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**BASIC AND SAFETY PRINCIPLES FOR MAN-MACHINE
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CONDUCTOR TERMINATIONS AND CONDUCTORS**

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- b) the provisions for colour to be used for identification of certain designated conductors are made requirements and not only recommendations;
- c) introduction of a new subclause on marking of protective terminals for multiple power supply inputs on equipment.

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BASIC AND SAFETY PRINCIPLES FOR MAN-MACHINE INTERFACE, MARKING AND IDENTIFICATION – IDENTIFICATION OF EQUIPMENT TERMINALS, CONDUCTOR TERMINATIONS AND CONDUCTORS

1 Scope

This document applies to the identification and marking of terminals of electrical equipment such as resistors, fuses, relays, contactors, transformers, rotating machines and, wherever applicable, to combinations of such equipment (e.g. assemblies), and it also applies to the identification of terminations of certain designated conductors. It also provides general rules for the use of certain colours or alphanumeric notations to identify conductors with the aim of avoiding ambiguity and ensuring safe operation. These conductor colours and alphanumeric notations are intended to be applied on cores, busbars, and electrical equipment, and in cables or installations.

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