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INTRODUCTION

Dusts, as defined in this standard, are hazardous because when they are dispersed in air by any means they **may** form potentially explosive atmospheres. Furthermore, layers of dust may ignite and act as ignition sources for an explosive atmosphere.

This part of IEC 60079 gives guidance on the identification and classification of areas where such hazards from dust can arise. It sets out the essential criteria against which the ignition hazards can be assessed and gives guidance on the design and control parameters which can be used in order to reduce such a hazard. General and special criteria are given, ~~with examples, for the procedure used to identify and classify areas~~ **process of identification and classification of hazardous areas.**

This standard contains an informative Annex A giving ~~practical~~ examples for classifying areas.

EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES –

Part 10-2: Classification of areas – **Combustible Explosive** dust atmospheres

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60079 is concerned with the identification and classification of areas where explosive dust atmospheres and combustible dust layers are present, in order to permit the proper assessment of ignition sources in such areas.

In this standard, explosive dust atmospheres and combustible dust layers are treated separately. In Clause 4, area classification for explosive dusts clouds is described, with dust layers acting as one of the possible sources of release. In Clause 7, ~~the hazard of other~~ **general considerations for** dust layers ~~ignition~~ are described.

The examples in this standard are based on a system of effective housekeeping being implemented in the plant to prevent dust layers from accumulating. Where effective housekeeping is not present, the area classification includes the possible formation of explosive dust clouds from dust layers.

The principles of this standard can also be followed when combustible fibres or flyings ~~may~~ **might** cause a hazard.

This standard is intended to be applied where there can be a risk due to the presence of explosive dust atmospheres or combustible dust layers under normal atmospheric conditions (see Note 1).

NOTE 1 Atmospheric conditions include variations in pressure and temperature above and below reference levels of 101,3 kPa (1 013 mbar) and 20 °C (293 K), provided that the variations have a negligible effect on the explosive properties of the combustible materials.

It does not apply to

- underground mining areas,
- ~~– areas where a risk can arise due to the presence of hybrid mixtures,~~
- dusts of explosives that do not require atmospheric oxygen for combustion, ~~or to such as~~ **pyrophoric substances, propellants, pyrotechnics, munitions, peroxides, oxidizers, water-reactive elements or compounds, or other similar materials,**
- catastrophic failures which are beyond the concept of abnormality dealt with in this standard ~~(see Note 1),~~
- any risk arising from an emission of ~~flammable or~~ **toxic gas** from the dust.

This standard does not apply to where a hazard might arise due to the presence of flammable gas or vapour, but the principles may be used in the assessment of a hybrid mixture (see also IEC 60079-10-1).

NOTE 2 Additional guidance on hybrid mixtures is provided in Annex C.

This standard does not take into account the effects of consequential damage following a fire or an explosion.

~~**NOTE 1** Catastrophic failure in this context is applied, for example, to the rupture of a storage silo or a pneumatic conveyor.~~

~~NOTE 2—In any process plant, irrespective of size, there can be numerous sources of ignition apart from those associated with equipment. Appropriate precautions will be necessary to ensure safety in this context, but these are outside the scope of this standard.~~

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Cette édition inclut les modifications techniques majeures suivantes par rapport à l'édition précédente:

		Type		
Explication de la signification des modifications	Article / paragraphe	Modifications mineures et rédactionnelles	Extension	Modifications techniques majeures
Définition de "conditions atmosphériques" supprimée	3	X		
Définition de "poussière combustible" alignée avec d'autres documents selon les recommandations du WG 28	3.4	X		
Modification rédactionnelle apportée à la définition de "atmosphère explosive poussiéreuse" en supprimant la mention des particules combustibles en suspension dans l'air dans la mesure où la définition de poussière conformément à 60079-10-2 inclut les particules combustibles en suspension dans l'air.	3.5	X		
Définition de "particules combustibles en suspension dans l'air" alignée avec d'autres documents selon les recommandations du WG 28	3.8	X		
Définition de "formation continue d'un nuage de poussière" ajoutée	3.14	X		
Définition de "défaillance catastrophique" ajoutée	3.20	X		
Définition de "température d'inflammation d'une couche de poussière" alignée avec d'autres documents selon les recommandations du WG 28 et remplacement de la référence à 61241-2-1 par celle à 80079-20-2	3.22	X		
Définitions de "zone 20, zone 21 et zone 22" ajoutées. Elles étaient indiquées précédemment à tort dans le corps du document.	3.25.1 3.25.2 3.25.3	X		
L'indication « densité et concentration des nuages de poussière » a été ajoutée comme facteurs à prendre en compte pour un dégagement	4.1		X	
Nouvelle formulation indiquant la nécessité de noter l'EPL sur le plan de classement des emplacements	4.1		X	
Les Notes 1 et 3 ont été modifiées en texte normatif	4.1		X	
Référence aux sources publiées relatives aux caractéristiques de la poussière supprimée	4.2	X		
Référence à 80079-20-2 ajoutée	4.2 a)		X	
Section relative à la compétence du personnel ajoutée	4.3		X	
Note relative au dossier de vérification supprimée	5.2	X		
Ajour d'un exemple de degré « dégagement continu », information de zone déplacée à l'Article 6	5.3	X		
Ajout d'un alinéa relatif à la formation d'un nuage à partir des couches de poussière	7		X	
Niveaux EPL ajoutés à la liste de la documentation, note ajoutée avertissant de la variabilité des données publiées concernant la poussière	8.1		X	
Les légendes des symboles sont identifiées comme préférentielles	8.2	X		
Note ajoutée aux articles relatifs à la zone 21 et à la zone 22 concernant la distance autour de la source de dégagement	Annexe A	X		
Ajout dans cet exemple de l'alinéa concernant la zone 22 et modification de la Figure pour indiquer l'emplacement de la Zone 22	A.2	X		

