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The insulating oils which are the subject of this document should be handled with due regard to personal hygiene. Direct contact with the eyes can cause irritation. In the case of eye contact, irrigation with copious quantities of clean running water should be carried out and medical advice sought. Some of the tests specified in this document involve the use of processes that could lead to a hazardous situation. Attention is drawn to the relevant standard for guidance.

This document is applicable to mineral oils and non-mineral oils, chemicals and used sample containers.

Attention is drawn to the fact that some mineral oils in service can still be contaminated to some degree by PCBs. If this is the case, safety countermeasures should be taken to avoid risks to workers, the public and the environment during the life of the equipment, by strictly controlling spills and emissions. The disposal or decontamination of these oils can be subject to regulatory requirements with regard to their impact on the environment. Every precaution should be taken to prevent release of mineral oil and non-mineral oil into the environment.

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## METHOD OF SAMPLING INSULATING LIQUIDS

### 1 Scope

This document is applicable to the sampling procedure used for insulating liquids in delivery containers and in electrical equipment such as power and instrument transformers, reactors, bushings, oil-filled cables, oil-filled tank-type capacitors, switchgear and load tap changers (LTCs).

This document applies to liquids the viscosity of which at the sampling temperature is less than 1 500 mm<sup>2</sup>/s (or cSt). It applies to mineral oils and non-mineral oils (such as synthetic esters, natural esters, vegetable oils or silicones).

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IEC 60567:2011, *Oil-filled electrical equipment – Sampling of gases and analysis of free and dissolved gases – Guidance*

IEC 60970, *Insulating liquids – Methods for counting and sizing particles*

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#### 3.1 delivery container

container used to store, transport and deliver batches of oil

EXAMPLE Drum, rail tanker, road tanker, flexible plastic bag.

#### 3.2 electrical equipment

equipment filled with insulating oil

EXAMPLE Power and instrument transformers, reactors, bushings, oil-filled cables, oil-filled tank-type capacitors, switchgear and load tap changers (LTCs).

#### 3.3 sampling equipment

equipment used for sampling oil from delivery containers (e.g. sampling probes, such as dippers or siphons) and from electrical equipment (e.g. connecting tubing and drain valve adapters)

Note 1 to entry: Sampling equipment also includes sample containers, waste oil containers and other accessories.