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ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC) –

Part 3-12: Limits – Limits for harmonic currents produced by equipment connected to public low-voltage systems with input current >16 A and ≤75 A per phase

INTERPRETATION SHEET

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Interpretation of requirements for equipment with unforeseen low input currents during tests according to IEC 61000-3-12:2011: Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 3-12: Limits – Limits for harmonic currents produced by equipment connected to public low-voltage systems with input current >16 A and ≤75 A per phase.

When equipment that has a rated current above 16 A draws a reference current that is less than 16 A under the specified test conditions, the manufacturer may proceed in one of the following ways:

1) Comply with the proportional limits as calculated, choosing the required R_{sce};
2) Comply with the absolute limits given in IEC 61000-3-2:2011, Table 1, using the measurement procedure defined in 4.2.2 in IEC 61000-3-12:2011;

   In that case, the manufacturer shall state in the instruction manual “Equipment complying with IEC 61000-3-12”, without having to declare a minimum short circuit power S_{sc}.
3) Change the test conditions to a representative 2,5 min period, as defined in IEC 61000-3-12:2011, Table 1 for long cyclic equipment, and comply with the proportional limits as calculated, choosing the required R_{sce}.

The manufacturer is strongly advised to state in the test report which of these ways was used, so that subsequent tests are carried out with the same procedure.