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This document is the first revision of IEC 61869-1, defining common requirements for instrument transformers, applicable to all types or technologies.

Furthermore, the document is the result of a merger of IEC 61869-1:2007 (*General requirements*) and IEC 61869-6:2016 (*Additional general requirements for low-power instrument transformers*) with the aim of having one single document and simplify the comprehension for the reader of LPIT product-specific standards.

The main modifications of this revision are listed below:

- new scope: equipment for HV applications with a nominal voltage > 1 kV AC or 1,5 kV DC;
- transfer of the definitions to the TC 38 Glossary IEC 61869-99;
- ratings:
  - addition of HV insulation levels above 800 kV;
  - new DC insulation resistance requirements for secondary terminals;
  - additional accuracy class extensions for harmonics;
- design and construction:
  - additional mechanical requirements for EHV applications;
  - clarification of the altitude correction for external insulation and dielectric tests;
  - multiple chopped impulse test: definition of maximum gas-in-oil level before test;
  - internal arc fault protection: simplification of the acceptance criteria;
  - new requirements for storage climatic conditions withstand capability for LPIT;
- type tests:
  - temperature rise test: more accurate definition of the test duration;
  - lightning impulse test: new test procedure (15 impulses) for gas-insulated and resin-insulated instrument transformers, for  $U_m \geq 300$  kV;
  - switching impulse test: to be performed in both polarities in case of gas-insulated instrument transformers;
  - chopped wave impulse test: moved from special test to type test;
  - test for accuracy: to be performed with regard to the temperature range and frequency;
  - mechanical test: moved from special test to type test;
  - new specification for storage climatic environmental tests;
- routine tests:
  - partial discharge measurement: addition of record of PD inception voltage and extinction voltage;
  - measurement of capacitance and  $\tan\delta$ : moved from special test to routine test;
- special tests:
  - transmitted overvoltage test: improved test procedure;
  - internal arc fault test: clarified test procedure;
  - new insulation resistance measurement on secondary terminals;
  - new test for resin insulated instrument transformers operating at low temperature;
  - vibration test: improvement and addition of a shock test for parts mechanically coupled to a circuit-breaker;
  - optional tests for accuracy versus harmonics and for anti-aliasing;

- commissioning tests (new clause):
  - new installation inspection;
  - gas dew point test moved from special test to commissioning tests;
  - new recommended insulation test on LV connection up to the LV cubicle;
- rules for transport, storage, erection, operation and maintenance:
  - new mandatory rules for user and manufacturer;
  - new conditions for transportation and storage;
- new annexes:
  - Annex E (informative): technique used in temperature rise test of transformers to determine the thermal time constant by an experimental estimation;
  - Annex F (informative): guidance for the extension of validity of type tests and special tests;
  - Annex G (informative): guidance for the calculation of equivalent diameter in case of irregular shape of insulating part;
  - Annex I (normative): seismic qualification of instrument transformers.