbines may vary during the measurements. Ambient signals and noise shall be distinguished from
81 emissions of the wind turbine.

82 An overview of a recommended test sequence is given in Figure 1 and Table 1.

83 Description of Figure 1:

84 The measurements shall be executed under the following conditions:

- 85 • The antenna positions and orientations are given in subclause 7.3.7.
 - 86 • The adjustments of the EMI-Receiver is given in clause 7.3.7
 - 87 • The operation modes of the wind turbine are given in clause 7.3.8.
 - 88 • To distinguish the emission of the wind turbine from prevailing ambient emissions, all
89 measurements on one measurement point shall be executed in sequence in one (time)
90 block. The assessment for ambient emission detection given in CISPR 16-2-3 Annex A4.3
91 to A5 shall be used.
 - 92 • Discontinuous disturbances which occur sporadically shall be disregarded.
 - 93 • All measurements can be repeated multiple times.
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| Id | Operating mode | Type of measurement | Frequency range | Antenna elevation | Antenna Polarization |
|----|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Disconnected from the grid | Magnetic field | 150 kHz-30 MHz | - | Radial |
| 2 | Disconnected from the grid | Electric field | 30 MHz-1 GHz | Tower base | Vertical |
| 3 | Disconnected from the grid | Electric field | 30 MHz-1 GHz | Tower base | Horizontal |
| 4 | Disconnected from the grid | Electric field | 30 MHz-1 GHz | Nacelle | Vertical |
| 5 | Disconnected from the grid | Electric field | 30 MHz-1 GHz | Nacelle | Horizontal |
| 6 | Standby mode | Magnetic field | 150 kHz-30 MHz | - | Radial |
| 7 | Standby mode | Electric field | 30 MHz-1 GHz | Tower base | Vertical |
| 8 | Standby mode | Electric field | 30 MHz-1 GHz | Tower base | Horizontal |
| 9 | Standby mode | Electric field | 30 MHz-1 GHz | Nacelle | Vertical |
| 10 | Standby mode | Electric field | 30 MHz-1 GHz | Nacelle | Horizontal |
| 11 | Medium load operation | Magnetic field | 150 kHz-30 MHz | - | Radial |
| 12 | Medium load operation | Electric field | 30 MHz-1 GHz | Tower base | Vertical |
| 13 | Medium load operation | Electric field | 30 MHz-1 GHz | Tower base | Horizontal |
| 14 | Medium load operation | Electric field | 30 MHz-1 GHz | Nacelle | Vertical |
| 15 | Medium load operation | Electric field | 30 MHz-1 GHz | Nacelle | Horizontal |
| 16 | Increased load operation | Magnetic field | 150 kHz-30 MHz | - | Radial |
| 17 | Increased load operation | Electric field | 30 MHz-1 GHz | Tower base | Vertical |
| 18 | Increased load operation | Electric field | 30 MHz-1 GHz | Tower base | Horizontal |
| 19 | Increased load operation | Electric field | 30 MHz-1 GHz | Nacelle | Vertical |
| 20 | Increased load operation | Electric field | 30 MHz-1 GHz | Nacelle | Horizontal |

Table 1: Summary of measurements for each measurement point

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100 **7.3.2 Measuring system**

101 **7.3.2.1 General**

102 Antenna calibration at 10 m distance is acceptable for the testing.

103 **7.3.2.2 Auxiliary measurement equipment**

104 Auxiliary measurement equipment does not have to be calibrated as values are informative.

105 Note: Non-exhaustive list of equipment: distance meter, clock, compass, sensors of wind turbine data
106 and sensor of meteorological data.

107 The sensor of meteorological data shall be placed in close vicinity from the selected measurement
108 points.

109 **7.3.3 Data recording**

110 Recorded data shall show evidence of synchronisation or time referencing.

111 Operation data of the wind turbine that are helpful to replicate the measurement shall be recorded. At
112 least the active power values shall be documented in the test report.

113 Other required operation data of the wind turbine shall be recorded at least in 10 min average values
114 with a time stamp as defined in IEC 61400-1.

