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- a) revision of Clause A.5 on bushings, at the request of IEC subcommittee 36A, in order to transfer to IEC 60599 the corresponding contents of IEC TR 61464 [1]¹ relating to DGA in bushings and include the new information on DGA in bushings available in CIGRE Technical Brochure 771 (2019) [2];

¹ Numbers in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

- b) revision of Clause A.3 on wind turbine transformers, in order to include in IEC 60599 the new information on DGA in wind turbine transformers available in CIGRE Technical Brochure 771 (2019) [2].

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INTRODUCTION

Dissolved and free gas analysis (DGA) is one of the most widely used diagnostic tools for detecting and evaluating faults in electrical equipment filled with insulating liquid. However, interpretation of DGA results is often complex and should always be done with care, involving experienced insulation maintenance personnel.

This document gives information for facilitating this interpretation. The first edition, published in 1978, has served the industry well, but had its limitations, such as the absence of a diagnosis in some cases, the absence of concentration levels and the fact that it was based mainly on experience gained from power transformers. The second edition (2015) attempted to address some of these shortcomings. Interpretation schemes were based on observations made after inspection of a large number of faulty oil-filled equipment in service and concentrations levels deduced from analyses collected worldwide.

MINERAL OIL-FILLED ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT IN SERVICE – GUIDANCE ON THE INTERPRETATION OF DISSOLVED AND FREE GASES ANALYSIS

1 Scope

This document describes how the concentrations of dissolved gases or free gases can be interpreted to diagnose the condition of oil-filled electrical equipment in service and suggest future action.

This document is applicable to electrical equipment filled with mineral insulating oil and insulated with cellulosic paper or pressboard-based solid insulation. Information about specific types of equipment such as transformers (power, instrument, industrial, railways, distribution), reactors, bushings, switchgear and oil-filled cables is given only as an indication in the application notes.

This document can be applied, but only with caution, to other liquid-solid insulating systems.

In any case, the indications obtained are given only as guidance with resulting action undertaken only with proper engineering judgment.

2 Normative references

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IEC 60475, *Method of sampling insulating liquids*

IEC 60567:2011, *Oil-filled electrical equipment – Sampling of gases and analysis of free and dissolved gases – Guidance*

IEC 61198, *Mineral insulating oils – Methods for the determination of 2-furfural and related compounds*

3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

3.1 Terms and definitions

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3.1.1 fault

unplanned occurrence or defect in an item which may result in one or more failures of the item itself or of other associated equipment