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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) this document has been completely revised editorially and technically and included in the IEC 60674 series of standards;
- b) the test methods have been updated to reflect today's state of the art.

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## INTRODUCTION

This standard is one of a series which deals with plastic films for electrical purposes. The series will consist of three parts:

Part 1: Definitions and general requirements (IEC 60674-1);

Part 2: Methods of test (IEC 60674-2);

Part 3: Specifications for individual materials (IEC 60674-3).

This standard contains one of the sheets comprising Part 3, as follows:

Sheet 1: Biaxially oriented (PP) polypropylene films for capacitors.

## PLASTIC FILMS FOR ELECTRICAL PURPOSES –

### Part 3: Specifications for individual materials – Sheet 1: Biaxially oriented polypropylene (PP) films for capacitors

#### 1 Scope

This sheet of IEC 60674-3 gives the requirements for biaxially oriented polypropylene film having a smooth or rough surface, corona treated when required for vacuum metallization. The films are for use as dielectric in capacitors.

Materials which conform to this specification meet established levels of performance. However, the selection of a material by a user for a specific application is based on the actual requirements necessary for adequate performance in that application and not based on this specification alone.

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IEC 60674-1:1980, *Specification for plastic films for electrical purposes – Part 1: Definitions and general requirements*

IEC 60674-2:2016, *Specification for plastic films for electrical purposes – Part 2: Methods of test*

#### 3 Terms and definitions

No terms and definitions are listed in this document.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
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#### 4 Classification

The polypropylene film shall be of the following types:

- Type 1: having smooth surfaces (space factor <5 %, see 8.9);
- Type 1a: not corona treated;
- Type 1b: one side pre-treated to facilitate the vacuum deposition of metal;
- Type 1c: both sides pre-treated;