Quality Certification, Standards and Testing for Grid-connected Rooftop Solar PV Systems/Power Plants

Quality certification and standards for grid-connected rooftop solar PV systems are essential for the successful mass-scale implementation of this technology. It is also imperative to put in place an efficient and rigorous monitoring mechanism, adherence to these standards. The vendor will be solely responsible for compliance of all quality certifications in rooftop solar installations under simplified procedure. All components of grid-connected rooftop solar PV system/ plant must conform to the relevant standards and certifications given below:

Solar PV Modules/Panels		
IEC 61215/ IS	Design Qualification and Type Approval for Crystalline Silicon	
14286	Terrestrial Photovoltaic (PV) Modules	
IEC 61701	Salt Mist Corrosion Testing of Photovoltaic (PV) Modules	
IEC 61853- Part 1/	Photovoltaic (PV) module performance testing and energy rating:	
IS 16170: Part 1	Irradiance and temperature performance measurements, and power rating	
IEC 62716	Photovoltaic (PV) Modules – Ammonia (NH3) Corrosion Testing (As per the site condition like dairies, toilets)	
IEC 61730-1,2	Photovoltaic (PV) Module Safety Qualification – Part 1: Requirements for Construction, Part 2: Requirements for Testing	
IEC 62804	Photovoltaic (PV) modules - Test methods for the detection of	
	potential-induced degradation. IEC TS 62804-1: Part 1: Crystalline	
	silicon (mandatory for applications where the system voltage is > 600	
	VDC and advisory for installations where the system voltage is < 600 VDC)	
IEC 62759-1	Photovoltaic (PV) modules – Transportation testing, Part 1:	
	Transportation and shipping of module package units	
Solar PV Inverters		
IEC 62109-1, IEC	Safety of power converters for use in photovoltaic power	
62109-2	systems –	
	Part 1: General requirements, and Safety of power converters for use in photovoltaic power systems	
	Part 2: Particular requirements for inverters. Safety compliance	
	(Protection degree IP 65 for outdoor mounting, IP	
	54 for indoor mounting)	
IEC/IS 61683	Photovoltaic Systems – Power conditioners: Procedure for	
(as applicable)	Measuring Efficiency (10%, 25%, 50%, 75% & 90-100% Loading	
	Conditions)	

BS EN 50530	Overall efficiency of grid-connected photovoltaic inverters:
(as applicable)	This European Standard provides a procedure for the measurement of the accuracy of the maximum power point tracking (MPPT) of inverters, which are used in grid- connected photovoltaic systems. In that case the inverter energizes a low voltage grid of stable AC voltage and constant frequency. Both the static and dynamic MPPT efficiency is considered.
IEC 62116/ UL	Utility-interconnected Photovoltaic Inverters - Test Procedure
1741/ IEEE 1547 (as applicable)	of Islanding Prevention Measures
IEC 60255-27	Measuring relays and protection equipment – Part 27:
	Product safety requirements
IEC 60068-2 (1, 2, 14 & 30)	Environmental Testing of PV System – Power Conditioners and Inverters a) IEC 60068-2-1: Environmental testing - Part 2-1: Tests - Test A: Cold
	 b) IEC 60068-2-2: Environmental testing - Part 2-2: Tests - Test A. Cold b) Test B: Dry heat
	c) IEC 60068-2-14: Environmental testing - Part 2-14: Tests - Test N: Change of temperature
	e) IEC 60068-2-30: Environmental testing - Part 2-30: Tests - Test Db:
	Damp heat, cyclic $(12 h + 12 h cycle)$
IEC 61000 – 2,3,5	Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) and Electromagnetic
(as applicable)	Compatibility (EMC) testing of PV Inverters
Fuse	
IS/IEC 60947 (Part	General safety requirements for connectors, switches, circuit
1, 2 & 3), EN	breakers (AC/DC):
50521	a) Low-voltage Switchgear and Control-gear, Part 1: General rules
	b) Low-Voltage Switchgear and Control-gear, Part 2: Circuit
	Breakers
	c) Low-voltage switchgear and Control-gear, Part 3: Switches,
	disconnectors, switch-disconnectors and fuse-combination units
	d) EN 50521: Connectors for photovoltaic systems – Safety requirements and tests
IEC 60269-6	Low-voltage fuses - Part 6: Supplementary requirements for
	fuse-links for the protection of solar photovoltaic energy systems
Surge Arrestors	
IEC 62305-4	Lightening Protection Standard
IEC 60364-5-53/	Electrical installations of buildings - Part 5-53: Selection and
IS 15086-5 (SPD)	erection of electrical equipment - Isolation, switching and control

IEC 61643-	Low-voltage surge protective devices - Part 11: Surge protective devices	
11:2011	connected to low-voltage power systems - Requirements and test methods	
Cables		
IEC 60227/IS 694,	General test and measuring method for PVC (Polyvinyl	
IEC 60502/IS 1554	chloride) insulated cables (for working voltages up to and including 1100	
(Part 1 & 2)/	V, and UV resistant for outdoor installation)	
IEC69947		
BS EN 50618	Electric cables for photovoltaic systems (BT(DE/NOT)258),	
	mainly for DC Cables	
Earthing /Lightning		
IEC 62561 Series	IEC 62561-1: Lightning protection system components (LPSC) - Part 1:	
(Chemical earthing)	Requirements for connection components	
	IEC 62561-2: Lightning protection system components (LPSC) - Part 2:	
	Requirements for conductors and earth electrodes	
	IEC 62561-7: Lightning protection system components (LPSC) - Part 7:	
	Requirements for earthing enhancing compounds	
Junction Boxes		
IEC 60529	Junction boxes and solar panel terminal boxes shall be of the	
	thermo-plastic type with IP 65 protection for outdoor use, and	
	IP 54 protection for indoor use	
Energy Meter		
IS 16444 or as	A.C. Static direct connected watt-hour Smart Meter Class 1 and 2 —	
specified by the	Specification (with Import & Export/Net energy measurements)	
DISCOMs		
Solar PV Roof Mounting Structure		
IS 2062/IS 4759	Material for the structure mounting	

Note: Equivalent standards may be used for different system components of the plants.