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- b) CLEARANCE and CREEPAGE DISTANCE reference document changed to IEC 60664-1:2020;
- c) 6.1.2 and 6.1.3 modified to follow IEC 60664-1 BASIC INSULATION dimensioning for mains supply with rationalized voltages;
- d) abnormal capacitor test of 6.2.2 moved to new Subclause 9.5;
- e) 6.2.5 and 6.3.6 modified to use TOUCH CURRENT measuring network weighted for letgo-immobilization and supply voltage tolerance requirement added;
- f) 16.3 new structure and accuracy requirement for displayed voltage value;

- g) Annex A changed to normative and Table A.2 and Table A.3 added;
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- i) redraft of efficiency and IDLE STATE power measurement in Annex M based on IEC 62301:2011;
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ARC WELDING EQUIPMENT –

Part 1: Welding power sources

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60974 is applicable to power sources for arc welding and allied processes designed for INDUSTRIAL AND PROFESSIONAL USE, and supplied by a voltage not exceeding 1 000 V, BATTERY supplied or driven by mechanical means.

This document specifies safety and performance requirements of WELDING POWER SOURCES and PLASMA CUTTING SYSTEMS.

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This document includes requirements for battery-powered WELDING POWER SOURCES and BATTERY packs, which are given in Annex O.

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NOTE 1 Typical allied processes are electric arc cutting and arc spraying.

NOTE 2 AC systems having a nominal voltage between 100 V and 1 000 V are given in Table 1 of IEC 60038:2009.

NOTE 3 This document does not include electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) requirements.

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