115 Radiated emissions levels which are measured shall be recorded and documented.

116 At least every 10 minutes, one set of meteorological data shall be recorded.

117 **7.3.4 Requirements for the wind turbine**

118 During the measurement the power output of the turbine should be controlled to get the operation
119 modes according to subclause 7.3.8.

120 If such function is not available, the measurements shall be done while the required measurement
121 conditions are reached by the available windspeed according to clause 7.3.8.

122 **7.3.5 Requirements for the test site**

123 For all the measurement points around the wind turbine, the site should be as flat and level as
124 possible, easily accessible and free from obstacles in direction towards the wind turbine.

125 The foundation mound belongs to the wind turbine and not to the measuring environment.

126 Deviation from these requirements are possible and shall be documented.

127 **7.3.6 Weather conditions**

128 The weather conditions shall be free from precipitation, fog, upcoming thunder storms and higher
129 elevated field strength conditions or significant weather changes.

130 7.3.7 Measurement setup

131 The measurement setup is defined by the following procedure:

132 **Adjustments of the EMI-Receiver:**

133 At least the following EMI Receiver settings shall be used:

- 134
- 135 - Quasi-Peak Detector
- 136 - Observation time for each frequency step is 1 full round of the rotor at medium load as
- 137 defined in clause 7.3.8.
- 138 - 150kHz – 30MHz: Resolution bandwidth 9kHz
- 139 - 30MHz – 1000MHz: Resolution bandwidth 120kHz
- 140 - Stepsize of the EMI Receiver maximal half of resolution bandwidth

