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An evaluation of joints employed when the reduced distances according to Table 1 are applied, has been added.	5.1.1		X	
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NOTE 2 Type of protection powder filling “q” provides Equipment Protection Level (EPL) Gb or Mb. ~~For further information, see Annex A.~~

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L'«enveloppe» contenant l'appareil à remplissage pulvérulent ou le Composant Ex a été redéfinie par le terme «conteneur» pour éviter la confusion avec les exigences relatives aux «enveloppes» de l'IEC 60079-0	4.1	X		
Un assouplissement des exigences a été introduit pour autoriser des distances réduites entre matériaux de remplissage, par exemple lorsqu'il n'y a pas d'interstice adjacent dans le conteneur	4.3.1		X	
Un assouplissement des exigences a été introduit pour autoriser l'utilisation des lignes de fuite selon l'IEC 60079-7 où l'IRC est meilleur que 175	4.8.3		X	
Une évaluation des joints utilisés en cas d'application des distances réduites selon le Tableau 1 a été ajoutée	5.1.1		X	
Le texte définissant la température maximale a été clarifié au sujet des surcharges et des dysfonctionnements	5.1.4	X		
Un essai individuel par lot a été introduit.	5.2.1		X	

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Partie 5: Protection du matériel par remplissage pulvérulent “q”

1 Domaine d'application

La présente partie de l'IEC 60079 contient les exigences spécifiques de construction, d'essais et de marquage d'appareil électrique, des parties d'appareil électrique et des composants Ex à remplissage pulvérulent, mode de protection “q”, destinés à être utilisés dans des atmosphères explosives gazeuses.

NOTE 1 L'appareil électrique à remplissage pulvérulent, mode de protection “q” et les composants Ex peuvent contenir des circuits électroniques, des transformateurs, des fusibles de protection, des relais, des matériels électriques de sécurité intrinsèque, des matériels électriques associés, des interrupteurs, etc.

NOTE 2 Le mode de protection par remplissage pulvérulent “q” procure un Niveau de Protection du Matériel (EPL¹) Gb ou Mb.

La présente norme complète et modifie les exigences générales de l'IEC 60079-0. Lorsqu'une exigence de la présente norme diverge d'une exigence de l'IEC 60079-0, l'exigence de cette norme prévaut.

La présente norme s'applique aux appareils électriques, aux parties d'appareil électrique et aux composants Ex avec:

- un courant assigné d'alimentation inférieur ou égal à 16 A;
- une tension assignée d'alimentation inférieure ou égale à 1 000 V;
- une puissance consommée assignée inférieure ou égale à 1 000 W.

2 Références normatives

Les documents suivants sont cités en référence de manière normative, en intégralité ou en partie, dans le présent document et sont indispensables pour son application. Pour les références datées, seule l'édition citée s'applique. Pour les références non datées, la dernière édition du document de référence s'applique (y compris les éventuels amendements).

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

IEC 60079-7, *Atmosphères explosives – Partie 7: Protection de l'équipement par sécurité augmentée “e”*

IEC 60079-11, *Atmosphères explosives – Partie 11: Protection de l'équipement par sécurité intrinsèque “i”*

IEC 60127, (toutes les parties), *Coupe-circuit miniatures*

IEC 60529, *Degrés de protection procurés par les enveloppes (Code IP)*

IEC 61558-1, *Sécurité des transformateurs, alimentations, bobines d'inductance et produits analogues – Partie 1: Exigences générales et essais*

¹ EPL = *equipment protection level*

IEC 61558-2-6, *Sécurité des transformateurs, bobines d'inductance, blocs d'alimentation et produits analogues pour des tensions d'alimentation jusqu'à 1 100 V – Partie 2-6: Règles particulières et essais pour les transformateurs de sécurité et les blocs d'alimentation incorporant des transformateurs de sécurité*

ISO 2859-1, *Règles d'échantillonnage pour les contrôles par attributs – Partie 1: Procédures d'échantillonnage pour les contrôles lot par lot, indexés d'après le niveau de qualité acceptable (NQA)*

ISO 3310-1, *Tamis de contrôle – Exigences techniques et vérifications – Partie 1: Tamis de contrôle en tissus métalliques*

ISO 3310-2, *Tamis de contrôle – Exigences techniques et vérifications – Partie 2: Tamis de contrôle en tôles métalliques perforées*

ISO 2591-1, *Tamisage de contrôle – Partie 1: Modes opératoires utilisant des tamis de contrôle en tissus métalliques et en tôles métalliques perforées*