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In this Redline version, a vertical line in the margin shows where the technical content is modified by amendment 1. Additions are in green text, deletions are in strikethrough red text. A separate Final version with all changes accepted is available in this publication.

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The significance of the changes between IEC 60079-25, Edition 2 (2010) and IEC 60079-25, Edition 3 (2019) are as listed below:

Changes	Clause	Type		
		Minor and editorial changes	Extension	Major technical changes
References to 'electrical systems' changed to 'systems' and note added that installation requirement for Group I are being considered.	1	X		
Normative references updated to remove references that were outdated or not mentioned in the body of the standard.	2	X		
Reference to IEC Electropedia and ISO Online Browsing platform added, abbreviations dropped from title. Definition of 'system designer' deleted, definitions of 'certified intrinsically safe electrical system', and 'uncertified intrinsically safe electrical system' dropped.	3	X		
'Intrinsically safe electrical system' changed to 'intrinsically safe system'.	3.1	X		
Definition for 'multi-circuit cable' added.	3.2	X		
'Maximum' changed to 'total' on definitions of cable capacitance and cable inductance.	3.4, 3.5	X		
'Maximum' deleted on definition of cable inductance to resistance ratio.	3.6	X		
FISCO changed to definition from abbreviation.	3.9	X		
The requirement for the system designer to sign and date the document dropped, editorial changes for clarity made, and a reference to Annex E made to show typical descriptive system documents.	4	X		
Title of clause changed to 'Grouping and temperature classification', ambient temperature range added to things to be included in the system document and reworded for clarity.	5		X	
Notes moved and reworded among the clauses.	6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4	X		
Changed from 'Ambient temperature rating' which was moved to Clause 5, and new section renamed 'Non-intrinsically safe circuits' added.	7		X	
Clause reorganized into sections and some rewording done for clarity.	8	X		
Title changed to 'Requirements of single and multi-circuit cables'.	9	X		
Requirement for insulation thickness moved into this clause, and it now applies to all cables.	9.1		X	
Title changed to 'Dielectric strength' and consolidation of requirements for single circuit and multi-circuit cables. Requirement for dielectric testing changed to twice the circuit voltage with a minimum of 500VAC.	9.2		X	