141 **Antenna positioning**

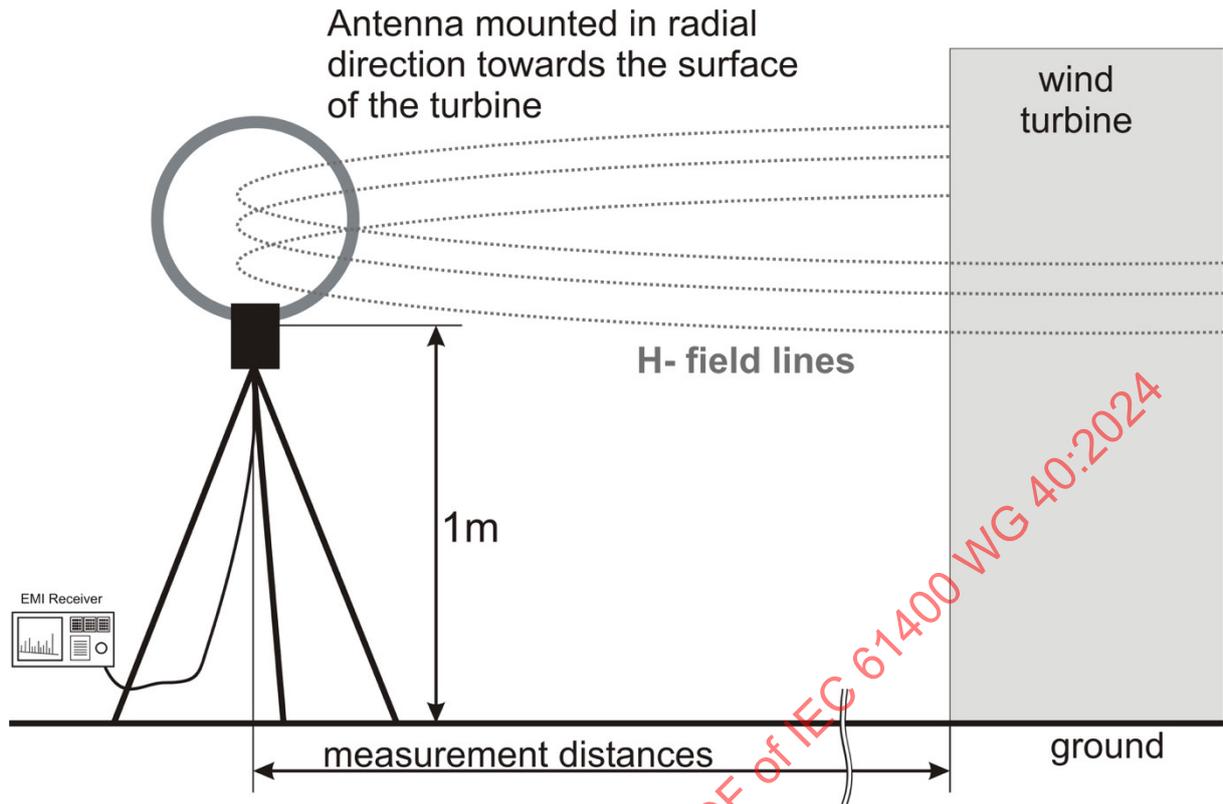
- 142 • The measurement positions shall be aligned with respect to the wind turbine hub, in four
 - 143 orthogonal directions, aligned with the 4 sides of the nacelle seen from the top (see Fig. 4).
 - 144 • Measurements shall be performed in alignment and directed to the tower door (see Fig. 4).
 - 145 If the wind turbine has no door in the tower base, this measurement point does not apply. If
 - 146 there are any additional openings in the lower 30 m of the tower, it must be evaluated if
 - 147 these openings can cause additional emissions and additional measurement points shall
 - 148 be set.
 - 149 • The horizontal distance between the outer boundary of the tower at ground level of the
 - 150 wind turbine and the reference point of the measurement antenna shall be 30 m with an
 - 151 accuracy of $\pm 5\%$.
 - 152 • Additionally, two more measurement positions shall be defined where no power supply
 - 153 cables are detected. Those two positions shall have a horizontal distance of 65 m and 100
 - 154 m with an accuracy of $\pm 5\%$.
 - 155 • The measurement distances are defined as the horizontal distance from wind turbine, as a
 - 156 deviation from CISPR 11 Ed. 6 clause 10 in conjunction with CISPR TR 16-2-5 clause 6.1
 - 157 explicitly for wind turbines.
 - 158 • The measurement position in relation to the hub shall be noted into the test report. In case
 - 159 the wind turbine yaw angle varies more than $\pm 15^\circ$ at one measurement point, the
 - 160 measurement point shall be moved and the measurements of the last operation mode shall
 - 161 be repeated.
 - 162 • For detection of underground power cables, the measurement position may be shifted by
 - 163 $\pm 15^\circ$ or by changing the measurement height. If a power cable was positively detected at a
 - 164 measurement position, those results shall be void and replaced by a new measurement at
 - 165 a position, which is at least 30° away from any existing valid measurement position.
- 166 If another electrical system is part of the EUT, such as an external transformer, other
- 167 measurement positions are required. The orthogonal system of axes as described above,
- 168 is copied and shifted so that the origin of the new axis systems are positioned on the
- 169 additional electrical system (see figure 5 for orientation). A new measurement position is
- 170 defined at a horizontal distance of 30 m from the system in the opposite direction to the
- 171 wind turbine. The other measurement positions shall be adjusted to positions like shown in
- 172 Figure 5. Two overlapping circles with a radius of 30 m, centred at the mid point of the wind
- 173 turbine and the electrical system outside of the wind turbine, shall be used as shown in
- 174 figure 5. The measurement points should be placed on the perimeter of the constructed
- 175 overlapping circles with an accuracy of $\pm 5\%$ with respect to the measurement distance.
- 176 Note: In presence of radio systems at measurement site, like described in CISPR 11
- 177 clause 10, the procedure of CISPR 11 shall be taken in consideration.

178 **Measurement Antenna**

179 Because of the expected radiation pattern of a Wind Turbine, the antennas shall only be
180 positioned as described below.

