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## Part 1: Definitions, principles and rules

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- in the definitions (3.26, 3.28 and 3.29) and in the environmental conditions (5.9) taken into account clarification of the atmospheric and altitude corrections involved in the insulation co-ordination process;
- in the list of standard rated short-duration power frequency withstand voltages reported in 5.6 addition of 115 kV;
- in the list of standard rated impulse withstand voltages reported in 5.7, addition of 200 kV and 380 kV;
- in the standard insulation levels for range I ( $1\text{ kV} < U_m \leq 245\text{ kV}$ ) (Table 2) addition of the highest voltage for equipment  $U_m = 100\text{ kV}$ ;
- in the standard insulation levels for range II ( $U_m > 245\text{ kV}$ ) (Table 3) replacement of 525 kV by 550 kV and of 765 kV by 800 kV;
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- in Annex B, limitation at two  $U_m$  values for the values of rated insulation levels for  $1\text{ kV} < U_m \leq 245\text{ kV}$  for highest voltages for equipment  $U_m$  not standardized by IEC based on current practice in some countries.

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## INSULATION CO-ORDINATION –

### Part 1: Definitions, principles and rules

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60071 applies to three-phase a.c. systems having a highest voltage for equipment above 1 kV. It specifies the procedure for the selection of the rated withstand voltages for the phase-to-earth, phase-to-phase and longitudinal insulation of the equipment and the installations of these systems. It also gives the lists of the standard withstand voltages from which the rated withstand voltages should be selected.

This standard recommends that the selected withstand voltages should be associated with the highest voltage for equipment. This association is for insulation co-ordination purposes only. The requirements for human safety are not covered by this standard.

Although the principles of this standard also apply to transmission line insulation, the values of their withstand voltages may be different from the standard rated withstand voltages.

The apparatus committees are responsible for specifying the rated withstand voltages and the test procedures suitable for the relevant equipment taking into consideration the recommendations of this standard.

NOTE In IEC 60071-2, Application Guide, all rules for insulation co-ordination given in this standard are justified in detail, in particular the association of the standard rated withstand voltages with the highest voltage for equipment. When more than one set of standard rated withstand voltages is associated with the same highest voltage for equipment, guidance is provided for the selection of the most suitable set.

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