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### **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR MEASUREMENT, CONTROL, AND LABORATORY USE –**

#### **Part 2-012: Particular requirements for climatic and environmental testing and other temperature conditioning equipment**

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- b) changes related to the use of small capitals for defined terms only;
- c) clarifications for cooling tests in 4.4.2.10;

- d) requirements for overtemperature protection in 10.101, including deletion of the second part of the sentence in item b), and the deletion of item c);
- e) changes pertaining to the accurate employment of terms "temperature", "operating temperature", "working temperature", "application temperature", "room temperature" and "ambient temperature" in 3.5.104, 3.5.105, 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 5.4.2, 8.2.1, 8.2.2, 11.7.2.101.2, 11.7.2.101.3, 13.2.102, 14.102, 15.101, 15.102, 15.103, Introduction and many other locations. For the purpose of clarification, the definition of 3.5.114, CONTROLLED TEMPERATURE, is added.

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## INTRODUCTION

This Part 2-012, along with Part 2-010 and Part 2-011, taken together, address the specific HAZARDS associated with the heating and cooling of materials by equipment and are organized as follows:

IEC 61010-2-010	Specifically addresses the HAZARDS associated with equipment incorporating heating systems.
IEC 61010-2-011	Specifically addresses the HAZARDS associated with equipment incorporating REFRIGERATING SYSTEMS.
IEC 61010-2-012	Specifically addresses the HAZARDS associated with equipment incorporating both heating and REFRIGERATING SYSTEMS that interact with each other such that the combined heating and REFRIGERATING SYSTEM yield additional or more severe HAZARDS for the two systems than if treated separately. It also addresses the HAZARDS associated with the treatment of materials by other factors like irradiation, excessive humidity, CO <sub>2</sub> and MECHANICAL MOVEMENT, etc.

### Guidance for the application of the appropriate Part 2 standard(s)

When the equipment includes only a material heating system, and no REFRIGERATING SYSTEM or other environmental factors apply, then Part 2-010 applies without needing Part 2-011 or Part 2-012. Similarly, when the equipment includes only a REFRIGERATING SYSTEM, and no material heating system or other environmental factors apply, then Part 2-011 applies without needing Part 2-010 or Part 2-012. However, when the equipment incorporates both a material heating system, and a REFRIGERATING SYSTEM or the materials being treated in the intended application introduce significant heat into the REFRIGERATING SYSTEM, a determination should be made as to whether the interaction between the two systems will generate additional or more severe HAZARDS than if the systems were evaluated separately (CONTROLLED TEMPERATURE, see flow chart for selection process). If the interaction of the heating and cooling functions yields no additional or more severe HAZARDS, then both Part 2-010 and Part 2-011 apply for their respective functions. Conversely, if additional or more severe HAZARDS result from the combining of the heating and cooling functions, or if the equipment incorporates additional material treatment factors, then Part 2-012 applies, but not Part 2-010 or Part 2-011.

