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INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 62477 relates to products that include power electronic converters, with a rated system voltage from 1 000 V AC or 1 500 V DC up to 36 kV AC or 54 kV DC. It specifies requirements to reduce risks of fire, electric shock, thermal, energy and mechanical hazards, except functional safety as defined in IEC 61508 (all parts). The objectives of this document are to establish a common terminology and basis for the safety requirements of products that contain power electronic converters across several IEC technical committees.

This document 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

NOTE The scope of IEC 62103 contains reliability aspects, which are not covered by this document.

- to be used as a reference document for product committees outside TC 22 in the development of product standards of power electronic converter systems and equipment intended renewable energy sources. Especially TC 82, TC 88, TC 105 and TC 114 have been identified as relevant technical committees at the time of publication.

Technical committees using this document should carefully consider the relevance of each paragraph in this document for the product under consideration and reference, add, replace or modify requirement as relevant. Product specific topics not covered by this document are in the responsibility of the technical committees using this document as reference document.

This document will not take precedence on any product specific standard according to IEC Guide 104. IEC Guide 104 provides information about the responsibility of product committees to use group safety standards for the development of their own product standards.

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- this document extends the range of rated system voltages for high-voltage (HV) up to 36 kV AC or 54 kV DC;
- this document adds arc fault rating label requirements with testing instructions.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR POWER ELECTRONIC CONVERTER SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT –

Part 2: Power electronic converters from 1 000 V AC or 1 500 V DC up to 36 kV AC or 54 kV DC

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 from 1 000 V AC or 1 500 V DC up to 36 kV AC or 54 kV DC.

This document can 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), and
- stabilized DC power supplies.

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

This document has the status of a group safety publication in accordance with IEC Guide 104 for power electronic converter systems and equipment for solar, wind, tidal, wave, fuel cell or similar energy sources.

According to IEC Guide 104, one of the responsibilities of technical committees is, wherever applicable, to make use of basic safety publications and/or group safety publications in the preparation of their product standards.

This document

- 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,
- establishes an arc fault rating label requirement with testing instructions for PEC and PECS, and
- covers power electronic converters and systems in open type design, which are catalog (pre-defined commercially available) power electronic converters and systems or engineered solutions from same.