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National Foreword

This Singapore Standard was prepared by the Working Group on Lightning Protection appointed by the Technical Committee on Buildings Facilities and Services under the direction of the Electrical and Electronic Standards Committee.

This is a revision of SS 555 – 'Code of practice for protection against lightning'. The revised SS 555 comprises the following parts under the general title 'Protection against lightning':

- Part 1: General principles
- Part 2: Risk management
- Part 3 : Physical damage to structures and life hazard
- Part 4: Electrical and electronic systems within structures

The four parts replace the 2010 edition of the SS 555 series of standards.

SS 555 : Part 2 : 2018 is an identical adoption of IEC 62305-2 : 2010 (Edition 2.0), 'Protection against lightning – Risk management', published by the International Electrotechnical Commission. It introduces evaluation procedures for assessing lightning risk for a structure and selection of lightning protection measures upon completion of risk assessment.

The committee considered methods for artificially increasing the range of attraction of a lightning conductor but on the evidence available, was unable to make a recommendation. It was noted that none of the reference codes used in the drafting of this Code recommends the use of such methods. The codes referred to were IEC 62305 : 2010 Parts 1 to 4. In addition, there are no devices nor methods capable of modifying the natural weather phenomena to the extent that they can prevent lightning discharges. Lightning flashes to, or nearby, structures (or services connected to the structures) are hazardous to people, to the structures themselves, their contents and installations as well as to lines. This is why the application of lightning protection measures is essential.

Attention is drawn to the following:

- 1. Where appropriate, the words 'International Standard' shall be read as 'Singapore Standard'.
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International Standard	Corresponding Singapore Standard
IEC 62305	SS 555
IEC 62305-1	SS 555-1
IEC 62305-2	SS 555-2
IEC 62305-3	SS 555-3
IEC 62305-4	SS 555-4

- 3. The comma has been used throughout as a decimal marker whereas in Singapore Standards it is a practice to use a full point on the baseline as the decimal marker.
- 4. The editorial changes are as follows. To facilitate identification, the affected text of the International Standard which is to be changed is indicated by a left marginal bar adjacent to it.

Clause/Subclause 3.1.23	Modifications <i>Replace</i> heading with "Lightning electromagnetic pulse".
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A.2.4, A.2.5, A.3, A.4 and A.5	<i>Replace</i> units for variable $N_{\rm G}$ with '(flashes/km2/year)'.
anu A.S	Explanation: It is a local term.

Annex ZB in Part 1 of SS 555 provides information on Singapore's lightning intensity to give the user data for risk management calculation which is essential for the appropriate design of a lightning protection system.

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PROTECTION AGAINST LIGHTNING –

Part 2: Risk management

FOREWORD

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International Standard IEC 62305-2 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 81: Lightning protection.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition, published in 2006, and constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- 1) Risk assessment for services connected to structures is excluded from the scope.
- 2) Injuries of living beings caused by electric shock inside the structure are considered.
- 3) Tolerable risk of loss of cultural heritage is changed from 10^{-3} to 10^{-4} . The value of tolerable risk of loss of economic value ($R_T = 10^{-3}$) is introduced, to be used when data for cost/benefit analysis are not available.

- 4) Extended damage to surroundings structures or to the environment is considered.
- 5) Improved equations are provided for evaluation of
 - collection areas relevant to flashes nearby a structure,
 - collection areas relevant to flashes to and nearby a line,
 - probabilities that a flash can cause damage,
 - loss factors even in structures with risk of explosion,
 - risk relevant to a zone of a structure,
 - cost of loss.
- 6) Tables are provided to select the relative amount of loss in all cases.
- 7) Impulse withstand voltage level of equipment was extended down to 1 kV.

This bilingual version corresponds to the monolingual English version, published in 2010-12.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

A list of all the parts in the IEC 62305 series, under the general title *Protection against lightning*, can be found on the IEC website.

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- reconfirmed,
- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

A bilingual version of this standard may be issued at a later date.

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INTRODUCTION

Lightning flashes to earth may be hazardous to structures and to lines.

The hazard to a structure can result in

- damage to the structure and to its contents,
- failure of associated electrical and electronic systems,
- injury to living beings in or close to the structure.

Consequential effects of the damage and failures may be extended to the surroundings of the structure or may involve its environment.

To reduce the loss due to lightning, protection measures may be required. Whether they are needed, and to what extent, should be determined by risk assessment.

The risk, defined in this part of IEC 62305 as the probable average annual loss in a structure due to lightning flashes, depends on:

- the annual number of lightning flashes influencing the structure;
- the probability of damage by one of the influencing lightning flashes;
- the mean amount of consequential loss.

Lightning flashes influencing the structure may be divided into

- flashes terminating on the structure,
- flashes terminating near the structure, direct to connected lines (power, telecommunication lines,) or near the lines.

Flashes to the structure or a connected line may cause physical damage and life hazards. Flashes near the structure or line as well as flashes to the structure or line may cause failure of electrical and electronic systems due to overvoltages resulting from resistive and inductive coupling of these systems with the lightning current.

Moreover, failures caused by lightning overvoltages in users installations and in power supply lines may also generate switching type overvoltages in the installations.

NOTE Malfunctioning of electrical and electronic systems is not covered by the IEC 62305 series. Reference should be made to IEC 61000-4-5 ^{[1]1}.

The number of lightning flashes influencing the structure depends on the dimensions and the characteristics of the structure and of the connected lines, on the environmental characteristics of the structure and the lines, as well as on lightning ground flash density in the region where the structure and the lines are located.

The probability of lightning damage depends on the structure, the connected lines and the lightning current characteristics, as well as on the type and efficiency of applied protection measures.

¹ Figures in square brackets refer to the bibliography.

The annual mean amount of the consequential loss depends on the extent of damage and the consequential effects which may occur as a result of a lightning flash.

The effect of protection measures results from the features of each protection measure and may reduce the damage probabilities or the amount of consequential loss.

The decision to provide lightning protection may be taken regardless of the outcome of risk assessment where there is a desire that there be no avoidable risk.

PROTECTION AGAINST LIGHTNING –

Part 2: Risk management

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62305 is applicable to risk assessment for a structure due to lightning flashes to earth.

Its purpose is to provide a procedure for the evaluation of such a risk. Once an upper tolerable limit for the risk has been selected, this procedure allows the selection of appropriate protection measures to be adopted to reduce the risk to or below the tolerable limit.

2 Normative references

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

IEC 62305-1:2010, Protection against lightning – Part 1: General principles

IEC 62305-3:2010, Protection against lightning – Part 3: Physical damage to structures and life hazard

IEC 62305-4:2010, Protection against lightning – Part 4: Electrical and electronic systems within structures