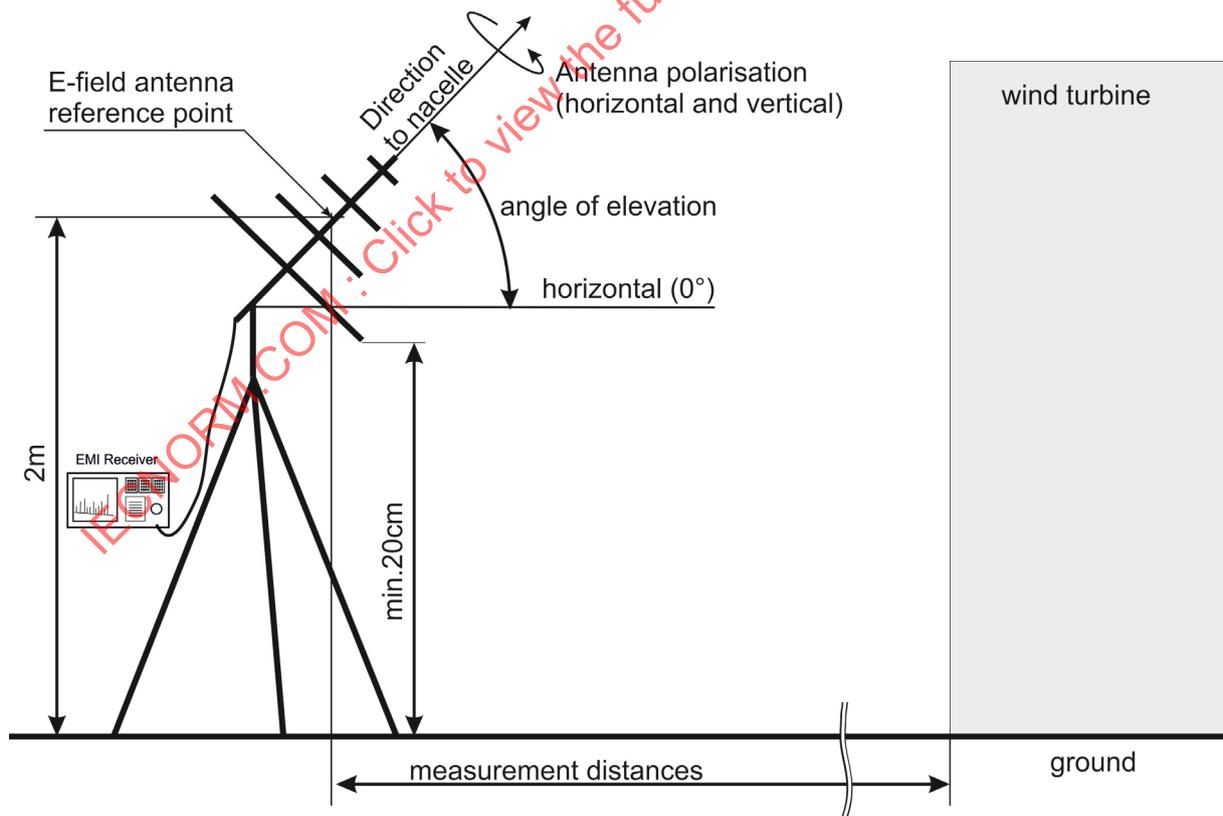
- 181 • In the frequency range 150 kHz to 30 MHz an H-field antenna shall be used as referenced in
182 CISPR 11. The lowest point of the antenna shall be 1 m above ground. The antenna shall be
183 mounted in radial direction, so that a minimum of loop area is presented towards the surface
184 of the turbine. The configuration is shown in **Fig. 2**.
- 185 • In the frequency range 30 MHz to 1000 MHz an E-field antenna shall be used as referenced in
186 CISPR 11. The configuration is shown in **Fig. 3**.
- 187 • The elevation angle of the E-field antenna shall be zero degree for one measurement and
188 additionally being pointed towards the nacelle for another measurement as shown in Fig. 3.
- 189 • The distance between the lowest point of the E-field-antenna and the ground shall be 0.2 m or
190 more as described in CISPR11. Its centre point height shall be 2.0 m \pm 0.2 m and all
191 measurements shall be carried out in horizontal and vertical polarisation. This shall be
192 followed since a height scan is not practical for a Wind Turbine.

