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IEC 60071-2	1996	Insulation co-ordination -- Part 2: Application guide	EN 60071-2	1997
IEC 60143-2	2012	Series capacitors for power systems -- Part 2: Protective equipment for series capacitor banks	EN 60143-2	2013
IEC 60143-3	1998	Series capacitors for power systems -- Part 3: Internal fuses	EN 60143-3	1998
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IEC 60549	2013	High-voltage fuses for the external protection of shunt capacitors	EN 60549	2013
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## SERIES CAPACITORS FOR POWER SYSTEMS –

### Part 1: General

#### 1 Scope and object

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The primary focus of this standard is on transmission application.

The series capacitor units and banks are usually intended for high-voltage power systems. This standard is applicable to the complete voltage range.

This standard does not apply to capacitors of the self-healing metallized dielectric type.

The following capacitors, even if connected in series with a circuit, are excluded from this standard:

- capacitors for inductive heat-generating plants (IEC 60110-1);
- capacitors for motor applications and the like (IEC 60252 (all parts));
- capacitors to be used in power electronics circuits (IEC 61071);
- capacitors for discharge lamps (IEC 61048 and IEC 61049).

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NOTE 1 Additional requirements for capacitors to be protected by internal fuses, as well as the requirements for internal fuses, are found in IEC 60143-3. See also Annex C.

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NOTE 4 Some information regarding fuseless capacitor units and fuseless capacitor banks is found in Annex C.

The object of this standard is:

- to formulate uniform rules regarding performance, testing and rating;
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