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### HIGH-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR –

#### **Part 214: Internal arc classification for AC metal-enclosed pole-mounted switchgear and controlgear for rated voltages above 1 kV and up to and including 52 kV**

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2019. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) indicators positioning update;
- b) neutral earthing connection of the test circuit for three-phase tests;
- c) general review for consistency with IEC 62271-200, Ed.3.0:2021.

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## INTRODUCTION

In the preparation of this FDIS draft for the general revision of IEC 62271-1:2007 and IEC 62271-1:2007/AMD1:2011, the maintenance team was motivated by the following principles:

- Application of horizontal standards – such application is mandatory for product standards, (reference IEC Guide 108 [5]). A typical example is the application of IEC 60071 (all parts) dealing with insulation coordination.
- Application of the "principle of verifiability" – as defined in the Directives, Part 2, 5.5 (2016) "...Only those requirements which can be verified shall be included."
- Organizing information in the proper clause, e.g. terms and definitions in Clause 3, rated values in Clause 5. For example, the values of rated continuous current are specified in Clause 5 but the conditions of test and acceptance criteria (e.g. temperature rise limits) are moved to Clause 7.
- Normal service conditions in Clause 4 are unambiguous statements of conditions under which the switchgear and controlgear is expected to operate. For example: "Solar radiation does not exceed a level of 1 000 W/m<sup>2</sup>" rather than "Solar radiation up to a level of 1 000 W/m<sup>2</sup> should be considered".
- Ratings in Clause 5 have been limited to reflect the common specifications of the switchgear and controlgear that are specified by the user and are necessary for operation on the user's network. See the last paragraph of 5.1 for addition clarification.
- Statements or informative NOTES that reflect design guides (not requirements) or application (not standard requirements) are either removed or moved to Clause 9.  
For example, the following former NOTE contains both a design guide and an application issue, neither of which belongs to normal service conditions:  
"Under certain levels of solar radiation, appropriate measures, for example roofing, forced ventilation, test simulating solar gain, etc., may be necessary, or derating may be used, in order not to exceed the specified temperature rises and pressure rise limits".
- Specifications for design and construction in Clause 6 have been limited to requirements that can be verified by test or inspection.
- References to tests and procedures that relate to transportation, installation, commissioning and maintenance have been moved to Clause 11.
- Improve wording to minimize the possibility of miss-interpretation or conflicting interpretations of the specifications, methods or criteria.
- Elimination of hanging paragraphs and actual or potential circular references. Reference to ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, 22.3.3 (2016).

As a result of the application of these principles or objectives, the FDIS draft includes more revisions that might otherwise be expected.

### INTRODUCTION to IEC 62271-214:2024

IEC 62271-214 has been developed due to the requirement to remove IAC Type C designated pole-mounted switchgear from IEC 62271-200. IEC 62271-214 is to be considered independent of IEC 62271-200, however it is still related to other product standards of the IEC 62271 series.

Only open terminal pole-mounted switchgear and controlgear has been considered within this document.

This equipment relates to operation in three-phase, two-phase and single-phase systems.

## HIGH-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR –

### Part 214: Internal arc classification for AC metal-enclosed pole-mounted switchgear and controlgear for rated voltages above 1 kV and up to and including 52 kV

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62271 specifies requirements for internal arc classification of AC metal-enclosed pole-mounted switchgear and controlgear with rated voltages above 1 kV and up to and including 52 kV with service frequencies up to and including 60 Hz.

This document is applicable to three-phase, two-phase and single-phase open terminal equipment for which an internal arc classification is assigned. Enclosures may include fixed and removable components and may be filled with fluid (liquid or gas) to provide insulation.

NOTE 1 The IAC classification takes into account the installation disposition of the high-voltage switchgear and controlgear and worker's operating area.

NOTE 2 For the use of this document, high-voltage (IEC 60050-601:1985, 601-01-27) is the rated voltage above 1 000 V. However, medium voltage (IEC 60050-601:1985, 601-01-28) is commonly used for distribution systems with voltages above 1 kV and generally applied up to and including 52 kV; refer to [1]<sup>1</sup>.

