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- c) the main clauses are independent from the type of gas;
- d) for each gas a separate annex describes gas specific information, handling procedures, safety measure, etc.;

- e) information about SF₆ (former Annex E) and about environmental effects of SF₆ and its mixtures (former Annex F) has been moved to IEC 60376;
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