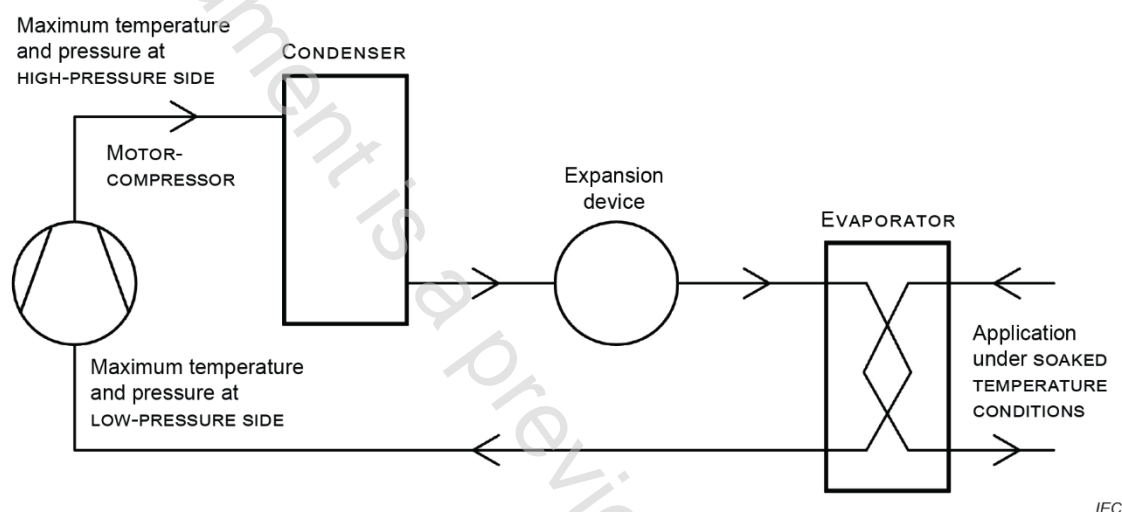
### What HAZARDS are applicable for a REFRIGERATING SYSTEM?

The typical HAZARDS for a REFRIGERATING SYSTEM (see Figure 101) consisting of a MOTOR-COMPRESSOR, a CONDENSER, an expansion device and an EVAPORATOR include but are not limited to:

- The maximum temperature of LOW-PRESSURE SIDE (return temperature) to the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR. A MOTOR-COMPRESSOR incorporates a REFRIGERANT cooled motor and it should be established that the maximum temperatures of the LOW-PRESSURE SIDE under least favourable condition do not exceed the insulation RATINGS within the motor.
- The maximum pressure of LOW-PRESSURE SIDE at the inlet to the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR. The housing of the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR is exposed to this pressure and so the design RATING of the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR housing should accommodate the worst-case pressures whilst providing the correct safety margin for a pressure vessel.
- The maximum temperature of HIGH-PRESSURE SIDE to the CONDENSER. The temperatures of the HIGH-PRESSURE SIDE under most unfavourable conditions may present a temperature HAZARD if the OPERATOR is exposed to them or if the electrical insulation is degraded.
- The maximum pressure of HIGH-PRESSURE SIDE at the outlet to the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR. The REFRIGERANT components downstream of the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR up to the expansion device are exposed to this pressure and so the design RATING of these components should accommodate the worst-case pressures whilst providing the appropriate safety margin for a pressure vessel.

- The maximum CONTROLLED TEMPERATURES, namely, the SOAKED TEMPERATURE CONDITIONS, from which the heat is being extracted, may impact the maximum temperature of LOW-PRESSURE SIDE to the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR as well as present a temperature HAZARD if the OPERATOR is exposed to them or if the electrical insulation is degraded. Whether this CONTROLLED TEMPERATURE is derived from an integral heating function of the device or from the heat dissipated from the material being cooled, the impact under worst case conditions should be evaluated.
- The current draw of the equipment should be established when including the worst-case running conditions of the REFRIGERATING SYSTEM including any defrost cycles that may apply.

