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- inclusion of specific Group I requirements;
- inclusion of offshore requirements.

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## INTRODUCTION

When electrical equipment is installed in areas where dangerous concentrations and quantities of flammable gases, vapours, mists or dusts may be present in the atmosphere, protective measures are to be applied to reduce the likelihood of explosion due to ignition by arcs, sparks or hot surfaces produced either in normal operation or under specified fault conditions.

This part of IEC 60079 is supplementary to other relevant IEC standards, for example IEC 60364 series, as regards installation requirements, and also refers to IEC 60079 series and its appropriate parts for the design requirements of suitable electrical equipment.

Clause 4 of this part of IEC 60079 contains general requirements for the repair and overhaul of equipment and should be read in conjunction with the other relevant clauses of this standard dealing with the detailed requirements for individual types of protection.

In cases where protected equipment incorporates more than one type of protection, reference should be made to all clauses involved.

This part not only gives guidance on the practical means of maintaining the electrical safety and performance requirements of repaired equipment, but also defines procedures for maintaining, after repair, overhaul or reclamation, compliance of the equipment with the provisions of the certificate of conformity or with the provisions of the appropriate explosion protection standard where a certificate is not available.

The nature of the explosion protection offered by each type of protection varies according to its unique features. Reference should be made to the appropriate standard(s) for details.

Users will utilize the most appropriate repair facilities for any particular item of equipment, whether they be the facilities of the manufacturer or a suitably competent and equipped repairer (see Note).

This part recognizes the necessity of a required level of competence for the repair, overhaul and reclamation of the equipment. Some manufacturers may recommend that the equipment be repaired only by them.

In the case of the repair, overhaul or reclamation of equipment which has been the subject of design certification, it may be necessary to clarify the position of the continued conformity of the equipment with the certificate.

**NOTE** Whilst some manufacturers recommend that certain equipment be returned to them for repair or reclamation, there are also competent independent repair organizations who have the facilities to carry out repair work on equipment employing some or all of the types of protection covered by IEC 60079 series. For repaired equipment to retain the integrity of the type(s) of protection employed in its design and construction, detailed knowledge of the original manufacturer's design (which may only be obtainable from design and manufacturing drawings) and any certificate documentation may be necessary. Where equipment is not being returned to the original manufacturer for repair or reclamation, the use of repair organizations that are recommended by the original manufacturer should be considered.

## EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES –

### Part 19: Equipment repair, overhaul and reclamation

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60079

- gives instructions, principally of a technical nature, on the repair, overhaul, reclamation and modification of equipment designed for use in explosive atmospheres;
- is not applicable to maintenance, other than when repair and overhaul cannot be disassociated from maintenance, neither does it give advice on cable entry systems which may require a renewal when the equipment is re-installed;
- is not applicable to type of protection “m”, “o” and “q”;
- assumes that good engineering practices are adopted throughout.

NOTE Much of the content of this standard is concerned with the repair and overhaul of electrical machines. This is not because they are the most important items of explosion-protected equipment, but rather because they are often major items of repairable capital equipment in which, whatever type of protection is involved, sufficient commonality of construction exists as to make possible more detailed instructions for their repair, overhaul, reclamation or modification.

#### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 60079 (all parts), *Explosive atmospheres*

IEC 60079-0, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 0: Equipment – General requirements*

IEC 60079-1, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 1: Equipment protection by flameproof enclosures “d”*

IEC 60079-2, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 2: Equipment protection by pressurized enclosure «p»*

IEC 60079-7, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 7: Equipment protection by increased safety “e”*

IEC 60079-14, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 14: Electrical installations design, selection and erection*

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

IEC 60079-19, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 19: Equipment repair, overhaul and reclamation*

IEC 60079-26, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 26: Equipment with equipment protection level (EPL) Ga*

IEC 60085, *Electrical insulation – Thermal evaluation and designation*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 61241 (all parts), *Electrical apparatus for use in the presence of combustible dust*

IEC 61241-0, *Electrical apparatus for use in the presence of combustible dust – Part 0: General requirements*

IEC 61241-4, *Electrical apparatus for use in the presence of combustible dust – Part 4: Type of protection “pD”*

ISO 4526, *Metallic coatings – Electroplated coatings of nickel for engineering purposes*

ISO 6158, *Metallic coatings – Electrodeposited coatings of chromium for engineering purposes*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60079-0 and the following apply.

NOTE Additional definitions applicable to explosive atmospheres can be found in IEC 60050-426.

#### 3.1

##### **serviceable condition**

condition which permits a replacement or reclaimed component part to be used without prejudice to the performance or explosion protection aspects of the equipment, with due regard to the requirements of the certificate documentation as applicable, in which such a component part is used

#### 3.2

##### **repair**

action to restore faulty equipment to its fully serviceable condition complying with the relevant standard

NOTE The relevant standard means the standard to which the equipment was originally designed.

#### 3.3

##### **overhaul**

action to restore to a fully serviceable condition equipment which has been in use or in storage for a period of time but which is not faulty

#### 3.4

##### **maintenance**

routine actions taken to preserve the fully serviceable condition of the installed equipment (see Clause 1)

#### 3.5

##### **component part**

an indivisible item

NOTE The assembly of such items may form equipment.

#### 3.6

##### **reclamation**

means of repair involving, for example, the removal or addition of material to reclaim component parts which have sustained damage, in order to restore such parts to a serviceable condition in accordance with the relevant standard