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- 2) thermal correction of the effective cooling medium has been introduced;
- 3) testing regime has been strengthened to ensure transformers are suitable for the harsh electrical environment to which they are subjected.

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Part 16: Transformers for wind turbine applications

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60076 applies to dry-type and liquid-immersed transformers for wind turbine step-up applications having a winding with highest voltage for equipment up to and including 72,5 kV. This document applies to the transformer used to connect the wind turbine generator to the wind farm power collection system or adjacent distribution network and not the transformer used to connect several wind turbines to a distribution or transmission network.

Transformers covered by this document comply with the relevant requirements prescribed in the IEC 60076 standards or IEEE C57 standards.

2 Normative references

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2.1 IEC references

IEC 60076-1, *Power transformers – Part 1: General*

IEC 60076-2, *Power transformers – Part 2: Temperature rise for liquid-immersed transformers*

IEC 60076-3, *Power transformers – Part 3: Insulation levels, dielectric tests and external clearances in air*

IEC 60076-5, *Power transformers – Part 5: Ability to withstand short circuit*

IEC 60076-7, *Power transformers – Part 7: Loading guide for mineral-oil-immersed power transformers*

IEC 60076-11, *Power transformers – Part 11: Dry-type transformers*

IEC 60076-12, *Power transformers – Part 12: Loading guide for dry-type power transformers*

IEC 60076-14, *Power transformers – Part 14: Liquid-immersed power transformers using high-temperature insulating materials*

IEC 61378-1, *Converter transformers – Part 1: Transformers for industrial applications*

2.2 IEEE references

IEEE Std C57.12.00™, *IEEE Standard for General Requirements for Liquid-Immersed Distribution, Power, and Regulating Transformers*

IEEE Std C57.12.01™, *IEEE Standard for General Requirements for Dry-Type Distribution and Power Transformers*

IEEE Std C57.12.80™, *IEEE Standard Terminology for Power and Distribution Transformers*

IEEE Std C57.91™, *IEEE Guide for Loading Mineral-Oil-Immersed Transformers and Step-Voltage Regulators*

IEEE Std C57.96™, *IEEE Guide for Loading Dry-Type Distribution and Power Transformers*

IEEE Std C57.110™, *IEEE Recommended Practice for Establishing Liquid-Filled and Dry-Type Power and Distribution Transformer Capability When Supplying Nonsinusoidal Load Currents*

IEEE Std C57.154™, *IEEE Standard for the Design, Testing, and Application of Liquid-Immersed Distribution, Power, and Regulating Transformers Using High-Temperature Insulation Systems and Operating at Elevated Temperatures*

ANSI C84.1, *Electric Power Systems and Equipment – Voltage Ratings (60 Hz)*

2.3 ISO references

ISO 12944 (all parts), *Paints and varnishes – Corrosion protection of steel structures by protective paint systems*

ISO 12944-4, *Paints and varnishes – Corrosion protection of steel structures by protective paint systems – Part 4: Types of surface and surface preparation*

2.4 CENELEC references

EN 50588-1:2015, *Medium power transformers 50 Hz, with highest voltage for equipment not exceeding 36 kV – Part 1: General requirements*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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3.1

wind turbine transformer

generator step up transformer connecting the wind turbine to the power collection system of the wind farm or the adjacent distribution network for single turbine installations

3.2

tower

supporting structure of the wind turbine on top of which the nacelle with generator and other equipment is located

3.3

nacelle

housing that contains the drive-train and other elements on top of a horizontal-axis wind turbine tower