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- new requirement for degree of protection of torch coupling device (see Table 1);
- scope is extended to cable-hose assembly connected between a power source and ancillary equipment (see Clause 1);
- torch parts, as recommended by the manufacturer, are included in the safe plasma cutting system design (see 7.4.2);
- new flammability requirement for handle material (see 11.3).

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Part 7: Torches

1 Scope

This part of IEC 60974 specifies safety and construction requirements for torches for arc welding and allied processes. This part of IEC 60974 is applicable to manual, mechanically guided, air-cooled, liquid-cooled, motorized, spool-on and fume extraction torches.

In this part of IEC 60974, a torch consists of the torch body, the cable-hose assembly and other components.

This part of IEC 60974 is also applicable to a cable-hose assembly connected between a power source and ancillary equipment.

This part of IEC 60974 is not applicable to electrode holders for manual metal arc welding or air-arc cutting/gouging.

NOTE 1 Typical allied processes are electric arc cutting and arc spraying.

NOTE 2 Other components are listed in Table A.1.

NOTE 3 In this part of IEC 60974, the terms "torch" and "gun" are interchangeable. For convenience "torch" has been used in the following text.

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IEC 60695-11-10, *Fire hazard testing – Part 11-10: Test flames – 50 W horizontal and vertical flame test methods*

IEC 60974-1:2012, *Arc welding equipment – Part 1: Welding power sources*

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NOTE Additional terminology is given in Annex A.