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

- a) update of the existing text;
- b) complete editorial review.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

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

This part has the status of a group safety publication in accordance with IEC Guide 104:2010, *The preparation of safety publications and the use of basic safety publications and group safety publications*.

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This part supplements or modifies the corresponding clauses in IEC 61558-1, so as to convert that publication into the IEC standard: *Particular requirements and tests for variable transformers and power supply units incorporating variable transformers*.

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In this part, the following print types are used:

- requirements proper: in roman type;
- *test specifications: in italic type*;
- explanatory matter: in smaller roman type.

In the text of this part, the words in **bold** are defined in Clause 3.

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## SAFETY OF TRANSFORMERS, REACTORS, POWER SUPPLY UNITS AND COMBINATION THEREOF –

### Part 2-14: Particular requirements and tests for variable transformers and power supply units incorporating variable transformers

#### 1 Scope

##### *Replacement:*

This part of IEC 61558 deals with safety of **variable transformers** for general applications and **power supply units** incorporating **variable transformers** for general applications.

**Transformers** incorporating **electronic circuits** are also covered by this standard.

NOTE 1 Safety includes electrical, thermal, mechanical and chemical aspects.

Unless otherwise specified, from here onward, the term **transformer** covers **variable transformers** for general applications and **power supply units** incorporating **variable transformers** for general applications.

The **rated supply voltage** does not exceed 1 000 V a.c., and the **rated supply frequency** does not exceed 500 Hz.

This standard is applicable to **transformers** and **power supply units** (linear) with **internal operational frequencies** not exceeding 500 Hz.

This standard used in combination with Part 2-16 for **switch mode power supply units (SMPS)** is also applicable to power supplies with **internal operational frequencies** higher than 500 Hz. Where the two requirements are in conflict the most severe take precedence

This part does not apply to **transformers** covered by IEC 60076-11.

This part is applicable to **stationary** or **portable**, single-phase or polyphase, air-cooled (natural or forced) **independent** or **associated dry-type transformers**.

- **variable auto-transformers** and **power supply units** incorporating **variable auto-transformers**;
- **variable separating transformers** and **power supply units** incorporating **variable separating transformers**;
- **variable isolating transformers** and **power supply units** incorporating **variable isolating transformers**;
- **variable safety isolating transformers** and **power supply units** incorporating **variable safety isolating transformers**.

The windings may be encapsulated or non-encapsulated.

The **rated output** does not exceed:

- 40 kVA for single-phase **variable auto-transformers** and **power supply units** incorporating single-phase **variable auto-transformers**;



- 200 kVA for poly-phase **variable auto-transformers** and **power supply units** incorporating poly-phase **variable auto-transformers**;
- 1 kVA for single-phase **variable separating transformers** and **power supply units** incorporating single-phase **variable separating transformers**;
- 5 kVA for poly-phase **variable separating transformers** and **power supply units** incorporating poly-phase **variable separating transformers**;
- 25 kVA for single-phase **variable isolating transformers** and **power supply units** incorporating single-phase **variable isolating transformers**;
- 40 kVA for poly-phase **variable isolating transformers** and **power supply units** incorporating poly-phase **variable isolating transformers**;
- 10 kVA for single-phase **variable safety isolating transformers** and **power supply units** incorporating single-phase **variable safety isolating transformers**;
- 16 kVA for poly-phase **variable safety isolating transformers** and **power supply units** incorporating poly-phase **variable safety isolating transformers**.

This part is applicable to **transformers** without limitation of the **rated output** subject to an agreement between the purchaser and the manufacturer.

NOTE 2 **Transformers** intended to supply distribution networks are not included in the scope.

**For variable auto-transformers and power supply units incorporating variable auto-transformers:**

- the **no-load output voltage** or the **rated output voltage** does not exceed 1 000 V a.c. or 1 415 V ripple free d.c.;
- for **independent auto-transformers** the **rated output voltage** does exceed 50 V a.c or 120 V ripple-free d.c. but not exceed 250 V a.c. .

NOTE 3 Normally, the **variable auto-transformers** and **power supply units** are intended to be associated with the equipment to provide voltages different from the supply voltage for the functional reasons. The protection against electric shock can be provided by other features of the equipment, such as the **body**.

**Variable auto-transformers and power supply units incorporating variable auto-transformers** intended to be used by technically skilled or trained personnel are considered as **associated transformers** and **associated power supply units** and may have a **rated output voltage** less than 50 V a.c.

**For variable separating transformers and power supply units incorporating variable separating transformers:**

- the **no-load output voltage** or the **rated output voltage** does not exceed 1 000 V a.c. or 1 415 V ripple free d.c.;
- for **portable separating transformers** the **rated output voltage** does exceed 50 V a.c or 120 V ripple-free d.c.;
- covered by this part may only be used where **double or reinforced insulation** between circuits is not required by the installation rules or by the end product standard.

NOTE 4 Normally, **variable separating transformers** and **power supply units** are intended to be associated with equipment to provide voltages different from the supply voltage for the functional reasons. The protection against electric shock can be provided (or completed) by other features of the equipment, such as the **body**. Parts of **output circuits** can be connected to the protective earth.

NOTE 5 **Variable separating transformers** and **power supply units** incorporating **variable separating transformers** intended to be used by technically skilled or trained personal are considered as **associated transformers** and **associated power supply units** and can have a **rated output voltage** less than 50 V a.c. or 120 V ripple-free d.c.

**For variable isolating transformers and power supply units incorporating variable isolating transformers:**

- the **no-load output voltage** or the **rated output voltage** does not exceed 500 V a.c. or 708 V ripple free d.c. The **no-load output voltage** and the **rated output voltage** may be up to 1 000 V a.c. or 1 415 V ripple free d.c. for special applications or in accordance with national wiring rules;
- for **independent isolating transformers** the **rated output voltage** does not exceed 250 V a.c.;
- are used where **double** or **reinforced insulation** between circuits is required by the installation rules or by the end product standard.

**For variable safety isolating transformers and power supply units incorporating safety isolating transformers:**

- the **no-load output voltage** or the **rated output voltage** does not exceed 50 V a.c. or 120 V ripple-free d.c.;
- are used where **double** or **reinforced insulation** between circuits is required by the installation rules or by the end product standard.

This part is not applicable to external circuits and their components intended to be connected to the input terminals and output terminals of the **transformers**.

NOTE 6 Attention is drawn to the following:

- for **transformers** intended to be used in vehicles, on board ships, and aircraft, additional requirements (from other applicable standards, national rules, etc.) can be necessary;
- measures to protect the **enclosure** and the components inside the **enclosure** against external influences such as fungus, vermin, termites, solar-radiation, and icing are also considered;
- the different conditions for transportation, storage, and operation of the **transformers** are also be considered;
- additional requirements in accordance with other appropriate standards and national rules can be applicable to **transformers** intended for use in special environments, such as tropical environment.

Future technological development of **transformers** can necessitate a need to increase the upper limit of the frequencies, until then this part may be used as a guidance document.

## 2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.

*Addition:*

IEC 61558-1:2005, *Safety of power transformers, power supplies, reactors and similar products – Part 1: General requirements and tests*

Amendment 1 (2009)

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1 Transformers

*Addition:*

#### 3.1.101

##### **variable transformer**

**transformer** having unlimited numbers of transformation ratios and adjustable by means of a movable **current collector** positioned along a continuous path of locally exposed winding turns