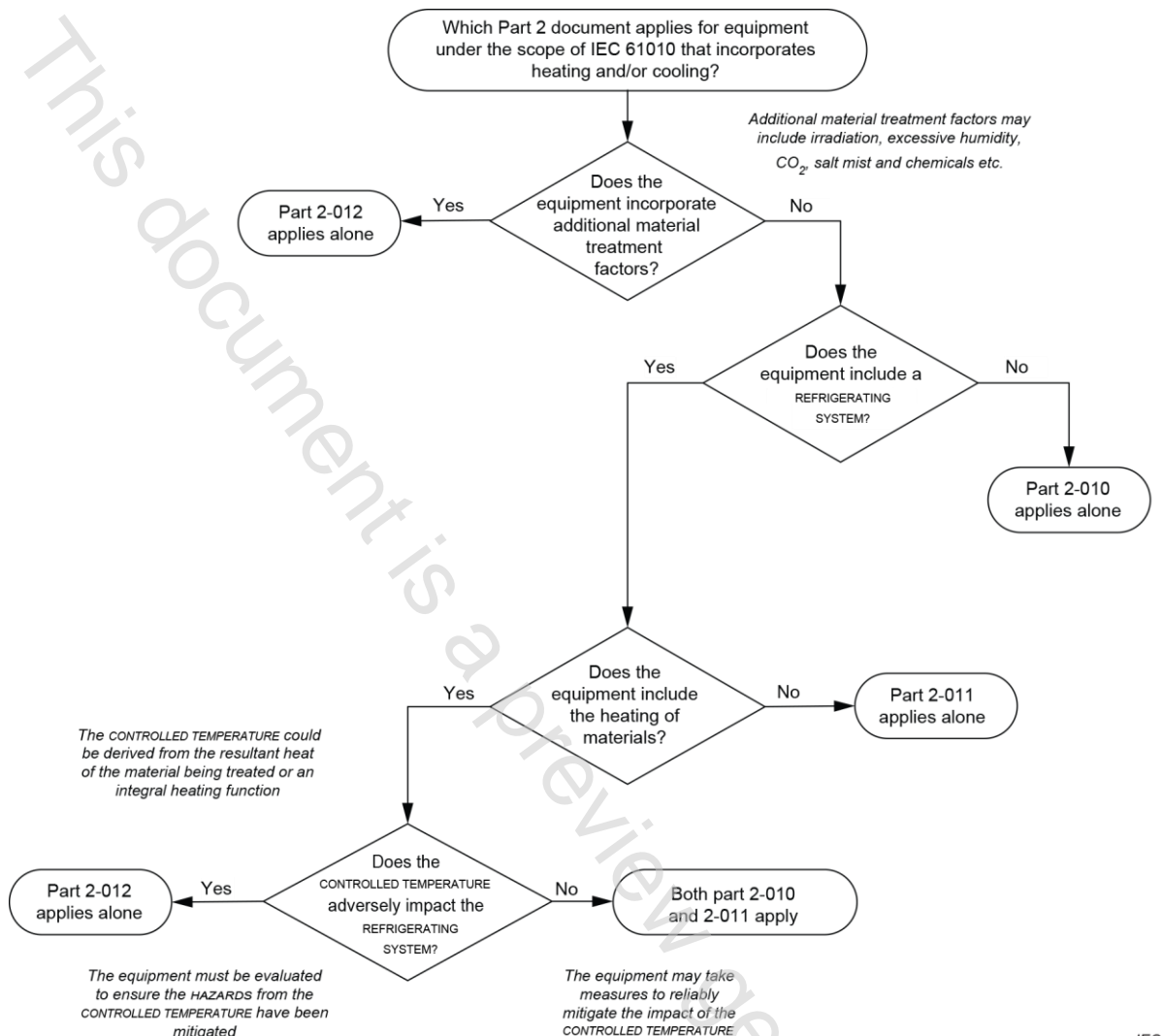
The worst-case conditions should be determined for the equipment and will include both the least favourable NORMAL USE conditions as well as the most unfavourable testing results under SINGLE FAULT CONDITIONS.



**Figure 101 – Schema of a REFRIGERATING SYSTEM incorporating a CONDENSER**



The selection process is illustrated in the following flow chart (see Figure 102).



