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

a) the isoline measurement procedure is introduced and compared to the hot spot one when it is required as a measurement for the characterization of a generated electromagnetic field.

The text of this International Standard is based on the following documents:

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INTRODUCTION

Manufacturers of electricity supply equipment can be asked to provide information about the electromagnetic field characteristics to enable the user to

- assess the electromagnetic field conditions to assist with planning, installation, operating instructions and service,
- take measures to meet requirements or regulations on electromagnetic fields,
- compare different products as far as their level of electromagnetic fields is concerned.

The purpose of this document is to describe a methodology for the evaluation (measurement or calculation) of generated electromagnetic fields. In particular, if a measurement is required, hot spot and isolines procedures are introduced and described.

The electromagnetic field characteristic of the equipment comprises the values of the electric and the magnetic fields around its accessible surfaces.

The electromagnetic field characteristic defined in this document refers to a single product as defined in the scope. In real installations, several field sources can superimpose, so the resulting electromagnetic fields on site can differ significantly from the single product characteristics.

This document does not define a mandatory test for the products mentioned in the scope.

Neither the establishment of limits for the electromagnetic fields generated by equipment, nor the establishment of assessment methods for the human exposure to electromagnetic fields are within the content or intent of this document.

1 Scope

This part of IEC 62271 gives practical guidance for the evaluation and documentation of the external steady state power-frequency electromagnetic fields which are generated by HV switchgear and controlgear assemblies and prefabricated substations. Basic requirements to measure or calculate the electric and magnetic fields are summarised for assemblies covered by IEC 62271-200 and IEC 62271-201, and for prefabricated substations covered by IEC 62271-202.

NOTE 1 The methods described in this document refer to three-phase equipment. However, the methodology can be used correspondingly for any single- or multi-phase equipment covered by this document.

This document applies to equipment rated for voltages above 1 kV up to and including 52 kV and power-frequencies from 15 Hz to 60 Hz. The electromagnetic fields which are generated by harmonics or transients are not considered in this document. However, the methods described are equally applicable to the harmonic fields of the power-frequency.

Detailed generic information on requirements and measurements of low-frequency electromagnetic fields is given in IEC 61786-1 and IEC 61786-2.

This document covers evaluation under factory or laboratory conditions before installation. The electric and the magnetic fields can be evaluated either by measurements or by calculations.

NOTE 2 Where practicable, the methods described in this document can also be used for installations on site.

It is not within the scope of this document to specify limit values of electromagnetic fields or methods for the assessment of human exposure.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 61000-6-2, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 6-2: Generic standards - Immunity for industrial environments*

IEC 61786-1, *Measurement of DC magnetic, AC magnetic and AC electric fields from 1 Hz to 100 kHz with regard to exposure of human beings - Part 1: Requirements for measuring instruments*

IEC 61786-2, *Measurement of DC magnetic, AC magnetic and AC electric fields from 1 Hz to 100 kHz with regard to exposure of human beings - Part 2: Basic standard for measurements*

IEC 62271-200, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 200: AC metal-enclosed switchgear and controlgear for rated voltages above 1 kV and up to and including 52 kV*

IEC 62271-201, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 201: AC solid-insulation-enclosed switchgear and controlgear for rated voltages above 1 kV and up to and including 52 kV*

IEC 62271-202, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 202: AC prefabricated substations for rated voltages above 1 kV and up to and including 52 kV*

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