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Foreword

The text of document 26/472/FDIS, future edition 4 of IEC 60974-1, prepared by IEC/TC 26, "Electric welding" was submitted to the IEC-CENELEC parallel vote and approved by CENELEC as EN 60974-1:2012.

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This document supersedes EN 60974-1:2005.

EN 60974-1:2012 includes the following significant technical changes with respect to EN 60974-1:2005:

- the heating test shall be carried out at ambient temperature of 40 °C (see 5.1);
- new Figure 1 summarizes example of insulation requirements;
- creepage distances for pollution degree 4 are no longer valid (see Table 2);
- insulation requirements for Class II equipment are defined (see Table 3);
- dielectric test voltage interpolation restriction lower limit is changed to 220 V and interpolation for control and welding circuit is clarified (see Table 4);
- water test is clarified by suppression of visual inspection (see 6.2.1);
- isolation requirements of the supply circuit and the welding circuit are moved in protection against electric shock in normal service (see 6.2.4);
- touch current in normal service and in single fault condition requirements are changed (see 6.2.5, 6.2.6 and 6.3.6);
- maximum temperature for insulation systems are reviewed in accordance with current edition of EN 60085 (see Table 6);
- limits of temperature rise for external surfaces are updated depending of unintentional contact period as defined in EN ISO 13732-1 (see Table 7);
- loading test is completed by a dielectric test (see 7.4);
- conformity test for tolerance to supply voltage fluctuation is clarified (see 10.1);
- marking of terminals is limited to external protective conductor and three-phase equipment terminals (see 10.4);
- usage of hazard reducing device is clarified (see 11.1);
- requirements for control circuits are changed (see Clause 12);
- impact test is clarified (see 14.2.2);
- environmental parameters are completed (see Annex M).

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In the official version, for Bibliography, the following notes have to be added for the standards indicated:

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| IEC 60038:2009 | NOTE | Harmonized as EN 60038:2011 (modified). |
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ANNEX ZA
(normative)

**Normative references to international publications
with their corresponding European publications**

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.

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

| <u>Publication</u> | <u>Year</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>EN/HD</u> | <u>Year</u> |
|--------------------|-------------|--|----------------|-------------|
| IEC 60050-151 | 2001 | International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) - Part 151: Electrical and magnetic devices | - | - |
| IEC 60050-851 | 2008 | International Electrotechnical Vocabulary - Part 851: Electric welding | - | - |
| IEC 60245-6 | - | Rubber insulated cables - Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V - Part 6: Arc welding electrode cables | - | - |
| IEC 60417 | Data-base | Graphical symbols for use on equipment | - | - |
| IEC 60445 | - | Basic and safety principles for man-machine interface, marking and identification - Identification of equipment terminals, conductor terminations and conductors | EN 60445 | - |
| IEC 60529 | - | Degrees of protection provided by enclosures - (IP Code) | - | - |
| IEC 60664-1 | 2007 | Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems - Part 1: Principles, requirements and tests | EN 60664-1 | 2007 |
| IEC 60664-3 | - | Insulation coordination for equipment within low-voltage systems - Part 3: Use of coating, potting or moulding for protection against pollution | EN 60664-3 | - |
| IEC 60695-11-10 | - | Fire hazard testing - Part 11-10: Test flames - 50 W horizontal and vertical flame test methods | EN 60695-11-10 | - |
| IEC 60974-7 | - | Arc welding equipment - Part 7: Torches | EN 60974-7 | - |
| IEC 61140 | - | Protection against electric shock - Common aspects for installation and equipment | EN 61140 | - |
| IEC 61558-2-4 | - | Safety of transformers, reactors, power supply units and similar products for supply voltages up to 1 100 V - Part 2-4: Particular requirements and tests for isolating transformers and power supply units incorporating isolating transformers | EN 61558-2-4 | - |

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