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Figure 102 – Flow chart illustrating the selection process

## **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR MEASUREMENT, CONTROL AND LABORATORY USE –**

### **Part 2-012: Particular requirements for climatic and environmental testing and other temperature conditioning equipment**

#### **1 Scope and object**

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

##### **1.1.1 Equipment included in scope**

*Replacement:*

*Replace the second paragraph by the following:*

This part of IEC 61010 specifies safety requirements for electrical equipment and its accessories within the categories a) through c), wherever it is intended to be used, whenever that equipment incorporates one or more of the following characteristics:

- A REFRIGERATING SYSTEM that is acted on or impacted by an integral heating function such that the combined heating and REFRIGERATING SYSTEM generates additional and/or more severe HAZARDS than those for the two systems if treated separately.
- The materials being treated in the intended application introduce significant heat into the REFRIGERATING SYSTEM, so that the REFRIGERATING SYSTEM in the application yields additional and/or more severe HAZARDS than those for the REFRIGERATING SYSTEM if operated at the maximum RATED ambient temperature alone.
- An irradiation function for the materials being treated presenting additional HAZARDS.
- A function to expose the materials being treated to excessive humidity, carbon dioxide, salt mist, or other substances which can result in additional HAZARDS.
- A function of MECHANICAL MOVEMENT presenting additional HAZARDS.
- Provision for an OPERATOR to walk in to the operating area to load or unload the materials being treated.

*Addition:*

*Add the following text after the last paragraph:*

NOTE 101 Examples of such equipment include environmental testing and plant growth TEST CHAMBERS, refrigerating CIRCULATORS which incorporate heating, and recirculating coolers for extracting heat.

It is possible that all or part of the equipment falls within the scope of one or more other Part 2 standards of IEC 61010 as well as within the scope of this standard. In that case, the requirements of those other Part 2 standards also apply. This document is intended for application when one or more of the additional HAZARDS described in the above dashed listed items are introduced. However, when the equipment incorporates only a REFRIGERATING SYSTEM or only a heating function or a combination of the two without introducing the additional HAZARDS described in the above list, then IEC 61010-2-011 or IEC 61010-2-010 or both, as appropriate, apply instead of this Part 2-012.

See further information in the flow chart (Figure 102) for selection process and guidance in the Introduction.

NOTE 102 Subclause 3.1.107 and Annex BB provide the definition and requirements for the protection of people who are inside WALK-IN EQUIPMENT.

### 1.1.2 Equipment excluded from scope

*Addition:*

*Add the following items after item j):*

- aa) equipment for the heating, cooling, and ventilation of laboratories;
- bb) sterilizing equipment.

## 1.2 Object

### 1.2.1 Aspects included in scope

*Addition:*

*Add the following items after item g):*

- aa) biohazards (see 13.101);
- bb) hazardous chemical substances (see 13.102).

## 2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable, except as follows:

*Addition:*

IEC 60079-15:2010, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 15: Equipment protection by type of protection "n"*

IEC 60079-20-1, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 20-1: Material characteristics for gas and vapour classification – Test methods and data*

IEC 60335-2-34:2012, *Household and similar electrical appliances – Safety – Part 2-34: Particular requirements for motor-compressors*

IEC 60335-2-34:2012/AMD1:2015

IEC 60335-2-34:2012/AMD2:2016

IEC 60950-1:2005, *Information technology equipment – Safety – Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 7010, *Graphical symbols – Safety colours and safety signs – Registered safety signs* (available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>)

EN 809, *Pumps and pump units for liquids - Common safety requirements*

EN 837-1, *Pressure gauges - Part 1: Bourdon tube pressure gauges - Dimensions, metrology, requirements and testing*

EN 837-2, *Pressure gauges - Part 2: Selection and installation recommendations for pressure gauges*

EN 837-3, *Pressure gauges - Part 3: Diaphragm and capsule pressure gauges - Dimensions, metrology, requirements and testing*

EN 1736, *Refrigerating systems and heat pumps - Flexible pipe elements, vibration isolators, expansion joints and non-metallic tubes - Requirements, design and installation*

EN 1779:1999, *Non-destructive testing - Leak testing - Criteria for method and technique selection*

EN 12178, *Refrigerating systems and heat pumps - Liquid level indicating devices - Requirements, testing and marking*

EN 12263, *Refrigerating systems and heat pumps - Safety switching devices for limiting the pressure - Requirements and tests*

EN 12284, *Refrigerating systems and heat pumps - Valves - Requirements, testing and marking*

