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- DC values testing improvement;
- update of EMC tests;
- Annex B deletion;
- update of requirements for environmental tests (Table Q.1);
- improvement of Annex R (new examples);

- deletion of digital input Type 2, and introduction of Type 3 in Annex S;
- example for materials declaration (Annex W);
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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to harmonize as far as practicable all rules and requirements of a general nature applicable to low-voltage switchgear and controlgear in order to obtain uniformity of requirements and tests throughout the corresponding range of equipment and to avoid the need for testing to different standards.

All those parts of the various equipment standards which can be considered as general have therefore been gathered in this document together with specific subjects of wide interest and application, e.g. temperature-rise, dielectric properties, etc.

For each type of low-voltage switchgear and controlgear, only two main documents are necessary to determine all requirements and tests:

- 1) this document, referred to as "Part 1" or "IEC 60947-1" in the specific standards covering the various types of low-voltage switchgear and controlgear;
- 2) the relevant equipment standard hereinafter referred to as the "relevant product standard" or "product standard of this series".

For a general rule to apply to a specific product standard, it will be explicitly referred to by the latter, by quoting the relevant clause or subclause number of this document followed by "IEC 60947-1" e.g. "7.2.3 of IEC 60947-1:20xx".

A specific product standard will only deviate from the general rules when there is substantial technical justification.

NOTE All references to "product standards" in this document means "product standards of IEC 60947 series".

LOW-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR –

Part 1: General rules

1 Scope

This document applies, when required by the relevant product standard, to low-voltage switchgear and controlgear hereinafter referred to as "equipment" or "device" and intended to be connected to circuits, the rated voltage of which does not exceed 1 000 V AC or 1 500 V DC.

This document states the general rules and common safety requirements for low-voltage switchgear and controlgear, including:

- definitions;
- characteristics;
- information supplied with the equipment;
- normal service, mounting and transport conditions, decommissioning and dismantling;
- constructional and performance requirements;
- verification of characteristics and performance;
- energy efficiency aspects (see Annex V);
- environmental aspects.

This document does not apply to:

- low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies which are dealt with in IEC 61439 series, as applicable;
- terminals for connection of aluminium conductors;

NOTE Terminals for aluminium conductors are under consideration for the next revision.

- use within explosive atmospheres (see IEC 60079 series);
- software and firmware requirements for functional safety application (see IEC 61508-3);
- cyber security aspects (see IEC 62443 series).

2 Normative references

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