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Interpretation of 4.2.2 of IEC 62271-1:2017 regarding the altitude correction factor

Subclause 4.2.2 of IEC 62271-1:2017 contains two references for calculation of the required insulation withstand level at altitudes higher than 1 000 m, IEC 60071-2:1996 and IEC TR 62271-306. The two references are in conflict, as the altitude correction factor according to IEC 60071-2:1996 starts at sea level and that of IEC TR 62271-306 starts at an altitude of 1 000 m. This results in different altitude correction factors.

As already stated in 5.3 of IEC 62271-1:2017, the rated insulation levels refer to normal service conditions. Altitudes up to 1 000 m above sea level are covered and need no altitude correction.

For altitudes higher than 1 000 m the equation provided in 4.5.1.1 b) of IEC TR 62271-306:2012 and in H.3.4 of IEC 60071-2:2018 shall be used, i.e.

$$k_{\text{alt}} = e^{m \left(\frac{H-1000}{8150} \right)}$$

where

k_{alt} is the altitude correction factor;

H is the altitude in m above sea level;

m is an exponent.

Conservative values for the exponent m are provided in Table 4 of IEC TR 62271-306:2012. For further details about the exponent m , see H.4 of IEC 60071-2:2018.

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International Standard IEC 62271-1 has been prepared by technical committee 17: High-voltage switchgear and controlgear.

This second edition constitutes a technical revision.

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

New numbering in accordance with ISO/IEC directives, Part 2 (2016) and IEEE Std. C37.100.1.

4.1.2 a) The normal service condition for indoor switchgear is limited to one range of 40 °C to –5 °C.

4.1.3 a) The normal service condition for outdoor switchgear is limited to one range of 40 °C to –25 °C.

4.2.2: The specifications from IEC 60071-2:1996 are adopted for altitude correction factors above 1 000 m.

5.2.2: Range I, the rated voltage of 40,5 kV is added Series I Table 1; Table 2 and Table 4 are updated on recommendation of the US National Committee.

6.8: New subclause added for manual operated actuators consistent with “Man Machine Interface” recommendations of IEC 60447 [1] 1.

7.2.6.1: Insert the wording regarding preliminary impulses across open vacuum interrupters according to the result of IEC 17/1026/RQ.

7.3: Changed the requirement for radio interference voltage to a rated voltage level of 245 kV and above, instead of 123 kV and above. This change is based on reported positive test and service experience of utility representatives in the maintenance team of this standard.

7.5.6, Table 14:

a) Introduced the distinction of parts in “OG” (oxidizing gas) or in “NOG” (not oxidizing gas) replacing the former “air” and “SF₆”;

b) Increased the allowable temperature rise for some parts in groups 1 and 2 of Table 14 according to IEC TR 60943 [2];

c) Expanded the definition of allowable temperature rise for categories of accessible surfaces with reference to IEC Guide 117 [3]. See also point 15 in 7.5.6.2.

7.5.6.2: Point 5 is modified to clarify the introduction of “OG” and “NOG” gas.

7.10: Some tests were removed because the relevant test standards of IEC 60068 series were modified or withdrawn.

7.11.3: The acceptance criteria for X-radiation testing are modified to recognize higher rated vacuum interrupters.

Former informative Annex H: Corrosion is deleted, the content is part of IEC TR 62271-306 [4].

New Annex J (informative): Added informative guidelines for the extension of validity of type tests

New Annex K (informative): Added informative guidelines about exposure to pollution

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