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Changes	Clause	Type		
		Minor and Editorial Changes	Extension	Major Technical Changes
Scope Expanded to include combustible dust	1		X	
Protective Gas Replaced "apparatus" with "equipment"	3			
Protective Gas Revised to show that purging is not required for explosive dust atmospheres	3.16	X		
Level of Protection "pxb" Term and definitions revised to reflect EPL and level of protection	3.21	X		
Level of Protection "pyb" Term and definitions revised to reflect EPL and level of protection	3.22	X		
Level of Protection "pzc" Term and definitions revised to reflect EPL and level of protection	3.23	X		
Lower Flammable Limit Term and definition revised to agree with 60079-0	3.26	X		
Upper Flammable Limit Term and definition revised to agree with 60079-0	3.27	X		
Table 1 – Determination of protection level Revised to use EPL terminology	Table 1	X		
Table 2 – Design Criteria based upon level of protection Revised to use EPL terminology	Table 2	X		
Enclosure Requirements relaxed for specific designs	5.1		X	
Group II and Group III pressurized enclosures Text revised to use EPL terminology	5.3.3	X		
Group II and Group III Level of Protection "pxb" Added that warning also applies for explosive dust atmospheres	5.3.5		X	
Group II and Group III door and cover warning Added that warning also applies for explosive dust atmospheres	5.3.6		X	
Group II and Group III door and cover warning Revised warning from atmosphere "may be present" to "is present"	5.3.6	X		
Mechanical Strength Removed reference to 60079-0 by clause number for "X" condition	5.4	X		
Spark and particle barriers Removed reference to 60079-0 by clause number for "X" condition	5.9	X		
Cells and batteries Added requirements for cells and batteries	5.10			C1
For Level of Protection "pxb" or Level of Protection "pyb" Revised Table to use terminology consistent with EPLs	6.2	X		

Changes	Clause	Type		
		Minor and Editorial Changes	Extension	Major Technical Changes
Suitability of safety devices for hazardous area Word "explosion" changed to "ignition" to reflect UFL/LFL terms	7.1	X		
Integrity of safety devices Added requirement for detecting fan failure	7.2			C2
Table 3 – Safety devices based upon Level of Protection Revised column labels to use Level of Protection terminology	Table 3	X		
Provider of safety devices Remove reference to 60079-0 by clause number for "X" condition	7.3	X		
Pressurization System evaluated as associated equipment Added requirements for pressurization systems	7.4			C3
Sequence diagram for Level of Protection "pxb" Revised text to use Level of Protection terminology	7.5	X		
Group I and Group II purging automated for Level of Protection "pxb" Revised text to use Level of Protection terminology	7.7	X		
Group I and Group II purging automated for Level of Protection "pxb" Added text specifying that for "pxb", control must be automated	7.7			C4
Group I or Group II – purging criteria Revised text to use Level of Protection terminology	7.8	X		
Group III – cleaning Added text for cleaning enclosures used in explosive dust atmospheres	7.9		X	
Safety devices to detect minimum overpressure Add word "minimum" to clause title to be consistent with text	7.11	X		
Safety devices to detect minimum overpressure Revised text to use Level of Protection terminology	7.11 d)	X		
Value of minimum overpressure Added word "minimum" to clause title to be consistent with text	7.12	X		
Value of minimum overpressure Revised text to use Level of Protection terminology	7.12	X		
Value of minimum overpressure Added text to reflect a note in Annex C	7.12		X	
Pressurizing multiple enclosures Revised text to use Level of Protection terminology	7.13	X		
Safety devices on doors and covers Revised text to use Level of Protection terminology	7.14	X		
Equipment that may remain energized Revised text to use EPL and level of protection terminology	7.15	X		
Equipment permitted within Level of Protection "pyb" Revised text to use EPL and level of protection terminology	7.16	X		
Group I and Group II Filling procedure Allow filling in a hazardous location if tested as non-hazardous	8.4		X	

