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- b) in Clause 2, normative references have been dated and new normative references have been added;
- c) in 3.1.4, the definition of PROBE TIP has been modified;
- d) in 4.1, there is no longer any differentiation between high voltage and low voltage probe assemblies. Type C probe assemblies have been merged with Type B probe assemblies;
- e) in 4.1 d) "Kelvin" probes have been added to the list of probe assemblies as a new Type E and a new Figure 5;
- f) in 4.1 e), probes for voltage measurement without electrical connection to conductors have been added to the list of probe assemblies as a new Type F and a new Figure 6;
- g) in 4.2.1, spread of fire is no longer considered as a HAZARD;
- h) Subclause 4.4.2.5 from Edition 2 has been deleted;
- i) Subclause 4.4.4.3 from Edition 2 has been deleted;
- j) in 5.4.4.1 consideration has been given to SPACINGS and impedance;
- k) in 6.1.1, removable parts of PROBE TIPS which bear markings are allowed;
- l) in 6.1.5, the voltage to be marked for MEASUREMENT CATEGORIES is the AC line-to-neutral or DC voltage;
- m) in 7.4.2, requirements for unmated CONNECTORS have been modified as follows:
 - 1) Table 2 has been modified and expanded,
 - 2) a calculation method for CLEARANCES of CONNECTORS above 20 kV has been defined,
 - 3) CREEPAGE DISTANCES have been aligned with CLEARANCES;
- n) in 7.4.3.1 and 7.4.3.5, requirements for IP2X PROBE TIPS with retractable sleeve have been added;
- o) in 7.4.3.2, PROBE TIPS are now applicable to non-contact probe assemblies;
- p) in 7.5.2.3.2, the values of Table 5 have been modified;
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