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Part 11: Equipment protection by intrinsic safety "i"

INTERPRETATION SHEET 5

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BACKGROUND

As stated in the scope of Edition 6 of IEC 60079-11 (2011), the standard supplements and modifies the general requirements of IEC 60079-0. Subsequent to the publication of Edition 6 of IEC 60079-11, IEC 60079-0 was revised. The revised version of IEC 60079-0 (Edition 7:2017) now contains the 200 mm dust blanketing temperature test for Group III Da equipment (Subclause 5.3.2.3.1), relocated from IEC 60079-18 and IEC 60079-31.

QUESTIONS

- 1) Does the alternative approach of IEC 60079-11:2011 for equipment with components dissipating less power than given in Table 4 and with continuous short-circuit current less than 250 mA still apply when assessing according to IEC 60079-0:2017?
- 2) Is it necessary to conduct the 200 mm dust blanket temperature testing of Group III EPL Da intrinsically safe apparatus when applying IEC 60079-0:2017 in situations where the power limits of IEC 60079-11:2011 Table 4 are exceeded?

ANSWER

- 1) Yes. The requirement of IEC 60079-0 is modified by the requirement of IEC 60079-11 and the requirements of IEC 60079-11 take precedence over IEC 60079-0.
- 2) Yes.