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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition, published in 2001, and constitutes a technical revision.

The main changes with respect to the previous edition are listed below:

- The scope now includes protection against all thermal effects and flames in case of a fire hazard being propagated from electrical installations to other fire compartments segregated by barriers which are in the vicinity.
- Requirements associated with escape routes for evacuation in an emergency have been expanded/modified.
- Requirements associated with the nature of processed or stored materials have been expanded/modified.

- Requirements associated with combustible constructional materials have been expanded/modified.
- Requirements associated with fire propagating structures have been modified slightly.
- New requirements for the selection and erection of installations in locations which might endanger precious goods have been added.
- Protection against overheating now includes space heating appliances.

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.

The reader's attention is drawn to the fact that Annex A lists all of the "in-some-country" clauses on differing practices of a less permanent nature relating to the subject of this standard.

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## LOW-VOLTAGE ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS –

**Part 4-42: Protection for safety –  
Protection against thermal effects****420.1 Scope**

This part of IEC 60364 applies to electrical installations with regard to measures for the protection of persons, livestock and property against

- thermal effects, combustion or degradation of materials, and risk of burns caused by electrical equipment,
- flames in case of a fire hazard being propagated from electrical installations to other fire compartments segregated by barriers which are in the vicinity, and
- the impairment of the safe functioning of electrical equipment including safety services.

NOTE 1 For protection against thermal effects, national statutory requirements may be applicable.

NOTE 2 Protection against overcurrent is dealt with in IEC 60364-4-43.

**420.2 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 60332 (all parts), *Tests on electric and optical fibre cables under fire conditions*

IEC 60364-4-41:2005, *Low-voltage electrical installations – Part 4-41: Protection for safety – Protection against electric shock*

IEC 60364-5-51:2005, *Electrical installations of buildings – Part 5-51: Selection and erection of electrical equipment – Common rules*

IEC 61084 (all parts), *Cable trunking and ducting systems for electrical installations*

IEC 61386 (all parts), *Conduit systems for cable management*

IEC 61534 (all parts), *Power track systems*

IEC 61537, *Cable management – Cable tray systems and cable ladder systems*

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