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**Mobile and fixed offshore units – Electrical installations –  
Part 1: General requirements and conditions**

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Partie 1: Exigences générales et conditions**



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ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS –****Part 1: General requirements and conditions****FOREWORD**

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition published in 2015. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) voltage limitations have been removed;
- b) definitions for fixed offshore units and mobile offshore units have been included;
- c) tables for ambient air temperature and relative humidity have been removed, as this information will normally be given in owner's/operator's documentation for specific projects;

- d) the requirement as to ignition source control has been moved from IEC 61892-7 to this document;
- e) tables for voltage characteristics have been updated;
- f) requirements for a minimum degree of protection for equipment have been moved from IEC 61892-2 to this document.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

| FDIS         | Report on voting |
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Full information on the voting for the approval of this International Standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

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

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## INTRODUCTION

IEC 61892 forms a series of International Standards for safety in the design, selection, installation, maintenance and use of electrical equipment for the generation, transmission, storage, distribution and utilization of electrical energy for all purposes in offshore units which are used for the purpose of exploration or exploitation of petroleum resources.

This part of IEC 61892 incorporates and coordinates, as far as possible, existing rules and forms a code of interpretation, where applicable, of the requirements of the International Maritime Organization (IMO), and constitutes a guide for future regulations which may be prepared and a statement of practice for offshore unit owners, designers, installers and appropriate organizations.

This document is based on solutions and methods which are in current use, but it is not intended to impede the development of new or improved techniques.

In this revision, voltage limitations have been removed. However, voltage limitations may be given in the referenced equipment standards. The removal of voltage limitations is considered necessary due to the interconnection of, and supply from shore to offshore units. In such cases, transmission voltages up to 132 kV AC and 150 kV DC are used and higher voltages are being planned.

The IEC 61892 series aims to constitute a set of International Standards for the offshore petroleum industry, but it is not intended to prevent their use beyond petroleum installations.

## MOBILE AND FIXED OFFSHORE UNITS – ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS –

### Part 1: General requirements and conditions

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61892 is applicable to electrical installations and equipment in mobile and fixed offshore units, including pipeline, pumping or "pigging" stations, compressor stations and single buoy moorings, used in the offshore petroleum industry for drilling, production, accommodation, processing, storage and offloading purposes.

It applies to all installations, whether permanent, temporary, transportable or hand-held, to AC installations and DC installations without any voltage level limitation. Referenced equipment standards may give voltage level limitations.

This document specifies requirements such as those concerning

- environmental conditions,
- power supply characteristics,
- location of electrical equipment in units,
- protection against external influences,
- protection against electrical shock, and
- ignition source control.

This document gives information and guidance on topics such as

- cold climate protection, and
- surface treatment and protective painting system.

This document does not apply to

- fixed equipment for medical purposes,
- electrical installations of tankers, and
- control of ignition sources other than those created by electrical equipment.

NOTE 1 For medical rooms, IEC 60364-7-710 provides specific requirements. Requirements for tankers are given in IEC 60092-502.

NOTE 2 Guidance on protection of non-electrical equipment can be found in ISO 80079-36, ISO 80079-37 and IMO 2009 MODU Code, 6.7.

#### 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.

IEC 60364-4-41, *Low-voltage installations – Part 4-41: Protection for safety – Protection against electric shock*

IEC 61000-2-4:2002, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 2-4: Environment – Compatibility levels in industrial plants for low-frequency conducted disturbances*

IEC 61892-2:2019, *Mobile and fixed offshore units – Electrical installations – Part 2: System design*

IEC 61892-3, *Mobile and fixed offshore units – Electrical installations – Part 3: Equipment*

IEC 61892-5, *Mobile and fixed offshore units – Electrical installations – Part 5: Mobile units*

IEC 61892-6:2019, *Mobile and fixed offshore units – Electrical installations – Part 6: Installation*

IEC 61892-7:2019, *Mobile and fixed offshore units – Electrical installations – Part 7: Hazardous areas*

ISO 8468, *Ships and marine technology – Ship's bridge layout and associated equipment – Requirements and guidelines*

ISO 11064 (all parts), *Ergonomic design of control centres*

IMO, *International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS)*, consolidated edition 2014

IMO, *2009 MODU Code, Code for the Construction and Equipment of Mobile Offshore Drilling Units*, 2009, 2010 Edition

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

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NOTE The terms and definitions included in this document are those that have general application in the IEC 61892 series. Terms and definitions applying to particular apparatus or equipment are included in the other parts of the IEC 61892 series.

#### 3.1

##### **offshore unit**

construction, buoyant or non-buoyant, designed and built for installation or operation at an offshore location

Note 1 to entry: Topside interface of subsea installed equipment which is an integral part of production and transport systems assigned to fixed and floating offshore units, as well as a temporary interface to mobile offshore units, are also considered as part of the offshore unit.

#### 3.2

##### **unmanned offshore unit**

offshore unit normally unmanned, remote controlled without need of human presence for operability and without living quarter facilities

Note 1 to entry: An unmanned offshore unit may also contain a survival shelter to support occasional site maintenance.