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This standard has been developed with the intention:

- to be used as a reference document for product committees inside TC 22 in the development of product standards for power electronic converter systems and equipment;
- to replace IEC 62103 as a product family standard providing minimum requirements for safety aspects of power electronic converter systems and equipment in apparatus for which no product standard exists; and

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SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR POWER ELECTRONIC CONVERTER SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT –

Part 1: General

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62477 applies to Power Electronic Converter Systems (PECS) and equipment, their components for *electronic power conversion* and electronic power switching, including the means for their control, protection, monitoring and measurement, such as with the main purpose of converting electric power, with rated system voltages not exceeding 1 000 V a.c. or 1 500 V d.c.

This document may also be used as a reference standard for product committees producing product standards for:

- adjustable speed electric power drive systems (PDS);
- standalone uninterruptible power systems (UPS);
- low voltage stabilized d.c. power supplies.

For PECS for which no product standard exists, this standard provides minimum requirements for safety aspects.

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This International Standard:

- establishes a common terminology for safety aspects relating to PECS and equipment;
- establishes minimum requirements for the coordination of safety aspects of interrelated parts within a PECS;
- establishes a common basis for minimum safety requirements for the PEC portion of products that contain PEC;
- specifies requirements to reduce risks of fire, electric shock, thermal, energy and mechanical hazards, during use and operation and, where specifically stated, during service and maintenance;
- specifies minimum requirements to reduce risks with respect to pluggable and permanently connected equipment, whether it consists of a system of interconnected units or independent units, subject to installing, operating and maintaining the equipment in the manner prescribed by the manufacturer.

This International Standard does not cover:

- telecommunications apparatus other than power supplies to such apparatus;
- functional safety aspects as covered by e.g. IEC 61508;