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## Annex ZA (normative)

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NOTE 1 When an International Publication has been modified by common modifications, indicated by (mod), the relevant EN/HD applies.

NOTE 2 Up-to-date information on the latest versions of the European Standards listed in this annex is available here: [www.cenelec.eu](http://www.cenelec.eu).

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IEC 60079-0	-	Explosive atmospheres - Part 0: Equipment - General requirements	-	-
IEC 60079-7	-	Explosive atmospheres - Part 7: Equipment protection by increased safety "e"	EN 60079-7	-
IEC 60079-11	-	Explosive atmospheres - Part 11: Equipment protection by intrinsic safety "i"	EN 60079-11	-
IEC 60127	series	Miniature fuses	EN 60127	series
IEC 60529	-	Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)	-	-
IEC 61558-1	-	Safety of power transformers, power supplies, reactors and similar products - Part 1: General requirements and tests	EN 61558-1	-
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IEC 61558-2-6	-	Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and similar products for supply voltages up to 1 100 V - Part 2-6: Particular requirements and tests for safety isolating transformers and power supply units incorporating safety isolating transformers	EN 61558-2-6	-
ISO 2591-1	-	Test sieving - Part 1: Methods using test sieves of woven wire cloth and perforated metal plate	-	-
ISO 2859-1	-	Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes - Part 1: Sampling schemes indexed by acceptance quality limit (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection	-	-
ISO 3310-1	-	Test sieves - Technical requirements and testing - Part 1: Test sieves of metal wire cloth	-	-
ISO 3310-2	-	Test sieves - Technical requirements and testing - Part 2: Test sieves of perforated metal plate	-	-

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- ER 1.1 (partly)
- ER 1.2.1 (partly), ER 1.2.2 (partly), ER 1.2.3 (partly), ER 1.2.5 (partly), ER 1.2.6 (partly), ER 1.2.7 (partly), ER 1.2.8
- ER 1.3.1
- ER 1.4.1 (partly), ER 1.4.2 (partly)
- ER 1.5.1, ER 1.5.3
- ER 1.6.4
- ER 2.0.1.3
- ER 2.0.2.1, ER 2.0.2.3 (partly)
- ER 2.1.1.2
- ER 2.1.2.3
- ER 2.2.1.1, ER 2.2.1.2
- ER 2.2.2.1, ER 2.2.2.2
- ER 2.3.1.2

Compliance with this standard provides one means of conformity with the specified essential requirements of the Directive[s] concerned.

**WARNING: Other requirements and other EC Directives may be applicable to the products falling within the scope of this standard.**

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**EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES –****Part 5: Equipment protection by powder filling “q”**

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

NOTE The technical changes referred to include the significant technical changes in the revised IEC standard, but they do not form an exhaustive list of all modifications from the previous edition. More guidance may be found by referring to the redline version of the IEC standard, if available.

Significant changes	Clause/subclause	Type		
		Minor and editorial changes	Extension	Major technical changes
Specific references to IEC 60079-0 have been reworded so the references to IEC 60079-0 can be non-dated references	4.1.3 4.8 4.8.3	X		
The “housing” surrounding the powder filled equipment or Ex Component has been redefined as a “container” to avoid confusion with the “enclosure” requirements of IEC 60079-0	4.1	X		
A relaxation has been introduced to permit reduced distances through filling material for instances where there is no adjacent gap in the container	4.3.1		X	
A relaxation has been introduced to permit the use of creepage dimensions per IEC 60079-7 where CTI is better than 175	4.8.3		X	
An evaluation of joints employed when the reduced distances according to Table 1 are applied, has been added.	5.1.1		X	
Text for determination of maximum temperature clarified with respect to overloads and malfunctions	5.1.4	X		
A batch routine test has been introduced	5.2.1		X	

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

The list of all parts of IEC 60079 series, under the general title *Explosive atmospheres*, can be found on the IEC website.

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

## EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES –

### Part 5: Equipment protection by powder filling “q”

#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 60079 contains specific requirements for the construction, testing and marking of electrical equipment, parts of electrical equipment and Ex components in the type of protection powder filling “q”, intended for use in explosive gas atmospheres.

NOTE 1 Electrical equipment and Ex components protected by powder filling “q” can contain electronic circuits, transformers, protection fuses, relays, intrinsically safe electrical apparatus, associated electrical apparatus, switches, etc.

NOTE 2 Type of protection powder filling “q” provides Equipment Protection Level (EPL) Gb or Mb.

This standard supplements and modifies the general requirements of IEC 60079-0. Where a requirement of this standard conflicts with a requirement of IEC 60079-0, the requirement of this standard takes precedence.

This standard applies to electrical equipment, parts of electrical equipment and Ex components with:

- a rated supply current less than or equal to 16 A;
- a rated supply voltage less than or equal to 1 000 V;
- a rated power consumption less than or equal to 1 000 W.

#### 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60079-0, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 0: Equipment – General requirements*

IEC 60079-7, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 7: Equipment protection by increased safety “e”*

IEC 60079-11, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 11: Equipment protection by intrinsic safety “i”*

IEC 60127 (all parts), *Miniature fuses*

IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 61558-1, *Safety of power transformers, power supplies, reactors and similar products – Part 1: General requirements and tests*

IEC 61558-2-6, *Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and similar products for supply voltages up to 1 100 V – Part 2-6: Particular requirements and tests for safety isolating transformers and power supply units incorporating safety isolating transformers*

ISO 2859-1, *Sampling procedures for inspection by attributes – Part 1: Sampling schemes indexed by acceptance quality limit (AQL) for lot-by-lot inspection*