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- b) introduction of a new Clause 537 Monitoring;
- c) Clause 530 contains all normative references and all terms and definitions.

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530.1 Scope

This document provides requirements for:

- a) isolation, switching, control and monitoring, and
- b) selection and erection of:
 - 1) devices for isolation, switching, control and monitoring, and
 - 2) devices to achieve compliance with measures of protection for safety.

530.2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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IEC 60269-2, *Low-voltage fuses – Part 2: Supplementary requirements for fuses for use by authorized persons (fuses mainly for industrial application) – Examples of standardized systems of fuses A to K*

IEC 60269-3, *Low-voltage fuses – Part 3: Supplementary requirements for fuses for use by unskilled persons (fuses mainly for household and similar applications) – Examples of standardized systems of fuses A to F*

IEC 60269-4, *Low-voltage fuses – Part 4: Supplementary requirements for use-links for the protection of semiconductor devices*

IEC 60309 (all parts), *Plugs, socket-outlets and couplers for industrial purposes*

IEC 60364 (all parts), *Low-voltage electrical installations*

IEC 60364-4-41:2005, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 4-41: Protection for safety – Protection against electric shock*
IEC 60364-4-41:2005/AMD1:2017

IEC 60364-4-42:2010, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 4-42: Protection for safety – Protection against thermal effects*
IEC 60364-4-42:2010/AMD1:2014

IEC 60364-4-43:2008, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 4-43: Protection for safety – Protection against overcurrent*

IEC 60364-4-44:2007, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 4-44: Protection for safety – Protection against voltage disturbances and electromagnetic disturbances*
IEC 60364-4-44:2007/AMD1:2015

IEC 60364-5-55, *Electrical installations of buildings – Part 5-55: Selection and erection of electrical equipment – Other equipment*

IEC 60364-6:2016, *Low voltage electrical installations– Part 6: Verification*

IEC 60417 (all parts), *Graphical symbols for use on equipment*

IEC 60664-1:2007, *Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems – Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests*

IEC 60669-1, *Switches for household and similar fixed-electrical installations – Part 1: General requirements*

IEC 60669-2-1, *Switches for household and similar fixed electrical installations – Part 2-1: Particular requirements – Electronic switches*

IEC 60669-2-2, *Switches for household and similar fixed electrical installations – Part 2-2: Particular requirements – Electromagnetic remote-control switches (RCS)*

IEC 60669-2-3, *Switches for household and similar fixed electrical installations – Part 2-3: Particular requirements – Time-delay switches (TDS)*

IEC 60669-2-4, *Switches for household and similar fixed electrical installations – Part 2-4: Particular requirements – Isolating switches*

IEC 60669-2-5, *Switches for household and similar fixed electrical installations – Part 2-5: Particular requirements – Switches and related accessories for use in home and building electronic systems (HBES)*

IEC 60669-2-6, *Switches for household and similar fixed electrical installations – Part 2-6: Particular requirements – Fireman's switches for exterior and interior signs and luminaires*

IEC 60670-24, *Boxes and enclosures for electrical accessories for household and similar fixed electrical installations – Part 24: Particular requirements for enclosures for housing protective devices and other power dissipating electrical equipment*

IEC 60884 (all parts), *Plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes*

IEC 60898 (all parts), *Electrical accessories – Circuit-breakers for overcurrent protection for household and similar installations*

IEC 60906 (all parts), *IEC system of plugs and socket-outlets for household and similar purposes*

IEC 60947-2:2016, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 2: Circuit-breakers*

IEC 60947-3, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 3: Switches, disconnectors, switch-disconnectors and fuse-combination units*

IEC 60947-4-1, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 4-1: Contactors and motor-starters – Electromechanical contactors and motor-starters*

IEC 60947-4-2, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 4-2: Contactors and motor-starters – AC semiconductor motor controllers and starters*

