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INTRODUCTION

This International Standard relates to products that include power electronic converters, with a rated system voltage not exceeding 1 000 V a.c. or 1 500 V d.c. It specifies requirements to reduce risks of fire, electric shock, thermal, energy and mechanical hazards, except functional safety as defined in IEC 61508. The objectives of this document are to establish a common terminology and basis for the safety requirements of products that contain power electronic converters across several IEC technical committees.

This standard has been developed with the intention:

- to be used as a reference document for product committees inside TC 22 in the development of product standards for power electronic converter systems and equipment;
- to replace IEC 62103 as a product family standard providing minimum requirements for safety aspects of power electronic converter systems and equipment in apparatus for which no product standard exists; and

NOTE The scope of IEC 62103 contains reliability aspects, which are not covered by this standard.

- to be used as a reference document for product committees outside TC 22 in the development of product standards of power electronic converter systems and equipment intended renewable energy sources. TC 82, TC 88, TC 105 and TC 114, in particular, have been identified as relevant technical committees at the time of publication.

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This group safety standard will not take precedence on any product specific standard according to IEC Guide 104. IEC Guide 104 provides information about the responsibility of product committees to use group safety standards for the development of their own product standards.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR POWER ELECTRONIC CONVERTER SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT –

Part 1: General

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62477 applies to Power Electronic Converter Systems (PECS) and equipment, their components for *electronic power conversion* and electronic power switching, including the means for their control, protection, monitoring and measurement, such as with the main purpose of converting electric power, with rated system voltages not exceeding 1 000 V a.c. or 1 500 V d.c.

This document may also be used as a reference standard for product committees producing product standards for:

- adjustable speed electric power drive systems (PDS);
- standalone uninterruptible power systems (UPS);
- low voltage stabilized d.c. power supplies.

For PECS for which no product standard exists, this standard provides minimum requirements for safety aspects.

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This International Standard:

- establishes a common terminology for safety aspects relating to PECS and equipment;
- establishes minimum requirements for the coordination of safety aspects of interrelated parts within a PECS;
- establishes a common basis for minimum safety requirements for the PEC portion of products that contain PEC;
- specifies requirements to reduce risks of fire, electric shock, thermal, energy and mechanical hazards, during use and operation and, where specifically stated, during service and maintenance;
- specifies minimum requirements to reduce risks with respect to pluggable and permanently connected equipment, whether it consists of a system of interconnected units or independent units, subject to installing, operating and maintaining the equipment in the manner prescribed by the manufacturer.

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- telecommunications apparatus other than power supplies to such apparatus;
- functional safety aspects as covered by e.g. IEC 61508;
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IEC 60060-1:2010, *High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements*

IEC 60068-2-2, *Environmental testing – Part 2-2: Tests – Test B: Dry heat*

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