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### Part 203: **AC** gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear for rated voltages above 52 kV **3**

#### ~~1~~ **General**

#### **1 Scope**

This part of IEC 62271 specifies requirements for gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear in which the insulation is obtained, at least partly, by an insulating gas or gas mixture **4** other than air at atmospheric pressure, for alternating current of rated voltages above 52 kV, for indoor and outdoor installation, and for service frequencies up to and including 60 Hz.

For the purpose of this document, the terms “GIS” and “switchgear” are used for “gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear”.

The gas-insulated metal-enclosed switchgear covered by this document consists of individual components intended to be directly connected together and able to operate only in this manner.

This document completes and amends, if ~~necessary~~ applicable, the various relevant standards applying to the individual components constituting GIS.

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IEC 60099-4:2014, *Surge arresters – Part 4: Metal-oxide surge arresters without gaps for a.c. systems*

IEC 60137: ~~2008~~2017, ~~Insulating~~ *Insulated bushings for alternating voltages above 1 000 V*

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IEC 60840, *Power cables with extruded insulation and their accessories for rated voltages above 30 kV (U<sub>m</sub> = 36 kV) up to 150 kV (U<sub>m</sub> = 170 kV) – Test methods and requirements*

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IEC 61869-1, *Instrument transformers – Part 1: General requirements*

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IEC 61869-3, *Instrument transformers – Part 3: Additional requirements for inductive voltage transformers*

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IEC 62271-1:~~2007~~2017, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 1: Common specifications for alternating current switchgear and controlgear*

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IEC 62271-102:~~2004~~2018, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear – Part 102: Alternating current disconnectors and earthing switches*

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IEC 60480, *Specifications for the re-use of sulphur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>) and its mixtures in electrical equipment*

IEC 60840, *Power cables with extruded insulation and their accessories for rated voltages above 30 kV ( $U_m = 36$  kV) up to 150 kV ( $U_m = 170$  kV) – Test methods and requirements*

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## APPAREILLAGE À HAUTE TENSION –

**Partie 203: Appareillage sous enveloppe métallique à isolation gazeuse et à courant alternatif de tensions assignées supérieures à 52 kV**

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- b) outre le SF<sub>6</sub>, des gaz alternatifs ont également été mis en œuvre lorsque nécessaire;
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- d) le paragraphe 6.16 “Étanchéité au gaz et au vide” a été actualisé;
- e) paragraphe 6.16.3 “Systèmes à pression autonome”: Deux classes de gaz ont été présentées:
- 1)  $PRC \leq 1\,000$
  - 2)  $PRC > 1\,000$
- et les exigences d'étanchéité relatives aux essais de type pour des gaz avec  $PRC > 1\,000$  ont été réduites de 0,5 % à 0,1 % par an et par compartiment de gaz;
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- i) le paragraphe 7.108 “Essais de corrosion sur les systèmes d'étanchéité des enveloppes et des équipements auxiliaires” a été actualisé;
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## APPAREILLAGE À HAUTE TENSION –

### Partie 203: Appareillage sous enveloppe métallique à isolation gazeuse et à courant alternatif de tensions assignées supérieures à 52 kV

#### 1 Domaine d'application

La présente partie de l'IEC 62271 spécifie les exigences pour l'appareillage sous enveloppe métallique à isolation gazeuse dont l'isolation est réalisée, au moins partiellement, par un gaz isolant ou un mélange de gaz autre que l'air à la pression atmosphérique, pour courant alternatif de tensions assignées supérieures à 52 kV, pour l'installation à l'intérieur et à l'extérieur, et pour des fréquences de service inférieures ou égales à 60 Hz.

Pour les besoins du présent document, les termes "poste sous enveloppe métallique" (PSEM) et "appareillage" sont utilisés pour "appareillage sous enveloppe métallique à isolation gazeuse".

L'appareillage sous enveloppe métallique à isolation gazeuse auquel s'applique le présent document est constitué par des matériels individuels destinés à être directement raccordés entre eux et qui ne peuvent fonctionner que sous cette forme.

