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- e) update of the constructional requirements and the corresponding tests considering safety aspects (e.g. artificial optical radiation, security aspects, limited energy source, stored charge energy circuit);
- f) update of the EMC requirements according to the generic documents;
- g) new requirements for reed contact magnetic switches in Annex D;
- h) requirements for class II circuit devices achieved by double or reinforced insulation in Annex F;
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## LOW-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR –

### Part 5-1: Control circuit devices and switching elements – Electromechanical control circuit devices

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60947 applies to control circuit devices and switching elements intended for controlling, signalling, interlocking, etc., of switchgear and controlgear.

It applies to control circuit devices having a rated voltage not exceeding 1 000 V AC (at a frequency not exceeding 1 000 Hz) or 600 V DC.

This document applies to specific types of control circuit devices as contained in the following non exhaustive list:

- manually operated control switches;
- electromagnetically operated control switches, either time-delayed or instantaneous;
- contactor relays;
- pilot switches;
- pressure switches;
- temperature sensitive switches (thermostats);
- programmers;
- position switches;
- control switches operated by part of a machine or mechanism;
- associated control circuit equipment, for example indicator lights;
- control circuit devices incorporating semiconductor switching elements;
- control circuit devices incorporating a built-in single drop digital communication interface.

NOTE 1 Control circuit devices and switching elements are referred to as "equipment" or "device" equally in this document.

This document also applies to specific types of control circuit switching elements associated with other devices (whose main circuits are covered by other standards) as contained in the following non exhaustive list:

- auxiliary contacts of a switching device (e.g. contactor, circuit breaker) which are not dedicated exclusively for use with the coil of that device;
- interlocking contacts of enclosure doors;
- control circuit contacts of rotary switches;
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- relays covered in the IEC 60255 or IEC 61810 series;
- automatic electrical control devices for household and similar purposes;
- the use of control circuit devices and switching elements with additional measure within explosive atmospheres. These are given in the IEC 60079 series;