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- a) addition of cable joints as a new type of box with the related tests and requirements;
- b) addition of tests and requirements for boxes and enclosures exposed to direct sunlight with the related Annex CC;

- c) addition of connecting boxes and enclosures having encapsulation capability as a new type of boxes with the related tests, requirements and related Annex DD.

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1 Scope

Clause 1 of IEC 60670-1:2024 applies with the following addition:

Add the following after the third paragraph:

This document applies to junction connecting boxes or tapping connecting boxes or both.

NOTE Unless otherwise stated, throughout the document the term "boxes" also applies to "enclosures".

2 Normative references

Clause 2 of IEC 60670-1:2024 applies with the following additions:

IEC 60998 (all parts), *Connecting devices for low-voltage circuits for household and similar purposes*

IEC 60999-1:1999, *Connecting devices – Electric copper conductors – Safety requirements for screw-type and screwless-type clamping units – Part 1: General requirements and particular requirements for clamping units for conductors from 0,2 mm² up to 35 mm² (included)*

ISO 62:2008, *Determination of water absorption*

ISO 178:2019, *Plastics – Determination of flexural properties*

ISO 179-1:2010, *Plastics – Determination of Charpy impact properties – Part 1: Non-instrumented impact tests*

ISO 4892-2:2013, *Plastics – Methods of exposure to laboratory light sources – Part 2: Xenon-arc lamps*

ISO 4892-2:2013/AMD 1:2021

3 Terms and definitions

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3.101

connecting box

junction box

box allowing connection of conductors

3.101.1

junction connecting box

connecting box allowing connection of one or more junctions