This document does not preclude that other equipment may be included in the same enclosure. In such a case, any possible influence of that equipment on the switchgear and controlgear is to be taken into account.

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#### 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60038:2009, *IEC standard voltages*

IEC 60050-131:2002, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 131: Circuit theory*

IEC 60050-151:2001, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 151: Electrical and magnetic devices*

IEC 60050-151:2001/AMD1:2013

IEC 60050-151:2001/AMD2:2014

IEC 60050-151:2001/AMD3:2019

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IEC 60050-151:2001/AMD5:2021

IEC 60050-192:2015, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 192: Dependability*

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IEC 60050-351, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 351: Control technology*

IEC 60050-441:1984, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 441: Switchgear, controlgear and fuses*  
IEC 60050-441:1984/AMD1:2000

IEC 60050-551, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 551: Power electronics*

IEC 60050-581:2008, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 581: Electromechanical components for electronic equipment*

IEC 60050-601, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 601: Generation, transmission and distribution of electricity – General*

IEC 60050-605, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Chapter 605: Generation, transmission and distribution of electricity – Substations*

IEC 60050-614:2016, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 614: Generation, transmission and distribution of electricity – Operation*

IEC 60050-811, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 811: Electric traction*

IEC 60050-826:2004, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) – Part 826: Electrical installations*

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

IEC 60068-2-1:2007, *Environmental testing – Part 2-1: Tests – Test A: Cold*

IEC 60068-2-2:2007, *Environmental testing – Part 2-2: Tests – Test B: Dry heat*

IEC 60068-2-30:2005, *Environmental testing – Part 2-30: Tests – Test Db: Damp heat, cyclic (12 h + 12 h cycle)*

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

IEC 60071-2:1996, *Insulation co-ordination – Part 2: Application guide*

IEC 60085:2007, *Electrical insulation – Thermal evaluation and designation*

IEC 60255-21-1:1988, *Electrical relays – Part 21: Vibration, shock, bump and seismic tests on measuring relays and protection equipment – Section One: Vibration tests (sinusoidal)*

IEC 60270, *High-voltage test techniques – Partial discharge measurements*

IEC 60296, *Fluids for electrotechnical applications – Unused mineral insulating oils for transformers and switchgear*

IEC 60376, *Specification of technical grade sulphur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) for use in electrical equipment*

IEC 60480, *Guidelines for the checking and treatment of sulphur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) taken from electrical equipment and specification for its re-use*

IEC 60507, *Artificial pollution tests on high-voltage ceramic and glass insulators to be used on a.c. systems*

IEC 60512-2-2, *Connectors for electronic equipment – Tests and measurements – Part 2-2: Electrical continuity and contact resistance tests – Test 2b: Contact resistance – Specified test current method*

IEC 60529:1989, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 60529:1989/AMD1:1999

IEC 60529:1989/AMD2:2013

IEC TS 60815-1:2008, *Selection and dimensioning of high-voltage insulators intended for use in polluted conditions – Part 1: Definitions, information and general principles*

IEC TS 60815-2:2008, *Selection and dimensioning of high-voltage insulators intended for use in polluted conditions – Part 2: Ceramic and glass insulators for a.c. systems*

IEC TS 60815-3:2008, *Selection and dimensioning of high-voltage insulators intended for use in polluted conditions – Part 3: Polymer insulators for a.c. systems*

IEC 61000-4-4, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-4: Testing and measurement techniques – Electrical fast transient/burst immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-11, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-11: Testing and measurement techniques – Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations immunity tests*

IEC 61000-4-17:2009, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-17: Testing and measurement techniques – Ripple on d.c. input power port immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-18, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-18: Testing and measurement techniques – Damped oscillatory wave immunity test*

IEC 61000-4-29, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 4-29: Testing and measurement techniques – Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations on d.c. input power port immunity tests*

IEC 61000-6-2, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6-2: Generic standards – Immunity for industrial environments*

IEC 61000-6-5, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6-5: Generic standards – Immunity for equipment used in power station and substation environment*

IEC 61180, *High-voltage test techniques for low-voltage equipment – Definitions, test and procedure requirements, test equipment*

