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International Standard IEC 60079-6 has been prepared by IEC technical committee 31: Equipment for explosive atmospheres.

This fourth edition constitutes a technical revision.

The significant changes with respect to the previous edition are listed below:

- Edition 4 represents a major technical revision of the requirements for oil immersion “o” and should be considered as introducing all new requirements. The normal “Table of Significant Changes” has not been included for this reason. In particular:
 - The requirements for oil immersion “o” have been redefined into liquid immersion , levels of protection “ob” and “oc” as recommended by the responses to 31/715/DC
 - The ability to protect sparking contacts has been added to both “ob” and “oc”
- Additional requirements have been introduced for the protective liquid.

This part of IEC 60079 is to be used in conjunction with IEC 60079-0, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 0: Equipment – General requirements*.

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EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES –

Part 6: Equipment protection by liquid immersion "o"

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60079 specifies the requirements for the design, construction, testing and marking of Ex Equipment and Ex Components with type of protection liquid immersion "o" intended for use in explosive gas atmospheres.

Ex Equipment and Ex Components of type of protection liquid immersion "o" are either:

- Level of Protection "ob" (EPL "Mb" or "Gb")
- Level of Protection "oc" (EPL "Gc")

For Level of Protection "ob", this standard applies where the rated voltage does not exceed 11 kV r.m.s. a.c. or d.c.

For Level of Protection "oc", this standard applies where the rated voltage does not exceed 15 kV r.m.s. a.c. or d.c.

Additionally, for Level of Protection "oc", Annex D applies where the rated voltage exceeds 15 kV AC RMS or DC and up to 245 kV AC RMS or DC.

Annex D applies specifically to liquid immersed transformers and reactors, and other liquid immersed equipment such as swivels for off-shore platforms, power regulators, tap changers and earthing/switching resistors.

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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 60071 (all parts), *Insulation co-ordination*

IEC 60076-3, *Power transformers – Part 3: Insulation levels, dielectric tests and external clearances in air*

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

IEC 60079-1, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 1: Equipment protection by flameproof enclosures "d"*

IEC 60079-2, *Explosive atmospheres – Part 2: Equipment protection by pressurized enclosure "p"*