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- a) the description of the potential effects on health of SF<sub>6</sub> by-products (former Annex D of CLC/TR 62271-303:2009) has been replaced by the calculation methods for evaluating of the potential effects on health of SF<sub>6</sub> by-products (see Annex H);
- b) information about cryogenic reclaim of SF<sub>6</sub> have been added (see Annex I);
- c) handling procedures for the most popular SF<sub>6</sub> mixtures have been added (see Annex J).

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

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IEC 60050-601	-	International Electrotechnical Vocabulary (IEV) - Chapter 601: Generation, transmission and distribution of electricity - General	-	-
IEC 60376	-	Specification of technical grade sulfur hexafluoride (SF <sub>6</sub> ) for use in electrical equipment	EN 60376	-
IEC 60480	-	Guidelines for the checking and treatment of sulphur hexafluoride (SF <sub>6</sub> ) taken from electrical equipment and specification for its re-use	EN 60480	-
IEC 62271-1	-	High-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 1: Common specifications	EN 62271-1	-
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#### **Part 4: Handling procedures for sulphur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) and its mixtures**

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This first edition constitutes a technical revision. This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

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

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**INTRODUCTION**

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## HIGH-VOLTAGE SWITCHGEAR AND CONTROLGEAR –

### Part 4: Handling procedures for sulphur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) and its mixtures

#### 1 General

##### 1.1 Scope

This part of IEC 62271 applies to the procedures for handling of SF<sub>6</sub> during installation, commissioning, normal and abnormal operations, disposal at the end-of-life of high-voltage switchgear and controlgear.

These procedures are regarded as minimum requirements to ensure the safety of personnel working with SF<sub>6</sub> (see Annex B) and to minimize the SF<sub>6</sub> emission to the environment.

This standard generally applies also to gas mixtures containing SF<sub>6</sub>. The particularities for their handling are covered in Annex J.

NOTE 1 Throughout this standard, use of the term High-Voltage (refer to IEC 60050-601:1985, 601-01-27) means a rated voltage above 1 000 V. However the term Medium Voltage (refer to IEC 60050-601: 1985, 601-01-28) is commonly used for distribution systems with voltages above 1 kV and generally applied up to and including 52 kV.

NOTE 2 Throughout this standard, the term “electric power equipment” stands for “high-voltage and medium-voltage switchgear and controlgear”.

NOTE 3 Throughout this standard, the term “pressure” stands for “absolute pressure”.

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