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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2000. It constitutes a technical revision. The main changes consist of updating this Part 2-23 in accordance with IEC 61558-1:2005.

This part has the status of a group safety publication in accordance with IEC Guide 104: *The preparation of safety publications and the use of basic safety publications and group safety publications*.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

This part is intended to be used in conjunction with the latest edition of IEC 61558-1 and its amendments. It is based on the second edition (2005) of that standard.

This part supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 61558-1, so as to convert that publication into the IEC standard: *Particular requirements and tests for transformers and power supply units for construction sites*.

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Future standards in this series will carry the new general title as cited above. Titles of existing standards in this series will be updated at the time of the next edition.

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In this part, the following print types are used:

- requirements proper: in roman type;
- *test specifications: in italic type;*
- explanatory matter: in smaller roman type.

In the text of this part, the words in **bold** are defined in Clause 3.

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It is the recommendation of the committee that the content of this publication be adopted for implementation nationally not earlier than 12 months from the date of publication.

## SAFETY OF TRANSFORMERS, REACTORS, POWER SUPPLY UNITS AND COMBINATIONS THEREOF –

### Part 2-23: Particular requirements and tests for transformers and power supply units for construction sites

#### 1 Scope

##### *Replacement:*

This part of IEC 61558 deals with the safety of **transformers for construction sites** and **power supply units** incorporating **transformers for construction sites**. Transformers incorporating **electronic circuits** are also covered by this standard.

NOTE 1 Safety includes electrical, thermal and mechanical aspects.

Unless otherwise specified, from here onward, the term **transformer** covers **transformers for construction sites** and **power supply units** incorporating **transformers for construction sites**.

This part is applicable to **stationary** or **portable**, single-phase or polyphase, air-cooled (natural or forced) **independent** or **associated transformers, being isolating** or **safety isolating dry-type transformers** for the use on **construction sites**. The windings may be encapsulated or non-encapsulated.

The **rated supply voltage** does not exceed 1 000 V a.c., and the **rated supply frequency** and the **internal operating frequencies** do not exceed 500 Hz.

This standard used in combination with Part 2-16 for **Switch mode power supply units (SMPS)** is also applicable to **power supplies** with **internal operating frequencies** higher than 500 Hz. Where the two requirements are in conflict the most severe take precedence

The **rated output** does not exceed:

- 25 kVA for single-phase **transformers**;
- 40 kVA for poly-phase **transformers**.

This part is applicable to **transformers** without limitation of the **rated output** subject to an agreement between the purchaser and the manufacturer.

NOTE 2 **Transformers** intended to supply distribution networks are not included in the scope

**Isolating transformers** and **power supply units** incorporating **isolating transformers for construction sites** have a **no-load output voltage** and a **rated output voltage** exceeding 50 V a.c. and not exceeding 250 V a.c.

**Safety isolating transformers** and **power supply units** incorporating **safety isolating transformers for construction sites** have a **no-load output voltage** and a **rated output voltage** not exceeding 50 V a.c.

NOTE 3 This standard is applicable to **transformers** for the supply of electricity in locations as specified in IEC 60364-7-704. The latter also specifies the protection by using an earthed midpoint or starpoint of the **output winding**.

**Transformers** and **power supply units** covered by this part are used in applications where it is required by the installation rules or by the appliance specification for protection purposes.

When the **transformers** or **power supply units** are incorporated into **low voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies for construction sites** as specified in IEC 60439-4, the additional requirements of IEC 60439-4 will apply to the assembly.

NOTE 4 For **transformers** filled with liquid dielectric or pulverised material, such as sand, additional requirements are under consideration.

NOTE 5 Attention is drawn to the following:

- measures to protect the **enclosure** and the components inside the **enclosure** against external influences like fungus, vermin, termites, solar-radiation and icing should also be considered;
- the different conditions for transportation, storage, and operation of the **transformers** and **power supply units** should also be considered;
- additional requirements in accordance with other appropriate standards and national rules may be applicable to **transformers** and **power supply units** intended for use in special environments such as tropical environment.

NOTE 6 Future technological development of **transformers** may necessitate a need to increase the upper limit of the frequencies, until then this standard may be used as a guidance document.

## 2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

*Addition:*

IEC 60068-2-27, *Environmental testing – Part 2-27: Tests – Test Ea and guidance: Shock*

IEC 60439-4, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies – Part 4: Particular requirements for assemblies for construction sites (ACS)*

IEC 61558-1:2005, *Safety of power transformers, power supplies, reactors and similar products – Part 1: General requirements and tests*

## 3 Terms and definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

*Addition:*

### 3.101

#### **low voltage switchgear and controlgear assembly for construction sites (ACS)**

combination of one or several transforming or switching devices with associated control, measuring, signalling, protective and regulating equipment complete with all their internal electrical and mechanical connections and structural parts, designed and built for use on all construction sites, indoors or outdoors.

## 4 General requirements

This clause of Part 1 is applicable.