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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee EL-007, Industrial Switchgear and Controlgear.

The objective of this Standard is to provide procedures for handling of SF₆ during installation, commissioning, normal and abnormal operations, and disposal at the end-of-life of high-voltage switchgear and controlgear.

This Standard is identical with, and has been reproduced from IEC 62271-4 Ed.1.0 (2013), *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies, Part 4: Handling procedures for sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆) and its mixtures*.

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62271	High-voltage switchgear and controlgear	62271	High-voltage switchgear and controlgear
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AUSTRALIAN STANDARD

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Part 4:

Handling procedures for sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆) and its mixtures**1 General****1.1 Scope**

This part of IEC 62271 applies to the procedures for handling of SF₆ during installation, commissioning, normal and abnormal operations, disposal at the end-of-life of high-voltage switchgear and controlgear.

These procedures are regarded as minimum requirements to ensure the safety of personnel working with SF₆ (see Annex B) and to minimize the SF₆ emission to the environment.

This standard generally applies also to gas mixtures containing SF₆. The particularities for their handling are covered in Annex J.

NOTE 1 Throughout this standard, use of the term High-Voltage (refer to IEC 60050-601:1985, 601-01-27) means a rated voltage above 1 000 V. However the term Medium Voltage (refer to 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.

NOTE 2 Throughout this standard, the term "electric power equipment" stands for "high-voltage and medium-voltage switchgear and controlgear".

NOTE 3 Throughout this standard, the term "pressure" stands for "absolute pressure".

1.2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60050-441, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Chapter 441: Switchgear, controlgear and fuses*

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

IEC 60376, *Specification of technical grade sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆) for use in electrical equipment*

IEC 60480, *Guidelines for the checking and treatment of sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆) taken from electrical equipment and specifications for its re-use*

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

EN 1089-3, *Transportable gas cylinders. Gas cylinder identification (excluding LPG). Colour coding*