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- a) introduction has been rewritten to reflect the status when this document is produced;
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- c) missing and obsolete terms and definitions have been updated including improvement of existing terms;
- d) Table 1 has been updated where agreements between supplier and user are needed;
- e) requirements of electromagnetic compatibility have been clarified;

- f) insulation coordination clause (Clause 5) has improved wording for better clarity and the technical content has an updated coordination to the latest versions of the insulation coordination standards;
- g) wording regarding electrical equipment has been improved and made clearer;
- h) subclause for fuses has been improved and reworded;
- i) requirements have been added for labelling when multiple sources are required to be disconnected;
- j) missing requirements for GIS have been reintroduced;
- k) subclause regarding ventilation (HVAC) has been improved;
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- m) requirements for transformer installations have been improved including adjustment of editorial typing-errors;
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- o) protection against lightning strokes has been extended;
- p) clarification of content due to the distinction between erection (and providing electrical safety for the intended use of the electrical power installation) and subsequent activities such as maintenance and repair with safe working procedures;
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INTRODUCTION

This part of IEC 61936 contains the minimum requirements for the design, erection, and verification of high voltage power installations greater than 1 kV AC. The rules are intended to provide for the safety of persons, livestock and property against dangers and damage which may arise in the reasonable use of such electrical installations and to provide for the proper functioning of those installations.

There are many provincial, national and regional laws, standards and internal rules dealing with the matter coming within the scope of this document regarding high voltage power installations. These practices have been taken as a basis for this work.

This third edition of IEC 61936-1, first published in 2001, follows worldwide feedback to improve clarity. It continues the effort to towards the alignment all over the world of practices concerning the design and erection of high voltage power installations.

Particular requirements for transmission and distribution installations, as well as particular requirements for power generation and industrial installations, are included in this document.

While national standards and regulations take precedence, jurisdictions may elect to adopt the requirements of this document.

POWER INSTALLATIONS EXCEEDING 1 kV AC AND 1,5 kV DC –

Part 1: AC

1 Scope

This part of IEC 61936 provides requirements for the design and the erection of electrical power installations in systems with nominal voltages exceeding 1 kV AC and nominal frequency up to and including 60 Hz, so as to provide safety and proper functioning for the use intended.

For the purpose of interpreting this document, an electrical power installation is considered to be one of the following:

- a) substation, including substation for railway power supply;
- b) electrical power installations on mast, pole and tower, switchgear and/or transformers located outside a closed electrical operating area;
- c) one (or more) power station(s) located on a single site, the electrical power installation includes generators and transformers with all associated switchgear and all electrical auxiliary systems. Connections between generating stations located on different sites are excluded;
- d) the electrical system of a factory, industrial plant or other industrial, agricultural, commercial or public premises;
- e) electrical power installations on offshore facilities for the purpose of generation, transmission, distribution and/or storage of electricity;
- f) transition towers/poles (between overhead lines and underground lines).

The electrical power installation includes, among others, the following equipment:

- rotating electrical machines;
- switchgear;
- transformers and reactors;
- converters;
- cables;
- wiring systems;
- batteries;
- capacitors;
- earthing systems;
- buildings and fences which are part of a closed electrical operating area;
- associated protection, control and auxiliary systems;
- large air core reactor.

NOTE 1 In general, equipment standards take precedence over the requirements of this document.

This document does not apply to the design and erection of any of the following:

- overhead and underground lines between separate electrical power installations;
- electrified railway tracks and rolling stock;
- mining equipment and installations;