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1 Scope

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NOTE 1 According to the testing method, the comfort fans are classified into two groups:

– pedestal fans, table fans, wall fans, louvre fans, tower fans, bladeless fans;
– ceiling fans.

Wherever applicable, the term "fan" used in this document includes its associated regulator, if any.

NOTE 2 This document does not apply to

– safety of electric fans for household and similar purposes (IEC 60335-2-80);
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