Le présent document complète et modifie, le cas échéant, les différentes normes pertinentes applicables aux matériels individuels constitutifs de l'appareillage sous enveloppe métallique à isolation gazeuse.

#### 2 Références normatives

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IEC 60068-2-11, *Essais d'environnement – Partie 2-11: Essais – Essai Ka: Brouillard salin*

IEC 60068-2-17, *Essais fondamentaux climatiques et de robustesse mécanique – Partie 2-17: Essais – Essai Q: Étanchéité*

IEC 60085:2007, *Isolation électrique – Évaluation et désignation thermiques*

IEC 60099-4:2014, *Parafoudres – Partie 4: Parafoudres à oxyde métallique sans éclateur pour réseaux à courant alternatif*

IEC 60137:2017, *Traversées isolées pour tensions alternatives supérieures à 1 000 V*

IEC 60141-1, *Essais de câbles à huile fluide, à pression de gaz et de leurs dispositifs accessoires – Partie 1: Câbles au papier à huile fluide et à gaine métallique et accessoires pour des tensions alternatives inférieures ou égales à 400 kV*

IEC 60270, *Technique des essais à haute tension – Mesures des décharges partielles*

IEC 60376, *Spécification de la qualité technique de l'hexafluorure de soufre (SF<sub>6</sub>) et des gaz complémentaires à employer dans les mélanges de SF<sub>6</sub> pour utilisation dans les matériels électriques*

IEC 60480, *Spécifications pour la réutilisation de l'hexafluorure de soufre (SF<sub>6</sub>) et des mélanges contenant du SF<sub>6</sub> dans le matériel électrique*

IEC 60840, *Câbles d'énergie à isolation extrudée et leurs accessoires pour des tensions assignées supérieures à 30 kV (U<sub>m</sub> = 36 kV) et jusqu'à 150 kV (U<sub>m</sub> = 170 kV) – Méthodes et exigences d'essai*

IEC 61869-1, *Transformateurs de mesure – Partie 1: Exigences générales*

IEC 61869-2, *Transformateurs de mesure – Partie 2: Exigences supplémentaires concernant les transformateurs de courant*

IEC 61869-3, *Transformateurs de mesure – Partie 3: Exigences supplémentaires concernant les transformateurs inductifs de tension*

IEC 62067, *Câbles d'énergie à isolation extrudée et leurs accessoires pour des tensions assignées supérieures à 150 kV (U<sub>m</sub> = 170 kV) et jusqu'à 500 kV (U<sub>m</sub> = 550 kV) – Méthodes et exigences d'essai*

IEC 62271-1:2017, *Appareillage à haute tension – Partie 1: Spécifications communes pour appareillage à courant alternatif*

IEC 62271-4, *Appareillage à haute tension – Partie 4: Utilisation et manipulation de l'hexafluorure de soufre (SF<sub>6</sub>) et des mélanges contenant du SF<sub>6</sub>*

IEC 62271-100:2021, *Appareillage à haute tension – Partie 100: Disjoncteurs à courant alternatif*

IEC 62271-102:2018, *Appareillage à haute tension – Partie 102: Sectionneurs et sectionneurs de terre à courant alternatif*

IEC 62271-209:2019, *Appareillage à haute tension – Partie 209: Raccordement de câbles pour appareillage sous enveloppe métallique à isolation gazeuse de tension assignée supérieure à 52 kV – Câbles remplis d'un fluide ou à isolation extrudée – Extrémité de câble de type sec ou remplie d'un fluide*

IEC 62271-211:2014, *Appareillage à haute tension – Partie 211: Raccordements directs entre transformateurs de puissance et appareillage sous enveloppe métallique à isolation gazeuse de tensions assignées supérieures à 52 kV*

ISO 22479, *Corrosion des métaux et alliages – Essai au dioxyde de soufre en atmosphère humide (méthode avec volume fixe de gaz)*