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

- a) scope limited to converters greater than 1 kW;
- b) terms and definitions: essential services added;
- c) deleted selenium rectifier;
- d) changed service conditions to 6. Effects from and on supply system new text added with parts from Clause 7 of IEC 60092-304:1980;
- e) Clause 7: application changed to converters for essential services construction and documentation new text added;

- f) Clause 8: application added;
- g) Clause 9: test added;

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18/1780/FDIS	18/1782/RVD

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## INTRODUCTION

IEC 60092 (all parts) forms a series of International Standards for electrical installations in sea-going ships, incorporating good practice and co-ordinating, as far as possible, existing rules.

These standards form a code of practical interpretation and amplification of the requirements of the International Convention on Safety of Life at Sea, a guide for future regulations which may be prepared and a statement of practice for use by shipowners, shipbuilders and appropriate organizations.

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## ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS IN SHIPS –

### Part 304: Equipment – Semiconductor converters

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60092 specifies special provisions to power electronic converters and systems, using semiconductor elements for use in ships. The conversion may be from AC to DC, from DC to AC, from DC to DC or from AC to AC with a rated output power greater than 1 kW.

This document does not apply to semiconductor converters used in electrical propulsion plant. For semiconductor converters used in electrical propulsion plant, see IEC 60092-501.

#### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 60092-101:2018, *Electrical installations in ships – Part 101: Definitions and general requirements*

IEC 60092-202, *Electrical installations in ships – Part 202: System design – Protection*

IEC 60092-504:2016, *Electrical installations in ships – Part 504: Automation, control and instrumentation*

IEC 60146-1 (all parts), *Semiconductor converters – General requirements and line commutated converters*

IEC 60146-1-1, *Semiconductor converters – General requirements and line commutated converters – Part 1-1: Specification of basic requirements*

IEC TR 60146-1-2, *Semiconductor converters – General requirements and line commutated converters – Part 1-2: Application guidelines*

IEC 60146-1-3, *Semiconductor converters – General requirements and line commutated converters – Part 1-3: transformers and reactors*

IEC 60146-2, *Semiconductor converters – Part 2: Self-commutated converters including direct d.c. converters*

IEC 60533, *Electrical and electronic installations in ships – Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Ships with a metallic hull*

IEC 60947-4-2, *Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 4-2: Contactors and motor-starters – Semiconductor motor controllers, starters and soft-starters*

IEC 61204 (all parts), *Low voltage switch mode power supplies*

IEC 61378-1, *Converter transformers – Part 1: Transformers for industrial applications*

IEC 61800 (all parts), *Adjustable speed electrical power drive systems*

IEC 62040 (all parts), *Uninterruptible power systems (UPS)*

IEC 62271-200, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 200: AC metal-enclosed switchgear and controlgear for rated voltages above 1 kV and up to and including 52 kV*

IEC 62310 (all parts), *Static transfer systems (STS)*

IEC 62477-1, *Safety requirements for power electronic converter systems and equipment – Part 1: General*

IEC 62477-2, *Safety requirements for power electronic converter systems and equipment – Part 2: Power electronic converters from 1000 V AC or 1500 V DC up to 36 kV AC or 54 kV DC*

IEC 62909 (all parts), *Bi-directional grid connected power converters*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 60092-101 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

#### 3.1 essential services

services essential for propulsion and steering, and safety of the ship, which are made up of "primary essential services" and "secondary essential services"

Note 1 to entry: These essential services include supplies to such consumers or power supply systems for such consumers.

[SOURCE: IAC UI SC134:2002]

#### 3.2

##### primary essential services

services which need to be in continuous operation to maintain propulsion and steering

[SOURCE: IACS UI SC134:2002]

#### 3.3

##### secondary essential services

services essential which need not necessarily be in continuous operation to maintain propulsion and steering but which are necessary for maintaining the vessel's safety

[SOURCE: IACS UI SC134:2002]

### **3.4 converter**

operating unit for electronic power conversion, changing one or more electrical characteristics and comprising one or more electronic switching devices and associated components, such as transformers, filters, commutation aids, controls, protections and auxiliaries, if any

Note 1 to entry: The above wording is covering the definitions of power electronic converter PEC and power electronic converter system PECS as per IEC 62477-2 or corresponding definitions for drive modules (BDM and CDM) as per IEC 61800-1 or IEC 61800-2.

### **3.5 high-voltage converter**

semiconductor converter with a rated line-to-line voltage exceeding 1 000 V AC or 1 500 V DC

### **3.6 alert**

announcement of abnormal situations and conditions requiring attention

Note 1 to entry: Alerts are divided in three priorities: alarms, warnings and cautions.

[SOURCE: IMO Resolution A.1021(26):2009, 3.1, modified – The priorities of alarm have been reduced to three.]

### **3.7 uninterruptible power system UPS**

combination of converters, switches and energy storage devices (such as batteries), constituting a power system for maintaining continuity of load power in case of input power failure

[SOURCE: IEC 62040-1:2017, 3.101, modified – Note to entry deleted.]

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## **4 General requirement**

Semiconductor converters and soft-starters shall, in the addition to the requirements given in this document, comply with the relevant requirements of the following as applicable:

- IEC 60146-1-1;
- IEC TR 60146-1-2;
- IEC 60146-1-3;
- IEC 60146-2;
- IEC 60947-4-2;
- IEC 61204 (all parts);
- IEC 61800 (all parts);
- IEC 62040 (all parts);
- IEC 62310 (all parts);
- IEC 62477-1;
- IEC 62477-2;
- IEC 62909 (all parts).