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~~IEC 60146-1-1:1991, *General requirements and line commutated converters – Part 1-1: Specifications of basic requirements*~~

~~IEC 60617-5:1996, *Graphical symbols for diagrams – Part 5: Semiconductors and electron tubes*~~

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(CCHT) – VOCABULAIRE**

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- a) 40 termes et définitions ont été modifiés et 31 nouveaux termes et définitions ont été ajoutés principalement pour les unités de conversion et les valves, les conditions de fonctionnement du convertisseur, les systèmes et postes CCHT et les équipements des postes CCHT;

- b) une nouvelle Figure 13 portant sur les configurations à convertisseurs commutés a été ajoutée.

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Le présent document définit les termes relatifs aux systèmes de transport de puissance en courant continu à haute tension (CCHT), et aux postes CCHT utilisant des convertisseurs électroniques de puissance pour la conversion du courant alternatif en courant continu ou inversement.

Le présent document est applicable aux postes CCHT avec des convertisseurs commutés par le réseau, fondés le plus souvent sur le schéma en pont triphasé (deux voies) (voir Figure 2) dans lequel des valves électroniques unidirectionnelles, comme les valves à semiconducteurs, sont utilisées. Pour les valves à thyristors, seules les définitions les plus importantes sont incluses dans le présent document. Une liste plus complète de la terminologie des valves CCHT est donnée dans l'IEC 60700-2.

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