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- c) Tests: Several clarifications added;
- d) Information and marking requirements: Table 2 aligned widely with IEC 62052-11:2020; Requirements for batteries added;
- e) Protection against electrical shock: Multiple modifications done in different; Clause 6 re-numbered and re-organized; Requirements for touch currents clarified (6.3.1); Specified, in which cases OVC II (resp. CAT II) and OVC IV (resp. CAT IV) requirements shall be applied (6.7.1.3); Added requirements for working voltages (6.7.1.5) and cemented joints (6.7.2.4.2); Table 7 updated and extended; Flowcharts for electrical tests (Figure 10 and Figure 11) and related test procedures updated;
- f) Protection against spread of fire: Requirements for limited energy circuits updated (9.4);
- g) Equipment temperature limits and resistance to heat: Table 40 modified to include additional insulation classes;
- h) Protection against liberated gases and substances explosion and implosion: Requirements for batteries updated;
- i) Components and sub-assemblies Requirements for surge protective devices (13.5);
- j) Annex B revised;
- k) Annex F revised and new examples added;
- l) Annex K revised (see related changes in 6.7.1.3);
- m) Annex L: Removed Annex L "Overview of Safety Aspects Covered", added new Annex L "Electricity Meters in LVDC Systems";
- n) Annex M: Removed Annex M "Index of Defined Terms" and added new Annex M "Component Standards";
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- to specifically reference and include relevant requirements, test methods or test conditions of relevant basic safety publications so that they become applicable;
- to specifically reference and include – where appropriate, in a modified form – relevant requirements, test methods or test conditions of relevant group safety publications;
- to consider the latest developments in the technology used for the design and manufacture of equipment for electrical energy measurement and control;
- to achieve a uniform approach to product safety throughout the international metering industry.

This *product safety standard* is based on, among others, the following:

- the *basic safety standard* IEC 60664-1:2020, established by TC 109;
- standards from the IEC 60364 series related to electrical installations of buildings, established by TC 64;
- the *group safety standard* IEC 61010-1:2016 established by TC 66;
- the *group safety standard* IEC 62477-1:2022 established by TC 22;
- IEC 60255-27:2023, a *product safety standard* for measuring relays and protection equipment, established by TC 95. These products are similar in their design and to some extent in their use in equipment for electrical energy measurement and control.

To facilitate the use of this document, an integral text has been prepared, with appropriate references to source documents.

Being a product safety standard, this document takes precedence over the group safety standards IEC 61010-1:2016 and IEC 62477-1:2022.

ELECTRICITY METERING EQUIPMENT – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS, TESTS AND TEST CONDITIONS –

Part 31: Product safety requirements and tests

1 Scope

1.1 General

This part of IEC 62052 specifies general safety requirements and associated tests, with their appropriate conditions for type testing of directly connected, transformer-operated or transducer-operated AC and DC electricity meters and load control equipment.

NOTE 1 For other general requirements, such as EMC, dependability, etc., see the relevant IEC 62052 or IEC 62059 standards. For accuracy requirements and other requirements specific to class indices, see the relevant IEC 62053 standards.

This document applies to electricity metering equipment designed to:

- measure and control electrical energy on electrical networks (mains) with voltage up to 1 000 V AC or 1 500 V DC;

NOTE 2 The voltage mentioned above is the line-to-neutral voltage AC RMS or DC derived from nominal voltages. See Table 7.

- have all functional elements, including add-on communication modules, enclosed in, or forming a single meter case with exception of indicating displays;
- operate with integrated displays (electromechanical or static meters);
- operate with detached indicating displays or without an indicating display (static meters only);
- wall-mounted or to be installed in specified matching sockets or racks;
- optionally provide additional functions other than those for measurement of electrical energy.

NOTE 3 Modern electricity meters typically contain additional functions such as measurement of voltage magnitude, current magnitude, power, frequency, power factor, etc.; measurement of power quality parameters; load control functions; delivery, time, test, accounting, and recording functions; data communication interfaces and associated data security functions. The relevant standards for these functions may apply in addition to the requirements of this document. However, the requirements for such functions are outside the scope of this document.

NOTE 4 Product requirements for Power Metering and Monitoring Devices (PMDs) and measurement functions such as voltage magnitude, current magnitude, power, frequency, etc., are covered in IEC 61557-12. However, devices compliant with IEC 61557-12 are not intended to be used as billing meters unless they are also compliant with the IEC 62052-11:2020 and one or more relevant IEC 62053-xx particular requirements (accuracy class) standard.

NOTE 5 Product requirements for Power Quality Instruments (PQIs) are covered in IEC 62586-1. Requirements for power quality measurement techniques (functions) are covered in IEC 61000-4-30. Requirements for testing of the power quality measurement functions are covered in IEC 62586-2.

This document also applies to transducer-operated meters or meters designed for operation with Low Power Instrument Transformers (LPIT) or sensors (as defined in the IEC 61869 series).

NOTE 6 For meters designed for operation with LPITs, only the metering unit is considered a low voltage device. If the LPITs are rated for voltages exceeding 1 000 V AC, or 1 500 V DC, the combination of the metering unit and LPITs is not a low voltage device.