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This interpretation sheet has been prepared by IEC technical committee 17: High-voltage switchgear and controlgear.

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Interpretation of 4.2.2 of IEC 62271-1:2017 regarding the altitude correction factor

Subclause 4.2.2 of IEC 62271-1:2017 contains two references for calculation of the required insulation withstand level at altitudes higher than 1 000 m, IEC 60071-2:1996 and IEC TR 62271-306. The two references are in conflict, as the altitude correction factor according to IEC 60071-2:1996 starts at sea level and that of IEC TR 62271-306 starts at an altitude of 1 000 m. This results in different altitude correction factors.

As already stated in 5.3 of IEC 62271-1:2017, the rated insulation levels refer to normal service conditions. Altitudes up to 1 000 m above sea level are covered and need no altitude correction.

For altitudes higher than 1 000 m the equation provided in 4.5.1.1 b) of IEC TR 62271-306:2012 and in H.3.4 of IEC 60071-2:2018 shall be used, i.e.

$$k_{\text{alt}} = e^{m\left(\frac{H-1\,000}{8\,150}\right)}$$

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where

k_{alt} is the altitude correction factor;

H is the altitude in m above sea level;

m is an exponent.

Conservative values for the exponent m are provided in Table 4 of IEC TR 62271-306:2012. For further details about the exponent m, see H.4 of IEC 60071-2:2018.

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