Changes	Clause	Type		
		Minor and Editorial Changes	Extension	Major Technical Changes
Group III Filling Procedure Added static pressurization filling procedure for combustible dust	8.5		X	
Safety devices Revised text to use Level of Protection terminology	8.6	X		
Equipment that may remain energized Revised text to use EPL terminology	8.7	X		
Overpressure Removed reference to 60079-0 by clause number	8.8	X		
Backup supply Added requirements for a backup supply of protective gas	9.1			C5
Independent supplies Provided requirements for independence of pressurization	9.2		X	C6
Release Conditions Removed reference to 60079-0 by clause number for "X" condition	11.1.2	X		
Containment system with a limited release Removed reference to 60079-0 by clause number for "X" condition	12.3	X		
13.3.3 Limited release of a gas or vapour Revised text to reflect UFL/LFL terms	13.3.3	X		
Ignition-capable equipment Revised text to use Level of Protection terminology	14	X		
Type verification and tests Edition 5 clauses 16.1 to 16.7 moved to Edition 6 clauses 16.2 to 16.8	16	X		
Determining the maximum overpressure rating Added requirements to determine maximum overpressure	16.1			C7
Maximum overpressure test Moved Maximum overpressure test to 16.2	16.2			C7
Leakage test Clarify the acceptance criteria for the test	16.3.2		X	
Tests for an infallible containment system Clarify the rating used for the test	16.7.1			C8
Tests for an infallible containment system Modified test for infallible containment	16.7.2			C9
Edition 5 – Verifying ability of the pressurized enclosure to limit internal pressure Eliminated test	16.8			C7
Functional test Clarified that applies only to safety devices provided with enclosures	17.1	X		
Tests for an infallible containment system Waived helium leak tests for liquid systems	17.3		X	

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		Minor and Editorial Changes	Extension	Major Technical Changes
Supplementary marking Allowed continued use of type of protection marking	18.3			
Pressurization systems Clarified use of Ex [p] and [Ex p] marking	18.6	X		
Warnings required in other clauses Added table number	18.7	X		
Warnings required in other clauses Added warning from 7.9	18.7		X	
Warnings required in other clauses Added warnings from Annex G and Annex H	18.7			C1
Instructions Added requirements for Group III	19		X	
Edition 5 Annex G – Infallibility test for containment system Deleted and replaced	Annex G	X		
Edition 5 Annex H – Introduction of an alternative risk assessment method encompassing “equipment protection levels” Deleted and replaced	Annex H	X		
Annex G – Internal Cells and Batteries for Level of Protection “pxb” and Level of Protection “pyb” Added requirements for cells and Batteries			X	
Annex H – Internal Cells and Batteries for Level of Protection “pzc” Added requirements for cells and Batteries			X	

Explanations:

A) Definitions

Minor and editorial changes clarification decrease of technical requirements minor technical change editorial corrections

These are changes which modify requirements in an editorial or a minor technical way. They include changes of the wording to clarify technical requirements without any technical change, or a reduction in level of existing requirement.

Extension addition of technical options

These are changes which add new or modify existing technical requirements, in a way that new options are given, but without increasing requirements for equipment that was fully compliant with the previous standard. Therefore, these will not have to be considered for products in conformity with the preceding edition. 5.

Major technical changes addition of technical requirements increase of technical requirements

These are changes to technical requirements (addition, increase of the level or removal) made in a way that a product in conformity with the preceding edition will not always be able to fulfill the requirements given in the later edition. These changes have to be considered for products in conformity with the preceding edition. For these changes additional information is provided in clause B) below

B) Information about the background of ‘Major Technical Changes’

C1 – Added annexes with requirements for using cells and batteries.

C2 – Added requirement that fan failure cannot be based upon loss of power to the fan.

- C3 – Added requirements for equipment evaluated as a pressurization system to provide uniformity in the testing of such equipment.
- C4 – Although, in Edition 5, the title of clause 7.6 stated automated purging, the word automated was not in the requirement. It is intended that all “pxb” equipment have an automated purging system to prevent energizing of ignition capable circuits until the purge cycle has been properly completed. This requires verifying that the flow is at least the minimum required for the purge time as well as verifying that the minimum overpressure exists within the enclosure.
- C5 – If a backup supply of protective gas is provided, then both the primary and the backup supply needs to be capable of maintaining the required pressurization.
- C6 – If a pressurized enclosure is used within a larger pressurized enclosure the protective gas supplies need to be independent.
- C7 – The previous text in 16.1 of Edition 5, assumed that the enclosures had a maximum overpressure rating, but this is rarely the case. Some test houses relied upon the test in 16.8 to determine the maximum overpressure. Various methods were used to simulate regulator failure such as removing the regulator, but this also removed the orifices that would limit the flow. Based upon test house experience, the danger of flying fragments from the enclosure is acceptably small as either the enclosure or the gaskets will deform to relieve the internal pressure. A decision was taken to eliminate the overpressure test based upon the failed regulator. In addition, the definition of maximum overpressure is now based upon the value obtained when the pressurized enclosure is operated within its ratings. This maximum overpressure will generally occur when the equipment is in rapid purge mode with the maximum rated pressure applied to the inlet of the regulator. The Edition 5 text of 16.1 was modified and moved to 16.2.
- C8 – The term overpressure in most cases implies operation outside of the normal ratings. Text was clarified to use the term “maximum operating pressure” rather than maximum internal overpressure. Test was 16.6.1 in Edition 5.
- C9 – The test was modified to use helium leak detection rather than rely on maintaining a vacuum since this would depend upon the capability of the vacuum system. Test was 16.6.2 in Edition 5.

