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The focus of this revision was to expand the scope of the standard and to include the requirements for power transformers and autotransformers with high voltage up to 765 kV and with no limit on the megavoltampere rating.

This revised standard includes the following significant changes:

- The title was changed.
- The scope was expanded to include autotransformers, increase the upper voltage limit to 765 kV, and remove the maximum megavoltampere limit.
- Distribution substation transformers, as defined in IEEE Std C57.12.36™ [B1],<sup>a</sup> were excluded from this standard.
- Most of the clauses were revised, rewritten, or rearranged.
- Significant changes were made in the load tap changer (LTC) section. Additional requirements for transformer paralleling operation were added.
- An informative annex on LTC considerations was added.

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