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- b) updated Annex A to provide more detail.

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ARC WELDING EQUIPMENT –

Part 12: Coupling devices for welding cables

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60974 is applicable to COUPLING DEVICES for cables used in arc welding and allied processes, designed for connection and disconnection without using tools.

This part of IEC 60974 specifies safety and performance requirements of COUPLING DEVICES.

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3.1

COUPLING DEVICE

device connecting two welding cables together or connecting a welding cable to welding equipment

3.2

RETAINING MEANS

mechanical arrangement that holds the COUPLING DEVICE in position and prevents an unintentional withdrawal, when properly connected

3.3

ARC STRIKING VOLTAGE

voltage superimposed on the welding circuit to ignite the arc