EN 12693, *Refrigerating systems and heat pumps - Safety and environmental requirements - Positive displacement refrigerant compressors*

EN 13136, *Refrigerating systems and heat pumps - Pressure relief devices and their associated piping - Methods for calculation*

EN 13445-1, *Unfired pressure vessels - Part 1: General*

EN 13445-2, *Unfired pressure vessels - Part 2: Materials*

EN 13445-3, *Unfired pressure vessels - Part 3: Design*

EN 13445-4, *Unfired pressure vessels - Part 4: Fabrication*

EN 13445-5, *Unfired pressure vessels - Part 5: Inspection and testing*

EN 13445-6, *Unfired pressure vessels - Part 6: Requirements for the design and fabrication of pressure vessels and pressure parts constructed from spheroidal graphite cast iron*

EN 13445-8, *Unfired pressure vessels - Part 8: Additional requirements for pressure vessels of aluminium and aluminium alloys*

EN 13445-10, *Unfired pressure vessels - Part 10: Additional requirements for pressure vessels of nickel and nickel alloys*

EN 13480-1, *Metallic industrial piping - Part 1: General*

EN 13480-2, *Metallic industrial piping - Part 2: Materials*

EN 13480-3, *Metallic industrial piping - Part 3: Design and calculation*

EN 13480-4, *Metallic industrial piping - Part 4: Fabrication and installation*

EN 13480-5, *Metallic industrial piping - Part 5: Inspection and testing*

EN 13480-6, *Metallic industrial piping - Part 6: Additional requirements for buried piping*

EN 13480-8, *Metallic industrial piping - Part 8: Additional requirements for aluminium and aluminium alloy piping*

EN 14276-1, *Pressure equipment for refrigerating systems and heat pumps - Part 1: Vessels - General requirements*

EN 14276-2, *Pressure equipment for refrigerating systems and heat pumps - Part 2: Piping - General requirements*

EN 61770, *Electric appliances connected to the water mains - Avoidance of backsiphonage and failure of hose-sets*

IEC 60204-1, *Safety of machinery - Electrical equipment of machines - Part 1: General requirements*

ISO 4126-1, *Safety devices for protection against excessive pressure — Part 1: Safety valves*

ISO 4126-2, *Safety devices for protection against excessive pressure — Part 2: Bursting disc safety devices* <sup>(A11)</sup>

### 3 Terms and definitions

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

#### 3.1 Equipment and states of equipment

*Addition:*

*Add the following new terms and definitions:*

##### 3.1.101

###### BATH

complete device intended for application of CONTROLLED TEMPERATURES to SPECIMENS by immersion in a temperature-controlled liquid HEAT TRANSFER MEDIUM

##### 3.1.102

###### CIRCULATOR

equipment intended for application of CONTROLLED TEMPERATURES to an APPLICATION SYSTEM by external circulating of a temperature-controlled liquid HEAT TRANSFER MEDIUM

##### 3.1.103

###### TEST CHAMBER

ENCLOSURE or space in some part of which specified conditions can be achieved, in particular, temperature, humidity, irradiation, low air pressure, mould growth and salt spray

##### 3.1.104

###### COMBINED TEST CHAMBER

special TEST CHAMBER combined with the function of MECHANICAL MOVEMENT, for example, for vibration, shock, impact, and similar dynamic tests

##### 3.1.105

###### INCUBATOR

special TEST CHAMBER, primarily for incubation of microorganisms and tissue culture

##### 3.1.106

###### SHAKER

equipment to disperse or dissolve one substance in another by MECHANICAL MOVEMENT without the use of blades or stirrers that might destroy the structure of the substance, in particular, shaking BATH and shaking INCUBATOR

##### 3.1.107

###### WALK-IN EQUIPMENT

TEST CHAMBER or INCUBATOR, the door of which allows the OPERATOR to enter and remain inside the equipment even with the door closed