The significance of changes between IEC 60079-2, Edition 6.0, 2014 and IEC 61241-4, Edition 5.0, 2007 are as listed below:

Changes	Clause in 61241-4	Type		
		Minor and Editorial Changes	Extension	Major Technical Changes
Removed type of protection “pD”. Included in 3.20, 3.21 and 3.22	3.1		X	
Definition of pressurization now accommodates both gas and dust	3.3		X	
Definition of protective gas now accommodates both gas and dust	3.4		X	
Removed definition for an enclosure. Defined in IEC 60079-0	3.5	X		
Removed note in definition for pressurized enclosure.	3.6	X		
Replaced definition of static pressurization with 60079-2 definition	3.7	X		
Removed definition for “pressurization with continuous flow of the protective gas”. Term not used in 61241-4	3.9	X		
Removed definition for “electrical apparatus”. Definition is covered in IEC 60079-0	3.10	X		
Definition of ignition-capable apparatus now accommodates both gas and dust	3.11	X		
Removed definition for “self-revealing fault”. Term not used in 61241-4	3.12	X		
Removed definition for “opening”. Term not used in 61241-4	3.13	X		
Removed definition for “protective device”. These are mostly referred	3.14	X		

Changes	Clause in 61241-4	Type		
		Minor and Editorial Changes	Extension	Major Technical Changes
to as a "safety device" throughout 61241-4.				
Removed definition for "protected apparatus". This was only used to address batteries which are now covered in Annex G and Annex H.	3.17	X		
Replaced definition of "pressurization system" with 60079-2 definition	3.18	X		
Removed definition for "alternate (or auxiliary) source of supply of protective gas". Term used is "second source of Supply. This is now addressed in 60079-2, 9.1	3.19	X		
Removed definition for "zones in Area Classification" This definition is provided in 60079-10-2.	3.20	X		
Removed definition for "zone 20 in Area Classification". See above	3.21	X		
Removed definition for "zone 21 in Area Classification". See above	3.22	X		
Removed definition for "zone 22 in Area Classification". See above	3.23	X		
Removed Clause on "Pressurization principle" including sub-clauses. This information is covered by the definition of "Pressurization", see 3.13 and other clauses in the standard.	4	X		
Removed Clause on "Electrical performance of apparatus". Safe performance of equipment is addressed by 60079-0, 6.1 b)	5.1	X		
Removed note about equipment with large surface areas subjected to pressures > 1kPa may be subject to pressure vessel legislation.	5.2	X		
Text on apertures is equivalently covered by 5.5 and 5.6	5.3	X		
Text on electrical connections is equivalently covered in 60079-0, clause 14.	5.4	X		
Text on delaying opening of an enclosure because of internal hot surface is equivalently covered in clause 15.	5.5	X		
Removed text on providing suitable amount of doors or covers to provide for effective removal of dust from the enclosure. The text in 61241-4 would not lend itself to consistent assessments from different CBs.	5.5	X		
Text on temperature limits is equivalently covered in clause 6 and 60079-0, 26.5.1.3.	6	X		
Removed text on the responsibility of the manufacturer. Addressed in 60079-0.	7.1	X		
Removed text on the responsibility of the user. Addressed in 60079-14.	7.1	X		
Removed text that manufacturer shall provide instructions for cleaning the enclosure. Addressed in 60079-14.	7.1	X		
Removed text requiring a safety device to operate when the pressure within the enclosure exceeds the permitted maximum pressure. It is the user responsibility to not exceed the rated maximum pressure.	7.2	X		
Removed text requiring the isolation of the neutral conductor. Addressed in 60079-14.	7.4	X		
Text on failure of pressurization is equivalently covered by clause 7 & 13.3.	7.5	X		
Removed text on location of visible or audible alarms. Addressed in 60079-14.	7.5.1	X		
Removed text requiring both disconnection and alarming for Zone 21 Db. Addressed in 60079-14.	7.5.1.1	X		
Text on warning marking on doors and covers is equivalently covered in 5.3.6.	7.5.1.2	X		
Removed text about providing means for removing oil or moisture. Addressed in 60079-14, 13.1.6.	9.1	X		
Removed text requiring the minimum overpressure be verified over a 5 minute period. It is not considered that this measurement is time dependent.	10.4.1	X		