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- revises the application range of this method of calculation to 72,5 kV and above;
- expands in a detailed manner the calculation of the influence of floating objects;
- refers closely to the relevant brochures of CIGRE and to IEC 60071-2.

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard describes a method for calculating the minimum approach distances for live working, at maximum voltages between 72,5 kV and 800 kV. This standard addresses system overvoltages, and the working air distances between parts and/or workers at different potentials.

The required withstand voltage and minimum approach distances calculated by the method described in this standard are evaluated taking into consideration the following:

- workers are trained for, and skilled in, working in the live working zone;
- the anticipated overvoltages do not exceed the value selected for the determination of the required minimum approach distance;
- transient overvoltages are the determining overvoltages;
- tool insulation has no continuous film of moisture present on the surface;
- no lightning is seen or heard within 10 km of the work site;
- allowance is made for the effect of conducting components of tools;
- the effect of altitude on the electric strength is taken into consideration.

For conditions other than the above, the evaluation of the minimum approach distances may require specific data, derived by other calculation or obtained from additional laboratory investigations on the actual situation.

## 2 Terms, definitions and symbols

For the purpose of this document, the following terms, definitions and symbols apply.

### 2.1 Terms and definitions

#### 2.1.1

##### highest voltage of a system

$U_s$

highest value of operating voltage which occurs under normal operating conditions at any time and any point in the system (phase to phase voltage)

NOTE Transient overvoltages due e.g. to switching operations and abnormal temporary variations of voltage are not taken into account.

[IEV 601-01-23, modified]

#### 2.1.2

##### transient overvoltage

short duration overvoltage of few milliseconds or less, oscillatory or non-oscillatory, usually highly damped

[IEV 604-03-13]

**2.1.3****fifty per cent disruptive discharge voltage** $U_{50}$ 

peak value of an impulse test voltage having a 50 per cent probability of initiating a disruptive discharge each time the dielectric testing is performed

[IEV 604-03-43]

**2.1.4****ninety per cent statistical impulse withstand voltage** $U_{90}$ 

peak value of an impulse test voltage at which insulation exhibits, under specified conditions, a 90 % probability of withstand

NOTE This concept is applicable to self-restoring insulation.

[IEV 604-03-42, modified]

**2.1.5****two per cent statistical overvoltage** $U_2$ 

peak value of a transient overvoltage having a 2 % statistical probability of being exceeded

[IEV 651-01-23, modified]

**2.1.6****required insulation level for live working**

statistical impulse withstand voltage of the insulation at the work location necessary to reduce the risk of breakdown of this insulation to an acceptably low level

NOTE It is generally considered that an acceptable low level is reached when the value of the statistical withstand voltage is greater or equal to the statistical overvoltage having a probability of being exceeded by no more than 2 %.

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**2.1.7****per unit value** $u$ 

expression of the per unit value of the amplitude of an overvoltage (or of a voltage) referred to

$$U_s \sqrt{2} / \sqrt{3}$$

NOTE This applies to  $u_{e2}$  and  $u_{p2}$  defined in Clause 4.**2.1.8****minimum approach distance** $D_A$ 

minimum distance in air to be maintained between any part of the body of a worker, including any object (except appropriate tools for live working) being directly handled, and any parts at different potentials

NOTE The “appropriate tools” are tools for live working suitable for the maximum nominal voltage of the live parts.

[Definition 2.7.1 of IEC 60743 and IEV 651-01-20, modified]

**2.1.9****electrical distance** $D_U$ 

distance in air required to prevent a disruptive discharge between energized parts or between energized parts and earthed parts during live working

[Definition 2.7.2 of IEC 60743 and IEV 651-01-21, modified]

### 2.1.10 ergonomic distance

$D_E$

distance in air to take into account inadvertent movement and errors in judgement of distances while performing work

[Definition 2.7.3 of IEC 60743 and IEC 651-01-22]

### 2.1.11

**part**

any element present in the work location, other than workers, live working tools and system insulation

### 2.1.12

**live part**

conductor or conductive part intended to be energized in normal operation, including a neutral conductor, but by convention not a PEN conductor [IEV 195-02-12] or PEM conductor [IEV 195-02-13] or PEL conductor [IEV 195-02-14]

NOTE This concept does not necessarily imply a risk of shock.

[Definition 2.1.2 of IEC 60743 and IEC 651-01-03, modified]

### 2.1.13

**work location**

any site, place or area where a work activity is to be, is being, or has been carried out

[IEV 651-01-08]

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## 2.2 Symbols used in the normative part of the document

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$\beta$	ratio of the total length of the floating object(s) to the original air gap length
$D$	length of the remaining air gap phase to earth
$D_A$	minimum approach distance
$D_E$	ergonomic distance
$D_U$	electrical distance necessary to obtain $U_{90}$
$d_1, d_2,$ $d_3, d_4$	distances between the worker(s) and parts of the installation at different electric potentials (see Figure 2)
$F$	sum of all dimensions, in the direction of the gap axis, of the floating objects in the air gap (in metres)
$K_s$	statistical safety factor
$K_t$	factor combining different considerations influencing the strength of the gap
$k_a$	atmospheric factor
$k_d$	coefficient characterizing the average state of the damaged units
$k_f$	floating object factor
$k_g$	gap factor

$k_i$	insulator strings factor
$k_s$	standard statistical deviation factor
$L_f$	original air gap length
$n_d$	number of damaged units in a string of $n_o$ units
$n_o$	number of units in an insulator string that are not shunted by arcing horns or grading rings
$P$	length of the remaining gap phase to phase
$r$	distance of a conductive object from the axis of the gap
$s_e$	normalized value of the standard deviation of $U_{50}$ expressed in percent
$U_2$	two per cent statistical overvoltage
$U_{50}$	fifty per cent disruptive discharge voltage
$U_{90}$	ninety per cent statistical impulse withstand voltage
$U_{e2}$	two per cent statistical overvoltage between phase and earth
$U_{e90}$	ninety per cent statistical impulse withstand voltage phase to earth
$U_{p2}$	two per cent statistical overvoltage between two phases
$U_{p90}$	ninety per cent statistical impulse withstand between two phases
$u_{e2}$	per unit value of the two per cent statistical overvoltage phase to earth
$u_{p2}$	per unit value of the two per cent statistical overvoltage between two phases
$U_s$	highest voltage of a system between two phases

### 3 Methodology

The methodology of the calculation of the minimum approach distances is based on three considerations:

- to determine the statistical overvoltage expected in the work location ( $U_2$ ) and from this, determine the required statistical impulse withstand voltage of the insulation in the work location ( $U_{90}$ );
- to calculate the electrical distance  $D_U$  required for the impulse withstand voltage  $U_{90}$ ;
- to add an additional distance to allow for ergonomic factors associated with live working, such as inadvertent movement.

The minimum approach distance  $D_A$  is thus determined by:

$$D_A = D_U + D_E \quad (1)$$

where

$D_U$  is the electrical distance necessary to obtain  $U_{90}$ ;

$D_E$  is the required ergonomic distance and is dependent on work procedures, level of training, skill of the workers, type of construction, and such contingencies as inadvertent movement, and errors in appraising distances (see Annex A for details).