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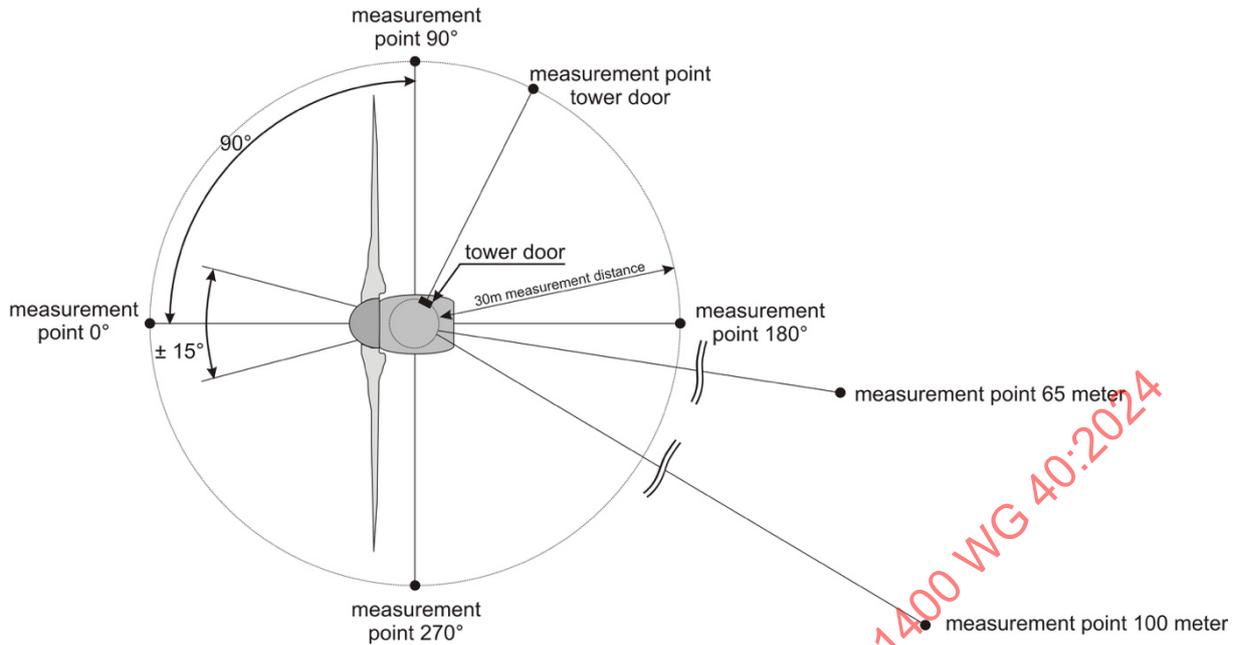
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Fig. 2: Example of a test setup of a magnetic field strength measurement



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Fig. 3: Example of a test setup of a electric field strength measurement

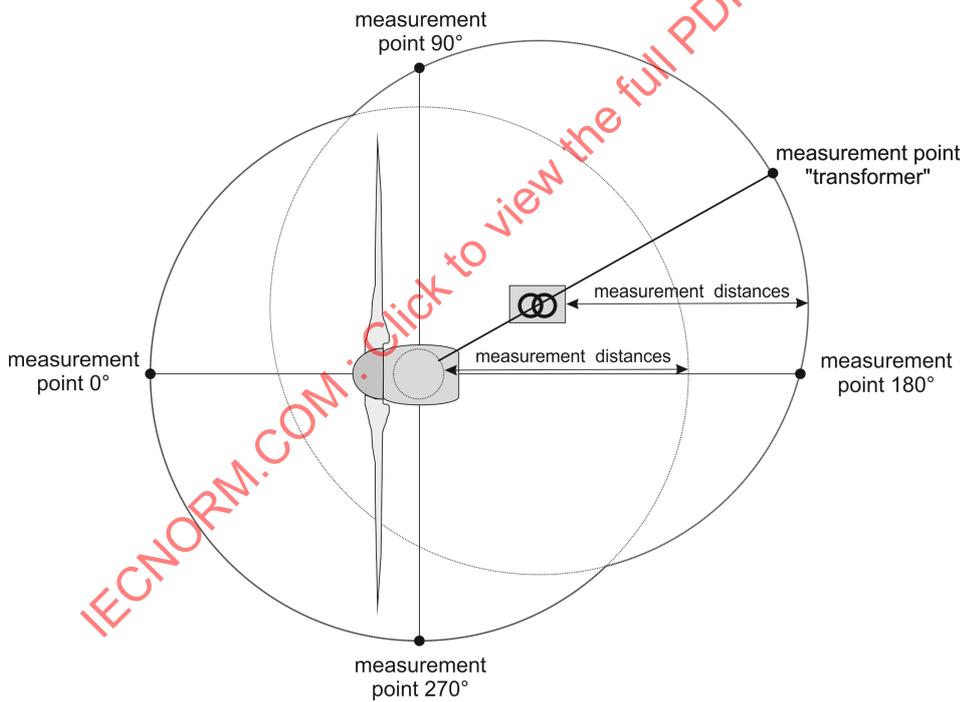


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199 Fig. 4: Example of a test configuration for an EMC measurement on a wind turbine.
200 Measurement points relative to the wind turbine hub.

