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### **Part 4: Particular requirements for arc furnace installations**

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This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

- a) the structure has been redrafted according to IEC 60519-1:2020;
- b) the scope and object have been redrafted;
- c) the terms and definitions, normative references and bibliography have been updated and completed;
- d) the requirements have been redrafted according to IEC 60519-1:2020;
- e) all provisions have been redrafted and the text is more concise with respect to submerged arc furnace installations;

- f) the annexes have been restructured, with respect to details concerning high voltage designs and non-electrical issues, however to be aware of in those installations;
- g) the aspect of noise has been removed from the scope;
- h) the EMC requirements have been clarified;
- i) risk classification of hazards have been based on emission;
- j) the boundaries to ISO 13577 (all parts) and ISO 13578 have been clarified.

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## INTRODUCTION

This fifth edition of IEC 60519-4 is a product safety publication and is intended to:

- include all types of installations or equipment that are in the scope of IEC TC 27/MT 21 dealing with **arc furnace** installations;
- give requirements on electrical safety, **touch currents**, electric fields, magnetic fields and radiation;
- give means for verification of the requirements;
- make extensive use of the standards developed by IEC committees with horizontal or group safety functions and of relevant ISO standards, most of them being developed by ISO TC 244;
- include all material, references and requirements suitable for risk assessment and list of significant hazards.

This document addresses mainly **manufacturers** making made-to-order equipment on a single project base. The **manufacturer** is well aware that it is his responsibility to make equipment safe through adequate risk reduction and it is the responsibility of the **user** to assess **exposure** of the **operator** in line with applicable health and safety regulations. Looking at projects providing single pieces of equipment or single installations, this clear division of responsibilities tends to blur, caused by inter alia:

- development of the process (**normal operation**) through the **manufacturer** and **user**,
- shared definition of working procedures for the **operator** by the **manufacturer** and **user**,
- the scope of delivery often including all protective means,
- individual sales contracts where **users** require an assessment of **exposure** through the **manufacturer**.

Thus, this document provides information on electrical hazards and limits where relevant, despite being well aware that this is exceeding the scope of a product standard.

Annexes I and J provide orientation with respect to the application of ISO 13577-1 in combination with this document.

The rated voltage of an **arc furnace** Installation can be in the range of low voltage or high voltage; details are given in 4.2.

This document presumes that the installation or equipment is operated and maintained only by personnel consisting of **skilled** or **instructed persons**.

This document is intended for verifying whether the **arc furnace** installation meets the safety requirements of this document through design, site acceptance tests, routine tests or inspection.

# SAFETY IN INSTALLATIONS FOR ELECTROHEATING AND ELECTROMAGNETIC PROCESSING –

## Part 4: Particular requirements for arc furnace installations

### 1 Scope

This clause of Part 1 is replaced by the following.

#### *Replacement:*

This part of IEC 60519 provides particular safety requirements for arc furnace installations. This document deals with the significant hazards, hazardous situations or hazardous events relevant to industrial **arc furnace** installations, as listed in Annex A, for **normal operation** and for **single fault condition** as well as under conditions of reasonably foreseeable misuse.

This document specifies the requirements intended to be met by the **manufacturer** to ensure the safety of persons and property during the complete life cycle of the equipment from design through commissioning, operation, maintenance, inspection, to decommissioning, as well as in the event of foreseeable **single fault condition** that can occur in the equipment.

The rated voltage of **arc furnace** installation can be in the range of low voltage or high voltage, details are given in 4.2.

This standard is applicable to **arc furnace** installations such as:

- a) furnaces for direct arc heating, forming arcs between the electrode and metal such as the electric **arc furnace** using alternating current (**EAF AC**) or direct current (**EAF DC**), and the ladle furnace (**LF**);
- b) furnaces for arc-resistance heating forming arcs between the electrode and the charge material or heating the charge material by the Joule effect, such as the **submerged arc-resistance** furnace using alternating current (**SAF AC**), or direct current (**SAF DC**).

NOTE 1 In some documents, the terms "smelter" or "electrical reduction furnace" are used.

Furnace installation for unattended operation is not covered by this document.

This document does not provide requirements for type testing.

NOTE 2 Industrial equipment covered by this document is typically produced as a single unit or a very small number of units; such unit usually has a very high value and can cause severe harm at disintegration.

This document does not address data security and hazards arising from neglect of security.

With respect to noise of electrical an **arc furnace**, ISO 13578:2017, 6.1.23 applies.

**EAF DC** and **SAF DC** are classified as zero frequency (0 Hz) equipment types. **EAF AC**, **SAF AC** and **LF** are classified as mains frequency (50 Hz or 60 Hz) equipment types. Furnaces being operated at frequencies outside of the above-mentioned equipment types are not covered by this document.

### 2 Normative references

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows.