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		Type		
Explanation of the significance of the changes	**Clause**	**Minor and editorial changes**	**Extension**	**Major technical changes**
Specification has been extended for clarification. Curing conditions have been added	5.2b)			C1
Dielectric strength test according to ANSI/UL 746A has been added as alternative	5.3.2		X	
Restructure of Clause 6	6	X		
Deletion of the additional protective measures as they are given in IEC 60079-0	7.1	X		
For the Level of Protection "mc" faults need to be considered regarding the separation distances	7.2.1			C1
The NOTE was changed to an EXAMPLE for clarification of track failures	7.2.1	X		
Intermediate failure conditions for components are not considered	7.2.1	X		
Clarification made about faults	7.2.1	X		
Another possibility for the construction of transformer according to IEC 60079-7 EPL "eb" added	7.2.3		X	
Rating of component shall not be exceeded was added as clarification	7.5.1			C1
Additional enclosure changed to "arc chamber" housing	7.5.1, 7.5.2, 7.5.3	X		
Consideration of fault conditions has been added	7.5.2			C1
Additional requirements for "ma" Equipment deleted	Former 7.6.2	X		
NOTE 2 added for protection of bare live parts	7.7	X		
Note 1 and Note 2 have been changed to normative text for clarification	7.9.1	X		
Requirement regarding the thermal coupling moved from 7.9.3 to 7.9.1 as this is applicable for all temperature monitoring devices	7.9.1	X		
The surface temperature determination for EPL Da has been deleted, because this is given in IEC 60079-0	8.2.2	X		
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