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204 Fig. 5: Example of a test configuration with a transformer

205 7.3.8 Description of the operating modes

206 In accordance with CISPR11 the wind turbine under test shall be measured under conditions at which
207 the maximum interference emission occurs.

208 To capture the maximum interference emissions of the Wind Turbine it is sufficient to execute the
209 measurements in the following operation modes of the wind turbine:

- 210 • Mode 1: Disconnected from the grid

211 Equipment which is not allowed to switch off according to regulations and laws in the area of
212 the measurement site shall not be disabled in this mode.

- 213 • Mode 2: Standby mode

214 Standby mode should be declared and documented in the test report.

215 Electric and electronic systems are energized, and the light shall be on. The power conversion
216 system is inactive.

- 217 • Mode 3: Medium load operation

218 The wind turbine shall produce active power in the range from 0% to 49% of rated power.

219 Derating may be applied and shall be documented in the test report.

- 220 • Mode 4: Increased load operation

221 The wind turbine shall produce active power in the range from 50% to 100% of rated power.

222 The internal light shall be off during medium load and increased load operation.

223 The Power of the Wind Turbine during the 2 ranges shall differ at least 20%.

224 These ranges are displayed graphically in **Fig. 6**.

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225 7.3.9 Declaration of the worst case by the manufacturer

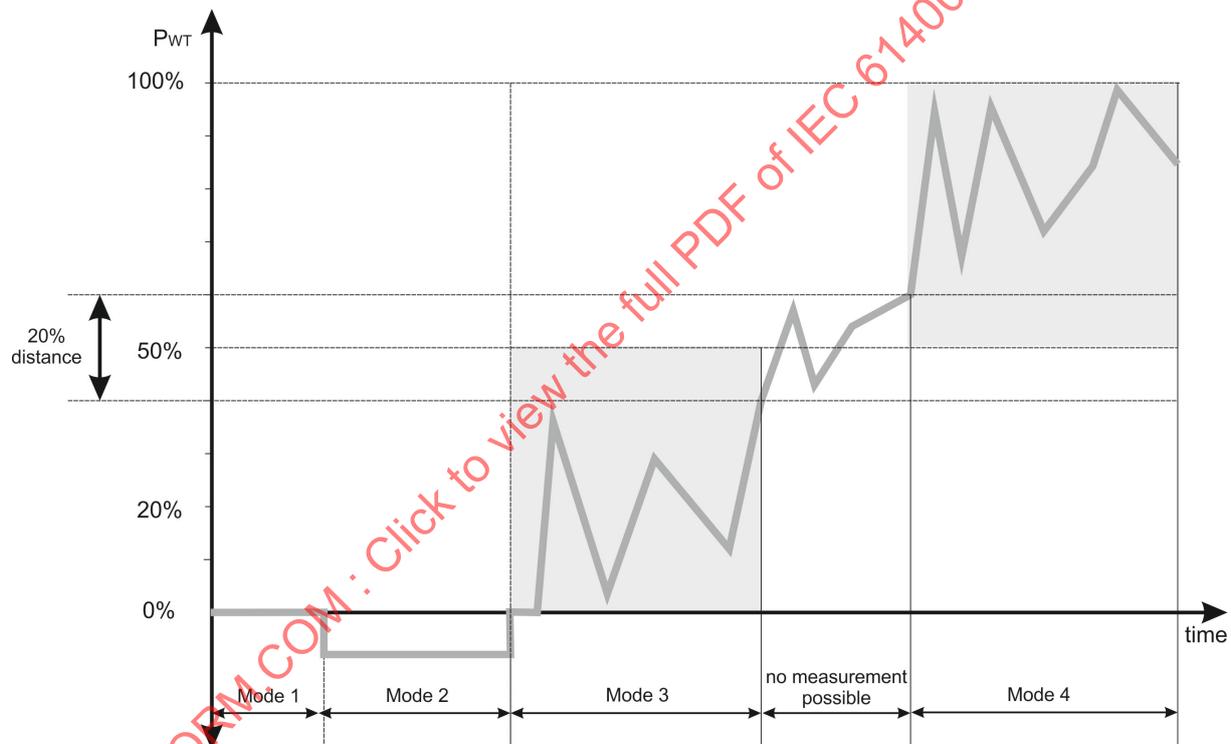
226 In established cases the worst case of radiated emission can be declared by the manufacturer. In this
 227 case only the background noise (wind turbine disconnected from the grid) and worst-case mode shall
 228 be measured.