IEC 61810-7:2006, *Electromechanical elementary relays – Part 7: Test and measurement procedures*

IEC 62262:2002, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures for electrical equipment against external mechanical impacts (IK code)*

IEC 62271-1:2017, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1: Common specifications for alternating current switchgear and controlgear*

IEC 62271-1:2017/AMD1:2021

IEC 62271-4, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 4: Handling procedures for sulphur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) and its mixtures*

IEC 62271-200:2021, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 200: AC metal-enclosed switchgear and controlgear for rated voltages above 1 kV and up to and including 52 kV*

CISPR 11:2015, *Industrial, scientific and medical equipment – Radio-frequency disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement*

CISPR TR 18-2, *Radio interference characteristics of overhead power lines and high-voltage equipment – Part 2: Methods of measurement and procedure for determining limits*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 62271-1, IEC 60050-151 and IEC 60050-441, as well as the following apply.

NOTE 1 The classification system for definitions of IEC 62271-1:2017 is not followed. Terms and definitions are referenced and prioritized in the following order:

- Clause 3 of this document;
- IEC 62271-1:2017;
- IEC 60050-441;
- IEC 60050-151.

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

NOTE 2 Additional definitions are classified so as to be aligned with the classification system used in IEC 60050-441.

#### 3.1 General terms and definitions

##### 3.1.1

##### **switchgear and controlgear**

general term covering switching devices and their combination with associated control, measuring, protective and regulating equipment, also assemblies of such devices and equipment with associated interconnections, accessories, enclosures and supporting structures

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-441:2000, 441-11-01]

##### 3.1.2

##### **external insulation**

distances in atmospheric air and along the surfaces in contact with atmospheric air of solid insulation of the equipment which are subject to dielectric stresses and to the effects of atmospheric and other environmental conditions from the site

Note 1 to entry: Examples of environmental conditions are pollution, humidity, vermin, etc.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-614:2016, 614-03-02]

##### 3.1.3

##### **degree of protection**

extent of protection provided by an enclosure against access to hazardous parts, against ingress of solid foreign objects and/or ingress of water and against mechanical impact

[SOURCE: IEC 60529:1989, 3.3, modified – leave out “verified by standardized test methods” and add “against mechanical impact” after “water and”.]

#### **3.1.4**

##### **IP code**

coding system to indicate the degrees of protection provided by an enclosure against access to hazardous parts, ingress of solid foreign objects, ingress of water and to give additional information in connection with such protection

[SOURCE: IEC 60529:1989, 3.4]

#### **3.1.5**

##### **protection provided by an enclosure against access to hazardous parts**

protection of persons against

- contact with hazardous low-voltage live parts;
- contact with hazardous mechanical parts;
- approach to hazardous high-voltage live parts below adequate clearance inside an enclosure

Note 1 to entry: This protection may be provided:

- by means of the enclosure itself;
- by means of barriers as part of the enclosure or distances inside the enclosure.

[SOURCE: IEC 60529:1989, 3.6]

#### **3.1.6**

##### **IK code**

coding system to indicate the degree of protection provided by an enclosure against harmful external mechanical impacts

[SOURCE: IEC 62262:2002, 3.3]

#### **3.1.7**

##### **maintenance**

combination of all technical and management actions intended to retain an item in, or restore it to, a state in which it can perform as required

Note 1 to entry: Management is assumed to include supervision activities.

[SOURCE: IEC 60050-192:2015, 192-06-01]

#### **3.1.8**

##### **visual inspection**

visual investigation of the principal features of the switchgear and controlgear

Note 1 to entry: This inspection is generally directed toward pressures and/or levels of fluids, tightness, position of relays, pollution of insulating parts, but actions such as lubricating, cleaning, washing, etc. which can be carried out with the switchgear and controlgear in service are also included.

Note 2 to entry: Observations resulting from inspection can lead to the decision to carry out overhaul.

Note 3 to entry: This inspection can be used for determining the state of tested objects on e.g. cracks in solid insulators.

#### **3.1.9**

##### **diagnostic test**

comparative test of the characteristic parameters of switchgear and controlgear to verify that it performs its functions, by measuring one or more of these parameters