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

- a) Definitions of terms "redundant thyristor levels", "thyristor level", "valve section" have been changed for clarification.
- b) The notes were added to test requirements of dielectric d.c. voltage tests for valve support, MVU, valve, specifying that before repeating the test with opposite polarity, the tested

object may be short-circuited and earthed for several hours. The same procedure may be followed at the end of the d.c. voltage test.

- c) Table 1 on thyristor level faults permitted during type tests was supplemented.
- d) The alternative MVU dielectric test method was added.
- e) It was specified that production tests may include routine tests as well as sample tests.
- f) It was added into test requirements for periodic firing and extinction tests that a scaling factor for tests shall be applied when testing with valve sections.

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## Part 1: Electrical testing

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60700 applies to thyristor valves with metal oxide surge arresters directly connected between the valve terminals, for use in a line commutated converter for high voltage d.c. power transmission or as part of a back-to-back link. It is restricted to electrical type and production tests.

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IEC 60060, *High-voltage test techniques*

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

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

IEC 60099 (all parts), *Surge arresters*

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

IEC 61803:1999, *Determination of power losses in high-voltage direct current (HVDC) converter stations*

IEC 61803:1999/AMC 1:2010<sup>1</sup>

ISO/IEC Guide 25, *General requirements for the technical competence of testing laboratories*<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> There exists a consolidated edition 1.1 (2011) that comprises IEC 61803:1999 and its Amendment 1:2010.

<sup>2</sup> Withdrawn.