		Type		
Explication de la signification des modifications	Article / paragraphe	Modifications mineures et rédactionnelles	Extension	Modifications techniques majeures
Annexe B relative aux surfaces chaudes supprimée	Annexe B de l'édition précédente	X		
Annexe D relative à l'explication des EPL supprimée	Annexe D de l'édition précédente	X		
Annexe relative aux mélanges hybrides ajoutée	Annexe C	X		

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1. Modifications mineures et rédactionnelles:	– Clarification – Assouplissement des exigences techniques – Modification technique mineure – Corrections d'ordre rédactionnel
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2. Extension:	– Addition d'options techniques
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3. Modifications techniques majeures:	– Addition d'exigences techniques – Augmentation du niveau des exigences techniques
Il s'agit de modifications apportées aux exigences techniques (addition, augmentation ou assouplissement du niveau) permettant d'indiquer qu'un classement des emplacements existant conforme à l'édition précédente n'est pas toujours en mesure de satisfaire aux exigences données dans la dernière édition. Ces modifications sont à prendre en compte pour les classements des emplacements existants conformes à l'édition précédente.	

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INTRODUCTION

Les poussières, telles qu'elles sont définies dans la présente norme, sont dangereuses car, dispersées dans l'air d'une façon ou d'une autre, elles peuvent former des atmosphères potentiellement explosives. De plus, des couches de poussière peuvent s'enflammer et agir comme sources d'inflammation pour une atmosphère explosive.

La présente partie de l'IEC 60079 donne des lignes directrices sur l'identification et le classement des emplacements où de tels dangers d'inflammation liés aux poussières peuvent survenir. Elle établit les critères essentiels pour l'évaluation des dangers d'inflammation, ainsi que des lignes directrices portant sur les paramètres de conception et de contrôle que l'on peut utiliser pour réduire ces dangers. Des critères généraux et particuliers sont donnés pour le processus d'identification et de classement des emplacements dangereux.

La présente norme contient une Annexe A, informative, qui donne des exemples pour le classement des emplacements.

ATMOSPHÈRES EXPLOSIVES –

Partie 10-2: Classement des emplacements – Atmosphères explosives poussiéreuses

1 Domaine d'application

La présente partie de l'IEC 60079 traite de l'identification et du classement des emplacements où des atmosphères explosives poussiéreuses et des couches de poussières combustibles sont présentes, afin de permettre une évaluation appropriée des sources d'inflammation à utiliser dans de tels emplacements.

Dans la présente norme, les atmosphères explosives poussiéreuses et les couches de poussières combustibles sont traitées séparément. Le classement des emplacements de nuages de poussières explosives où les couches de poussière agissent comme l'une des sources possibles de dégagement est décrit dans l'Article 4. Une description des autres considérations d'ordre général relatives aux couches de poussière est présentée dans l'Article 7.

Les exemples donnés dans la présente norme sont basés sur un système d'entretien efficace à mettre en œuvre sur le site afin d'empêcher la formation de couches de poussière par accumulation. En l'absence d'entretien efficace, le classement des emplacements prend en compte la formation possible de nuages de poussières explosives à partir des couches de poussière.

Les principes de la présente norme peuvent également être suivis lorsque des fibres ou particules volatiles et combustibles sont une source de danger.

La présente norme est destinée à être appliquée lorsqu'il y a un risque dû à la présence d'atmosphères explosives poussiéreuses ou de couches de poussières combustibles dans des conditions atmosphériques normales (voir Note 1).

NOTE 1 Les conditions atmosphériques incluent les variations de pression et de température au-dessus et au-dessous des niveaux de référence de 101,3 kPa (1 013 mbar) et 20 °C (293 K) à condition que les variations aient un effet négligeable sur les propriétés explosives des matières combustibles.

Elle ne s'applique pas

- aux parties souterraines des mines,
- aux poussières d'explosifs dont les substances pyrophoriques de combustion telles que les gaz de propulsion, les artifices, les munitions, les peroxydes d'hydrogène, les oxydants, les éléments ou composés qui réagissent avec l'eau, ou autres matières similaires, n'exigent pas l'oxygène atmosphérique.
- aux défaillances catastrophiques, qui dépassent le concept d'anormalité traité dans la présente norme,
- à tout risque dû à l'émission de gaz toxique provenant de la poussière.

La présente norme ne s'applique pas aux emplacements où il peut exister un danger dû à la présence de gaz ou de vapeurs inflammables, mais les principes peuvent être utilisés pour l'évaluation d'un mélange hybride (voir aussi l'IEC 60079-10-1).

NOTE 2 Des lignes directrices supplémentaires sur les mélanges hybrides sont données à l'Annexe C.

La présente norme ne prend pas en compte les effets des dommages causés par un feu ou une explosion.

2 Références normatives

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IEC 60079-0, *Atmosphères explosives – Partie 0: Matériel – Exigences générales*

IEC 60079-10-1, *Atmosphères explosives – Partie 10-1: Classement des emplacements – Atmosphères explosives gazeuses*

ISO/IEC 80079-20-2, *Atmosphères explosives – Partie 20-2: Caractéristiques des matériaux – Méthodes d'essai pour les poussières combustibles*¹

¹ A publier.