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- a) Modification of scope to cover screwless-type terminals up to 40 A;
- b) Modification of scope to address other devices in addition to RCDs;
- c) Modification of Table 1 to cover rated currents up to 40 A;

- d) Modification of 8.1 so that IEC 62873-3-1 can be referred to by other product standards in addition to those for RCDs;
- e) Modification of 9.1 so that IEC 62873-3-1 can be referred to by other product standards in addition to those for RCDs.

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- withdrawn,
- replaced by a revised edition, or
- amended.

INTRODUCTION

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RESIDUAL CURRENT OPERATED CIRCUIT-BREAKERS FOR HOUSEHOLD AND SIMILAR USE –

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1 Scope

This document applies to devices equipped with screwless-type terminals for current not exceeding 40 A, primarily suitable for connecting unprepared copper conductors of cross-section up to 10 mm².

This document cannot be used alone but is intended to be applied together with the applicable product standard in which it is referred to.

NOTE 1 In CZ, DK, NL, PO and CH, the upper limit of current for use of screwless-type terminals is 16 A.

NOTE 2 In JP, the upper limit of current for use of screwless-type terminals is 30 A.

NOTE 3 The manufacturer can declare in its documentation specific conditions permitting the use of prepared conductors.

In this document, screwless-type terminals are referred to as terminals, and copper conductors are referred to as conductors.

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 62873-2, *Residual current operated circuit-breakers for household and similar use – Part 2: Residual current devices (RCDs) – Vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC 62873-2 and the following apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

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clamping unit

part of the terminal necessary for mechanical clamping and electrical connection of the conductors including parts necessary to ensure correct contact pressure