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- a) the annex on clearance in air to assure a specified impulse withstand voltage installation is deleted because the annex in IEC 60071-1 is overlapped;
- b) 4.2 and 4.3 on surge arresters are updated;
- c) 4.3.5 on very-fast-front overvoltages is revised. Annex J on insulation co-ordination for very-fast-front overvoltages in UHV substations is added;
- d) Annex H on atmospheric correction – altitude correction is added.
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INSULATION CO-ORDINATION –

Part 2: Application guidelines

1 General

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60071 constitutes an application guidelines and deals with the selection of insulation levels of equipment or installations for three-phase electrical systems. Its aim is to give guidance for the determination of the rated withstand voltages for ranges I and II of IEC 60071-1 and to justify the association of these rated values with the standardized highest voltages for equipment.

This association is for insulation co-ordination purposes only. The requirements for human safety are not covered by this document.

This document covers three-phase systems with nominal voltages above 1 kV. The values derived or proposed herein are generally applicable only to such systems. However, the concepts presented are also valid for two-phase or single-phase systems.

This document covers phase-to-earth, phase-to-phase and longitudinal insulation.

This document is not intended to deal with routine tests. These are to be specified by the relevant product committees.

The content of this document strictly follows the flow chart of the insulation co-ordination process presented in Figure 1 of IEC 60071-1:2006. Clauses 4 to 7 correspond to the squares in this flow chart and give detailed information on the concepts governing the insulation co-ordination process which leads to the establishment of the required withstand levels.

This document emphasizes the necessity of considering, at the very beginning, all origins, all classes and all types of voltage stresses in service irrespective of the range of highest voltage for equipment. Only at the end of the process, when the selection of the standard withstand voltages takes place, does the principle of covering a particular service voltage stress by a standard withstand voltage apply. Also, at this final step, this document refers to the correlation made in IEC 60071-1 between the standard insulation levels and the highest voltage for equipment.

The annexes contain examples and detailed information which explain or support the concepts described in the main text, and the basic analytical techniques used.

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IEC 60060-1:1989 2010, High-voltage test techniques – Part 1: General definitions and test requirements

IEC 60071-1:1993 2006, *Insulation co-ordination – Part 1: Definitions, principles and rules*
IEC 60071-1:2006/AMD1:2010

~~IEC 99-1:1991, *Surge arresters – Part 1: Non-linear resistor type gapped surge arresters for a.c. systems*~~

~~IEC 99-4:1991, *Surge arresters – Part 4: Metal-oxide surge arresters without gaps for a.c. systems*~~

~~IEC 99-5:1996, *Surge arresters – Part 5: Selection and application recommendations – Section 1: General*~~

~~IEC 505:1975, *Guide for the evaluation and identification of insulation systems of electrical equipment*~~

~~IEC 507:1991, *Artificial pollution test on high-voltage insulators to be used on a.c. systems*~~

~~IEC 721-2-3:1987, *Classification of environmental conditions – Part 2: Environmental conditions appearing in nature – Air pressure*~~

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IEC TS 60815-1, *Selection and dimensioning of high-voltage insulators intended for use in polluted conditions – Part 1: Definitions, information and general principles*

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3 Terms, definitions, abbreviated terms and symbols

3.1 Terms and definitions

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3.2 Abbreviated terms

MOSA	metal-oxide surge arrester
SFO	slow-front overvoltage
FFO	fast-front overvoltage
VFFO	very-fast-front overvoltage
LSA	line surge arrester
EGLA	externally gapped line arrester
NGLA	non-gapped line arrester
LIWV	lightning impulse withstand voltage
SIWV	switching impulse withstand voltage
SDWV	short-duration power-frequency withstand voltage
LIPL	lightning impulse protection level