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FOREWORD

This Harmonization Document has been recommended by CENELEC/SC.64A:
Electrical installations of buildings, Protection against electric shock.

This Harmonization Document necessitates reference to the following
Standards:

- HD 384.5.537 Electrical installations of buildings,
Part 5: Selection and erection of electrical equipment,
Chapter 53: Switchgear and controlgear,
Section 537: Devices for isolation and switching.
- prHD 384.5.54 Electrical installations of buildings,
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Chapter 54: Earthing arrangements and protective
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ENDORSEMENT

The text of the International Standard IEC Publication 364-4-46, First Edition, 1981, applies as a CENELEC Harmonization Document with agreed common modifications as given below.

COMMON MODIFICATIONSClause 461.2

Replaced by:

461.2 In TN-C systems, the PEN conductor shall not be isolated or switched. In TN-S systems the neutral conductor need not be isolated or switched where supply system conditions are such that the neutral conductor can reliably be regarded as being at earth potential.

Note 1: The neutral conductor is not recognized as being reliably at earth potential in France and Norway.

The existing Note to clause 461.2 is numbered "Note 2".

Clause 464.1

In the text of the Note:

- the fourth item is replaced by "high voltage discharge lighting (e.g. neon signs),"
- a further item is added "- teaching laboratories".

Sub-clause 465.1.5

In the text, the words "shall affect all live conductors" are replaced by the words "shall switch all live conductors".

Sub-clause 465.3.3

In the text, the words "or to a reversal of phases" are deleted.

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PREFACE

This standard has been prepared by Technical Committee No. 64: Electrical Installations of Buildings.

A draft of this standard was discussed at the meeting held in Sydney in 1979. As a result of this meeting, a draft, Document 64(Central Office)80, was submitted to the National Committees for approval under the Six Months' Rule in September 1979.

The National Committees of the following countries voted explicitly in favour of publication:
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The French National Committee has cast a negative vote in view of the provision made in Clause 461.2 for TN-S systems which conflicts with its national legislation.

This standard should be read in conjunction with the following IEC publications:

- 157-1: Low-voltage Switchgear and Controlgear, Part 1: Circuit breakers.
- 277: Definitions for Switchgear and Controlgear.
- 337: Control Switches (Low-voltage Switching Devices for Control and Auxiliary Circuits, including Contactor Relays).
- 408: Low-voltage Air-break Switches, Air-break Disconnectors, Air-break Switch-disconnectors and Fuse-combination Units.

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Chapter 46: Isolation and switching

46. ISOLATION AND SWITCHING

460. INTRODUCTION

This chapter deals with non-automatic local and remote isolation and switching measures which prevent or remove dangers associated with electrical installations or electrically powered equipment and machines.

461. GENERAL

461.1 According to the intended function(s), every device provided for isolation or switching shall comply with the relevant requirements of Section 537.

461.2 In TN-C systems, the PEN conductor shall not be isolated or switched. In TN-S systems, the neutral conductor need not be isolated or switched.

Note. — Protective conductors in all systems are required not to be isolated or switched (see also Sub-clause 543.3.3).

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461.3 The measures described in this chapter are not alternatives to the protective measures described in Chapters 41 to 45 inclusive.

462. ISOLATION

462.1 Every circuit shall be capable of being isolated from each of the live supply conductors, except as detailed in Clause 461.2 above.

Provisions may be made for isolation of a group of circuits by a common means, if the service conditions allow this.

462.2 Suitable means shall be provided to prevent any equipment from being unintentionally energized.

Note. — Such precautions may include one or more of the following measures:

- padlocking,
- warning notices,
- location within a lockable space or enclosure.

Short-circuiting and earthing may be used as a supplementary measure.

462.3 Where an item of equipment or enclosure contains live parts connected to more than one supply, a warning notice shall be placed in such a position that any person gaining access to live parts will be warned of the need to isolate those parts from the various supplies unless an interlocking arrangement is provided to ensure that all the circuits concerned are isolated.