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## CODE OF PRACTICE FOR HEARING-LOOP SYSTEMS (HLS)

### 1 Scope

This document, which is a Technical Report, gives recommendations for and guidance on the design, planning, installation, testing, operation and maintenance of a hearing-loop system (HLS) intended for communicating speech, music and/or other signals. It is mainly concerned with HLS for hearing enhancement, in which the signals are communicated to users of hearing aids equipped with magnetic pick-up coils.

This document does not apply to induction-loop systems which use a carrier frequency, nor to other systems for hearing enhancement purposes which do not use magnetic induction.

### 2 Normative references

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#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

##### 3.1.1

##### **hearing-loop system**

##### **HLS**

system including amplifier(s), microphones and/or other signal sources, in which magnetic fields are created by the flow of audio-frequency current in a conductor arranged in the form of one or more loops or a coil or solenoid

Note 1 to entry: The technical term for a hearing-loop system is "audio-frequency induction-loop system" (AFILS).

##### 3.1.2

##### **HLS for hearing enhancement**

HLS in which the intended receivers are hearing aids or specially designed listening devices equipped with coils acting as magnetic antennas

##### 3.1.3

##### **direct-to-reverberant ratio**

ratio, at a given point in the sound field, of the sound pressure due to the wanted sound source to the sound pressure due to reverberation

##### 3.1.4

##### **hearing aid**

personal amplification system, worn entirely on the listener, which is designed to enable a person with impaired hearing to hear more easily