229 Established cases require previous measurements and a documentation according to the
 230 requirements of this standard for determining the worst case of a wind turbine. If the worst-case
 231 condition shall also be applicable for other wind turbines, the documentation shall also contain the
 232 technical reasons for this.

233 The test report shall refer to the document where the worst case has been determined.

234 Note: At this moment there is, for determine the worst case for a wind turbine, no experience
 235 or any state of the art. So, it is now not possible to work with the worst case like this. When a
 236 determining procedure has been developed and validated it can be included in this standard
 237 and the worst case, determined according to it can be used for compliance of a wind turbine
 238 according to this standard.

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241 Fig. 6: Overview of operating modes of a wind turbine

242 7.3.10 Limit values

243 According to CISPR 11 classification the following allocation applies for wind turbines: group 1, class
244 A. Therefore, for onshore wind turbines which are measured in situ, the limit values in Table 16 of the
245 CISPR11 apply. The table in Annex C gives an extract from the CISPR11 with the limit values to be
246 applied.

247 Correction factor for offshore wind turbines:

248 If offshore wind turbines are measured onshore the limits below 30 MHz are lowered by x dB. For the
249 frequency range 30 MHz up to 1 GHz there is no limit correction.

250 Note: Official request to CISPR H is sent to give the correct correction factor for the measurement of
251 offshore turbines onshore. (x dB)

252 Criteria for 65 and 100m measurements:

253 If compliance with the limits for the measurements at 65 and 100m is not possible because of wide
254 band ambient noise levels at certain frequencies, alternative methods (e.g. change of location, time
255 slot, additional pre amplifier) shall be considered. Only if no alternatives can be found with reasonable
256 effort and the procedure of CISPR 16-2-3 annex A is not applicable, the measurements at 65 and 100
257 m do not need to be considered for the evaluation according to this standard. In this case all efforts to
258 fulfil the required measurements shall be documented in detail (including spectra of the alternatives
259 considered) in the test report.

260 7.3.11 Measurement uncertainty

261 The uncertainty of the measuring equipment shall be handled in accordance with the
262 specifications of the CISPR 16-4-2.

263 The contribution of the uncertainty due to the site itself is excluded from the uncertainty
264 calculation.

265 7.4 Harmonics, interharmonics and higher frequency components

266 The current emission of harmonics, interharmonics and higher frequency components of the
267 wind turbine shall be measured and reported according to the respective procedure given in
268 IEC 61400-21-1.

269 Note: Limits shall be in accordance with the local requirements of each country.

270 7.5 Flicker

271 The voltage fluctuations caused by the wind turbine during continuous operation and
272 switching operations shall be measured and reported according to the respective procedure
273 given in IEC 61400-21-1.

274 Note: Limits shall be in accordance with the local requirements of each country.

275 **8 Immunity requirements**

276 **8.1 General**

277 Immunity requirements are applicable for subsystems and not for the whole wind turbine.

278 Note: Detailed analyses might be necessary as a result of the EMC risk analyses.

279 **8.2 Electrostatic Discharge**

280 All components shall as minimum follow the requirements of IEC 61000-6-2. For the below
281 described phenomena tests shall be carried out according to IEC 61000-4-2, test level 4 or X
282 depending on the local EMC environment of the component placed in the wind turbine.
283 Additional tests might be necessary which are not standardized.

