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- the scope has been expanded to include a wider range of system test and inspection regimes to encompass larger and more complex PV systems.

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This part of IEC 62446 is split into two sections:

- **System documentation requirements** – This section details the information that shall be provided within the documentation provided to the customer following installation of a grid connected PV system.
- **Verification** – This section provides the information expected to be provided following initial (or periodic) verification of an installed system. It includes requirements for inspection and testing.

This part of IEC 62446 references IEC TS 62548:2013, which is in the process of being converted into an International Standard. It is envisaged that work on the second edition of IEC 62446-1 will start when IEC 62548 is completed.