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

- This International Standard is applicable to specifications and test methods for unused and recycled mineral insulating oils in the delivered state.
- Within the transformer insulating oils, two groups, Type A and Type B, are defined, based on their performance.
- A new method for stray gassing under thermo-oxidative stress of mineral insulating oils, which has been tested in a joint round robin test (RRT) between CIGRE D1 and IEC technical committee 10, has been included.



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The mineral insulating oils which are the subject of this document should be handled in compliance with local regulations and suppliers safety data-sheets.

This document is applicable to mineral insulating oils, chemicals and used sample containers. The disposal of these items should be carried out according to local regulations with regard to their impact on the environment.

## FLUIDS FOR ELECTROTECHNICAL APPLICATIONS – MINERAL INSULATING OILS FOR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

### 1 Scope

This document provides specifications and test methods for unused and recycled mineral insulating oils (see Clause 3 for definitions). It applies to mineral oil delivered according to the contractual agreement, intended for use in transformers, switchgear and similar electrical equipment in which oil is required for insulation and heat transfer. Both unused oil and recycled oil under the scope of this document have not been used in, nor been in contact with electrical equipment or other equipment not required for manufacture, storage or transport.

Unused oils are obtained by refining, modifying and/or blending of petroleum products and other hydrocarbons from virgin feedstock.

Recycled oils are produced from oils previously used as mineral insulating oils in electrical equipment that have been subjected to re-refining or reclaiming (regeneration) by processes employed offsite. Such oils will have originally been supplied in compliance with a recognized unused mineral insulating oil specification. This document does not differentiate between the methods used to recycle mineral insulating oil. Oils treated on-site (see IEC 60422) are not within the scope of this document.

Oils with and without additives are both within the scope of this document.

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IEC 60156, *Insulating liquids – Determination of the breakdown voltage at power frequency – Test method*

IEC 60247, *Insulating liquids – Measurement of relative permittivity, dielectric dissipation factor ( $\tan \delta$ ) and d.c. resistivity*

IEC 60422:2013, *Mineral insulating oils in electrical equipment – Supervision and maintenance guidance*

IEC 60475, *Method of sampling liquid dielectrics*

IEC 60567:2011, *Oil-filled electrical equipment – Sampling of gases and analysis of free and dissolved gases – Guidance*

IEC 60628:1985, *Gassing of insulating liquids under electrical stress and ionization*

IEC 60666:2010, *Detection and determination of specified additives in mineral insulating oils*