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a) introduction of power electronic converter systems (PECS) to be used in the aeronautical ground lighting systems other than the 6,6 A aeronautical ground lighting systems;
b) introduction of classification for different device types;
c) introduction of IEC 62477-1:2022 and IEC 62477-2:2018 as the basis for safety related requirements.

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INTRODUCTION

This document introduces an open specification for power electronic converter systems (PECS) to be used in aeronautical ground lighting (AGL) series circuit systems. The aim of this open specification is to enable various technologies to be used within AGL systems while ensuring the safe operation and function of the AGL system based on specific items in a series circuit topology.

This document also includes updated requirements for 6.6 A constant current regulators (CCR), previously defined in IEC 61822:2009.

The PECS defined in this document are power supplies for AGL circuits with a series circuit topology. It is possible that a PECS is not interoperable with AGL devices designed for the 6.6 A system. It is also possible that a PECS is not interoperable with AGL devices from other PECS-driven AGL systems. Special care should be taken to ensure the interoperability of the AGL components unless they are specifically designed to be operated together.

To clarify the distinction between different series circuit power supplies, a new classification system is introduced in Clause 4. A base class divides the power supplies into PECS and CCRs. In this document the term PECS refers to series circuit power supplies belonging to the class "General PECS for AGL systems" and the term CCR refers to series circuit power supplies belonging to the class "CCR for 6.6 A systems". The term PECS/CCR refers to both device classes. The class "CCR for 6.6 A AGL systems" corresponds to the traditional series circuit power supplies as defined by IEC 61822:2009.

In addition to the base class, classes for voltage ranges and construction mechanics are introduced. Where a part of this document only refers to one or more specific AGL systems, the systems in question will be clearly indicated.

Meanwhile this updated edition can be partially applicable to PECS dedicated to converting power from a mains supply to power suited for AGL other than series circuit topology. The maintenance work of IEC 61822:2009 into IEC 61820-3-2 started before the writing of the related subparts IEC 61820-3-1 and IEC 61820-3-3 had started. This updated version can therefore be partially applicable to PECS dedicated to converting power from a mains supply to power suited for AGL systems with other than series circuit topology.
1 Scope

This part of IEC 61820 specifies the requirements for power electronic converter systems (PECS) dedicated to powering aeronautical ground lighting (AGL) circuits with series circuit topology. An example of a traditional implementation is an AGL circuit with 6.6 A RMS nominal current, powered by a constant current regulator (CCR). In addition to revising the requirements for 6.6 A CCR setups, this document introduces requirements for general PECS for new AGL systems including systems specifically designed for LED based luminaires.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60038, IEC standard voltages

IEC 60076-11, Power transformers – Part 11: Dry-type transformers

IEC 61000-6-4, Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6-4: Generic standards – Emission standard for industrial environments

IEC 61000-6-5, Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 6-5: Generic standards – Immunity for equipment used in power station and substation environment

IEC 61439-1, Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies – Part 1: General rules

IEC 61439-2, Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies – Part 2: Power switchgear and controlgear assemblies

IEC 61508 (all parts), Functional safety of electrical/electronic/programmable electronic safety-related systems

IEC 61820-1:2019, Electrical installations for aeronautical ground lighting at aerodromes – Part 1: Fundamental principles

IEC 62477-1:2022, Safety requirements for power electronic converter systems and equipment – Part 1: General

IEC 62477-2:2018, Safety requirements for power electronic converter systems and equipment – Part 2: Power electronic converters from 1 000 V AC or 1 500 V DC up to 36 kV AC or 54 kV DC

CISPR 11, Industrial, scientific and medical equipment – Radio-frequency disturbance characteristics – Limits and methods of measurement
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• IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/
• ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

3.1 aeronautical ground lighting constant current series circuit
AGL constant current series circuit
an apparatus configured as an electrical circuit designed to produce and operate with a constant current, independent of variations in the load, in order to provide a specified light output for aeronautical purposes

3.2 constant current regulator
CCR
an apparatus which produces a current output at a constant root mean square (RMS) value independent of variations in the constant current series circuit load, input voltage and service conditions as specified

Note 1 to entry: Within this document, the term CCR is reserved for series circuit power supplies belonging to the class CCR for 6,6 A AGL systems.

Note 2 to entry: It is acknowledged that legacy systems still in use across the world also use alternative current ratings such as 8,33 A and 12 A but 6,6 A is the present standard. For the purposes of this document, 6,6 A systems will be referenced only.

3.3 open circuit
AGL constant current series circuit with an unplanned interruption at any location of the primary current line that produces a hazardous high voltage between the interrupted circuit sections

3.4 forced ventilation
cooling system in which the air is moved by external power

3.5 power electronic converter
PEC
device or part thereof for the purpose of electronic power conversion, including signalling, measurement, control circuitries and other parts, if essential for the power conversion function

[source: IEC 62477-1:2022, 3.55]

3.6 power electronic converter system
PECS
one or more power electronic converters intended to work together with other equipment

Note 1 to entry: Within this document, the term PECS is reserved for series circuit power supplies belonging to the class General PECS for AGL systems.

[source: IEC 62477-1:2022, 3.56, modified – “System consisting of” replaced with “one or more” in the definition and Note 1 to entry added.]