IEC 60947-4-3, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 4-3: Contactors and motor-starters – AC semiconductor controllers and contactors for non-motor loads*

IEC 60947-5-1, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 5-1: Control circuit devices and switching elements – Electromechanical control circuit devices*

IEC 60947-6-1, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 6-1: Multiple function equipment – Transfer switching equipment*

IEC 60947-6-2, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 6-2: Multiple function equipment – Control and protective switching devices (or equipment) (CPS)*

IEC 61008 (all parts), *Residual current operated circuit-breakers without integral overcurrent protection for household and similar uses (RCCBs)*

IEC 61009 (all parts), *Residual current operated circuit-breakers with integral overcurrent protection for household and similar uses (RCBOs)*

IEC 61095, *Electromechanical contactors for household and similar purposes*

IEC 61439-2, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies – Part 2: Power switchgear and controlgear assemblies*

IEC 61439-3, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies – Part 3: Distribution boards intended to be operated by ordinary persons (DBO)*

IEC 61439-6, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies – Part 6: Busbar trunking systems (busways)*

IEC 61534 (all parts), *Powertrack systems*

IEC 61557-8, *Electrical safety in low voltage distribution systems up to 1 000 V a.c. and 1 500 V d.c. – Equipment for testing, measuring or monitoring of protective measures – Part 8: Insulation monitoring devices for IT systems*

IEC 61557-9, *Electrical safety in low voltage distribution systems up to 1 000 V a.c. and 1 500 V d.c. – Equipment for testing, measuring or monitoring of protective measures – Part 9: Equipment for insulation fault location in IT systems*

IEC 61643-11, *Low-voltage surge protective devices – Part 11: Surge protective devices connected to low-voltage power systems – Requirements and test methods*

IEC 61643-12, *Low-voltage surge protective devices – Part 12: Surge protective devices connected to low-voltage power distribution systems – Selection and application principles*

IEC 61984:2008, *Connectors – Safety requirements and tests*

IEC 61995 (all parts), *Devices for the connection of luminaires for household and similar purposes*

IEC 62020, *Electrical accessories – Residual current monitors for household and similar uses (RCMs)*

IEC 62208, *Empty enclosures for low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies – General requirements*

IEC 62305 (all parts), *Protection against lightning*

IEC 62423, *Type F and type B residual current operated circuit-breakers with and without integral overcurrent protection for household and similar uses*

IEC 62606, *General requirements for arc fault detection devices*

IEC 62626-1, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear enclosed equipment – Part 1: Enclosed switch-disconnectors outside the scope of IEC 60947-3 to provide isolation during repair and maintenance work*

530.3 Terms and definitions

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

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>.

530.3.1

disconnecter

mechanical switching device which in the open position complies with the requirements specified for the isolating function

Note 1 to entry: A disconnecter is capable of opening and closing a circuit when either negligible current is broken or made, or when no significant change in the voltage across the terminals of each of the poles of the disconnecter occurs. It is also capable of carrying currents under normal circuit conditions and carrying for a specified time currents under abnormal conditions such as those of short-circuit.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-441:2000, 441-14-05, modified – Referring to isolating function instead of isolating distance.]

530.3.2

switch disconnecter

switch which, in the open position, satisfies the isolating requirements specified for a disconnecter

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-441:1984, 441-14-12]

530.3.3

mechanical switch

device capable of making, carrying and breaking currents through contacts controlled by mechanical operation under normal circuit conditions which may include specified operating overload conditions and also carrying for specified time currents under specified abnormal circuit conditions such as those of short-circuit

Note 1 to entry: A switch can be capable of making but not breaking short-circuit currents.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-441:2000, 441-14-10, modified – "through contacts controlled by mechanical operation" has been added.]

530.3.4

switching-off for mechanical maintenance

opening operation of a switching device intended to inactivate an item or items of electrically powered equipment for the purpose of preventing a hazard, other than due to electric shock or to arcing, during non-electrical work on the equipment