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Foreword

The text of Amendment 1:2003 to the International Standard IEC 60364-4-44:2001, prepared by IEC TC 64, Electrical installations and protection against electric shock, together with the common modifications prepared by CENELEC SC 64A, Protection against electric shock, of Technical Committee CENELEC TC 64, Electrical installations of buildings, was submitted to the Unique Acceptance Procedure and was approved by CENELEC as HD 60364-4-443 on 2005-07-01.

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443 Protection against overvoltages of atmospheric origin or due to switching

443.1 General

This clause of HD 60364-4-443 deals with protection of electrical installations against transient overvoltages of atmospheric origin transmitted by the supply distribution system and against switching overvoltages.

In general, switching overvoltages are lower than overvoltages of atmospheric origin and therefore the requirements regarding protection against overvoltages of atmospheric origin normally cover protection against switching overvoltages.

NOTE 1 Statistical evaluations of measurements have shown that there is a low risk of switching overvoltages higher than the level of overvoltages category II. See 443.2.

Consideration shall be given to the overvoltages which can appear at the origin of an installation, to the expected keraunic level and to the location and characteristics of surge protective devices, so that the probability of incidents due to overvoltage stresses is reduced to an acceptable level for the safety of persons and property, as well as for the continuity of service desired.

The values of transient overvoltages depend on the nature of the supply distribution system (underground or overhead) and the possible existence of a surge protective device upstream of the origin of the installation and the level of the supply system.

This clause provides guidance where protection against overvoltages is covered by inherent control or assured by protective control. If the protection according to this clause is not provided, insulation coordination is not assured and the risk due to overvoltages shall be evaluated.

This clause does not apply in case of overvoltages due to direct or nearby lightning. For protection against transient overvoltages due to direct lightning, the standards of the IEC 61024, IEC 61312 and IEC 61643 series are applicable. This clause does not cover overvoltage through data-transmission systems.

NOTE 2 As regards transient atmospheric overvoltages, no distinction is made between earthed and unearthed systems.

NOTE 3 Switching overvoltages generated outside the installation and transmitted by the supply network are under consideration.

NOTE 4 The risk due to overvoltages is considered in IEC 61662 and its amendment 1.

NOTE 5 The IEC 61024 series is replaced by the IEC 62305 series.

443.2 Classification of impulse withstand categories

443.2.1 Purpose of classification of impulse withstand categories

NOTE 1 Overvoltages categories are defined within electrical installations for the purpose of insulation coordination and a related classification of equipment with impulse withstand voltages is provided. See Table 1.

NOTE 2 The rated impulse withstand voltage is an impulse withstand voltage assigned by a manufacturer to the equipment or to a part of it, characterizing the specified withstand capability of its insulation against overvoltages (in accordance with 1.3.9.2 of IEC 60664-1).

The impulse withstand voltage (overvoltage category) is used to classify equipment energized directly from the mains.

Impulse withstand voltages for equipment selected according to the nominal voltage are provided to distinguish different levels of availability of equipment with regard to continuity of service and on an acceptable risk of failure. By selection of equipment with a classified impulse withstand voltage, insulation co-ordination can be achieved in the whole installation, reducing the risk of failure to an acceptable level.

NOTE 3 Transient overvoltages transmitted by the supply distribution system are not significantly attenuated downstream in most installations.

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443.2.2 Description of impulse withstand categories

Equipment with an impulse withstand voltage corresponding to overvoltage category IV is suitable for use at, or in the proximity of, the origin of the electrical installations, for example upstream of the main distribution board. Equipment of category IV has a very high impulse withstand capability providing the required high degree of reliability.

NOTE 1 Examples of such equipment are electricity meters, main incoming overcurrent protection device and ripple control units.

Equipment with an impulse withstand voltage corresponding to overvoltage category III is for use in the fixed installations downstream of, and including the main distribution board, providing a high degree of availability.

NOTE 2 Examples of such equipment are distribution boards, circuit-breakers, wiring systems (see IEC 60050(826) definition IEV 826-15-01), including cables, bus-bars, junction boxes, switches, socket-outlets) in the fixed installation, and equipment for industrial use and some other equipment, e.g. stationary motors with permanent connection to the fixed installation.

Equipment with an impulse withstand voltage corresponding to overvoltage category II is suitable for connection to the fixed electrical installations, providing a normal degree of availability normally required for current-using equipment.

NOTE 3 Examples of such equipment are household appliances, portable tools and similar loads. Computers, audio video appliances and other electronic systems equipment may be sensitive to transient and/or temporary overvoltages of less than 2,5 kV between line conductors, due to embedded protective or filtering devices.

Equipment with an impulse withstand voltage corresponding to overvoltage category I is only suitable for use in the fixed installations of buildings where protective means are applied outside the equipment – to limit transient overvoltages to the specified level.

NOTE 4 Examples of such equipment are those household appliances containing electronic circuits which are very sensitive with regards to overvoltages.

Equipment with an impulse withstand voltage corresponding to overvoltage category I shall not have direct connection to a public supply system.

443.3 Arrangements for overvoltage control

Overvoltage control is arranged in accordance with the following requirements.

443.3.1 Inherent overvoltage control

This subclause does not apply when a risk assessment according to 443.3.2.2 is used.

Where an installation is supplied by a completely buried low-voltage system and does not include overhead lines, the impulse withstand voltage of equipment in accordance with Table 1 is sufficient and no specific protection against overvoltages of atmospheric origin is necessary.

NOTE 1 A suspended cable having insulated conductors with earthed metallic screen is considered as equivalent to an underground cable.

Where an installation is supplied by or includes a low-voltage overhead line and the keraunic level is lower than or equal to 25 days per year (AQ 1) , no specific protection against overvoltages of atmospheric origin is required.

NOTE 2 Irrespective of the AQ value, protection against overvoltages may be necessary in applications where a higher reliability or higher risks (e.g. fire) are expected.

In both cases, consideration regarding protection against transient overvoltages shall be given to equipment with an impulse withstand voltage according to overvoltage category I (see 443.2.2).

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