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- b) removal of requirements for electromagnetic controlgear;

- c) addition of more specific requirements for control circuit insulation and corresponding marking;
- d) merging of thermal test requirements for transformers into a new Clause 16;
- e) clarification of specifications for the moisture resistance test;
- f) update of the normative reference to standards of the transformer series IEC 61558;
- g) correction of the normative reference for PCB testing with respect to flames and fire;
- h) update of further normative references where appropriate;
- i) allowance of an alternative DC electric strength test;
- j) addition of specific provisions for the use of bridging capacitors;
- k) update of fire hazard testing requirements;
- l) introduction of requirements for PELV applications;
- m) clearance distances now generally based on peak instead of RMS voltage values;
- n) introduction of a new type of protected emergency lighting controlgear;
- o) review and clarification of touch current and voltage requirements;
- p) clarification of the test sequence for independent controlgear with respect to the application of the IEC 60598 series versus the IEC 61347 series;
- q) introduction of reduced touch voltages and currents for interrupted DC voltage applications or pulse width modulation (PWM);
- r) changes concerning the recommendations for electric strength routine testing;
- s) merging of requirements for safety isolating controlgear from former Annex L into the main body of the document;
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Performance requirements for controlgear for electric light sources are the subject of the appropriate performance standard, for example IEC 61047 and IEC 62384 as appropriate for the type of controlgear.

Safety requirements ensure that electrical equipment constructed in accordance with these requirements does not endanger the safety of persons, domestic animals or property when properly installed and maintained and used in applications for which it was intended.

# CONTROLGEAR FOR ELECTRIC LIGHT SOURCES – SAFETY –

## Part 1: General requirements

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61347 specifies general safety requirements for controlgear for electric light sources for use on DC supplies up to 1 500 V or AC supplies up to 1 000 V at 50 Hz or 60 Hz.

NOTE 1 In the remainder of this document "light source" is used instead of "electric light source".

This document is only applicable in conjunction with the relevant part(s) of the IEC 61347-2 series.

NOTE 2 As far as covered in the scope of the relevant part of the IEC 61347-2 series, this document is also applicable to controlgear used for electric sources producing optical radiation with the same technology used for purposes different than illumination and producing radiation other than visible spectrum.

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IEC 60068-2-14:2009<sup>1</sup>, *Environmental testing – Part 2-14: Tests – Test N: Change of temperature*

IEC 60127 (all parts), *Miniature fuses*

IEC 60317-0-1:2013, *Specifications for particular types of winding wires – Part 0-1: General requirements – Enamelled round copper wire*  
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