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MARKING AND IDENTIFICATION –
IDENTIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT TERMINALS AND CONDUCTOR
TERMINATIONS**

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- a) addition of Table 1 – Protective bonding conductor PB (earthed PBE, unearthed PBU);
- b) addition of footnotes e and f in Table 1 indicating "UK special national conditions";
- c) deletion of Annex A (informative): "Comparison of former and present designation".

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BASIC AND SAFETY PRINCIPLES FOR MAN-MACHINE INTERFACE, MARKING AND IDENTIFICATION – IDENTIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT TERMINALS AND CONDUCTOR TERMINATIONS

1 Scope

This International Standard applies to the identification and marking of terminals of electrical equipment such as resistors, fuses, relays, contactors, transformers, rotating machines and, wherever applicable, to combinations of such equipment (e.g. assemblies). It also applies to the identification of terminations of certain designated conductors. This standard further includes general rules for an alphanumeric system.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 60417, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment*

IEC 60446, *Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification – Identification of conductors by colours or numerals*

IEC 60617, *Graphical symbols for diagrams*

IEC Guide 104, *The preparation of safety publications and the use of basic safety publications and group safety publications*

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