284 Consideration should also be given to the operation of a wind turbine as a source of ESD.
285 The blades of a wind turbine are able to charge electrostatically due to the air friction of the
286 rotating rotor blades. This happens in all operation modes including standby. Weather
287 conditions will also influence the level of electrostatic charge build up. If the earth connection
288 of the blades or the hub is not adequate, an ESD impulse can occur from the hub to the
289 nacelle. This impulse can disturb devices and systems in the nacelle and should be
290 considered by testing for the effect of indirect discharges.

291 **8.3 Immunity to radiated electromagnetic fields**

292 Test method shall be in accordance with the IEC 61000-4-3 or alternative methods referenced
293 in IEC 61000-6-2. Levels and requirements shall be in accordance with the IEC 61000-6-2.

294 **8.4 Immunity to Burst EFT**

295 Test method shall be in accordance with the IEC 61000-4-4. Levels and requirements shall be
296 in accordance with the IEC 61000-6-2.

297 In case of elevated levels from the application (found by verification) the test levels shall be
298 accordingly, or mitigations need to be implemented to reduce the levels from the application.

299 **8.5 Surge tests**

300 Test method shall be in accordance with the IEC 61000-4-5. Levels and requirements shall be
301 in accordance with the IEC 61400-24 clause 8.5.3.

302 Note: Other waveforms and levels are to be expected inside and outside the wind turbine.

303 **8.6 Conducted Immunity**

304 The test method shall be in accordance with the IEC 61000-4-6. Levels and requirements
305 shall be in accordance with the IEC 61000-6-2.

306 **8.7 Immunity to power frequency magnetic field**

307 The test method shall be in accordance with the IEC 61000-4-8. Levels and requirements
308 shall be in accordance with the IEC 61000-6-2.

309 Detailed analyses might be necessary as a result of the EMC risk analyses.

310 A wind turbine generates power frequency electromagnetic fields, which shall be considered
311 as phenomena for this standard.

312 The power frequency electromagnetic fields are identified as a continuous phenomena.

313 **8.8 Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations**

314 The test method shall be in accordance with the IEC 61000-4-34 or 61000-4-11. Levels and
315 requirements shall be in accordance with the IEC 61000-6-2.

316 **9 Test results and test report**

317 **9.1. Emission measurements of the wind turbine**

318 The test report for emission measurements shall include all information of this standard that is
319 needed to reproduce the measurement:

320 **Turbine:**

- 321 • GPS coordinates of the wind turbine.
- 322 • Photo of the wind turbine.
- 323 • Active Power plot.
- 324 • YAW angle plot.
- 325 • Standby mode declaration
- 326 • Derating mode declaration at medium load operation.
- 327 • If available: Worst case operation mode declaration.
- 328 • Data of the identification of the wind turbine as described below in point “Machine
329 parameters”.

330 **Antenna orientation for each measurement point:**

- 331 • Antenna position.
- 332 • Antenna orientation (H-Field).
- 333 • Antenna polarization (E-Field).
- 334 • Antenna elevation (E-Field).
- 335 • Minimum one representative photo of the H-Field and minimum one E-Field
336 measurement.

337 **Site description:**

- 338 • Air humidity.
- 339 • Air temperature.
- 340 • Soil conditions (e.g. stony, sandy, mud, overgrown / dry, humid, wet).
- 341 • Weather conditions (e.g. sunny, cloudy, thundery, sporadically rainy, etc.).
- 342 • If applicable: Radio service antenna in the vicinity.
- 343 • If applicable: Reasons not to execute the measurements at 65 m and 100 m.
- 344 • If applicable: Photos and description of all obstacles higher than approx. 1 m in between
345 the antenna and the wind turbine (e.g. mounds, trees, bushes, cargo containers, etc.).
- 346 • If applicable: Passive electrically conducting structures in the vicinity (e.g. metallic
347 fences).
- 348 • If applicable: Active electrically conducting structures in the vicinity (e.g. electric fences).

349 **Description of the test setup:**

- 350 • Manufacturer of all measurement devices.
- 351 • Model of all measurement devices.
- 352 • Serial Number of all measurement devices.
- 353 • Calibration references of all measurement devices.

354 The following minimum information shall be provided and be included as an annex of the test
355 report: