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- i) a clarification for lighting equipment including one control module with an active input power  $\leq 2$  W;
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- k) an update of the test conditions for induction hobs, taking also into account the other types of cooking appliances;
- l) for consistency with IEC 61000-3-12, a change of the scope of IEC 61000-3-2 from equipment with an input current  $\leq 16$  A to equipment with a rated input current  $\leq 16$  A.

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### Part 3-2: Limits – Limits for harmonic current emissions (equipment input current $\leq 16$ A per phase)

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61000 deals with the limitation of harmonic currents injected into the public supply system.

It specifies limits of harmonic components of the input current which can be produced by equipment tested under specified conditions.

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Arc welding equipment, which is not professional equipment, with a rated input current up to and including 16 A per phase, is included in the scope of this document. ~~Arc welding equipment intended for professional use, as specified in IEC 60974-1, is excluded from this document and can be subject to installation restrictions as indicated in IEC 61000-3-12.~~ All other arc welding equipment is excluded from the scope of this document; however, the harmonics emission can be evaluated using IEC 61000-3-12 and relevant installation restrictions.

The tests according to this document are type tests.

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# FINAL VERSION



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