



**Administrative Circular**

**AC/4/2014**

**2014-01-31**

**TO ALL NATIONAL COMMITTEES**

**TO ALL TECHNICAL COMMITTEES AND SUBCOMMITTEES**

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Improved reference syntax for IEC Publications and Value-Added Products**

A new reference model for IEC deliverables has been developed and is now being gradually implemented.

The new model aligns with current practice to allow for a proper identification of IEC deliverables and their integration into external data systems and vice versa.

The revised syntax and flexibility of the new model allow(s) an optimized referencing of the full range of IEC deliverables into the new IEC data model which is currently being implemented.

One major improvement compared to the previous model is the use of the date of publication as a key reference component rather than the edition number. This change conforms with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2. Please note that the edition number will continue to exist in the data model.

The attached annex describes the reference model syntax by components and gives the recommended reference formats to use in the following applications:

- the reference in the IEC catalogue
- the reference on the publication's cover
- the reference in the running headers on the pages of a publication
- a normative or bibliographic – dated and non-dated – reference listed in a publication
- a reference within the body of the text of both internal and external communication media – short and long form syntax. This may also be applicable to reference marking on products and their associated documentation.

Yours faithfully,

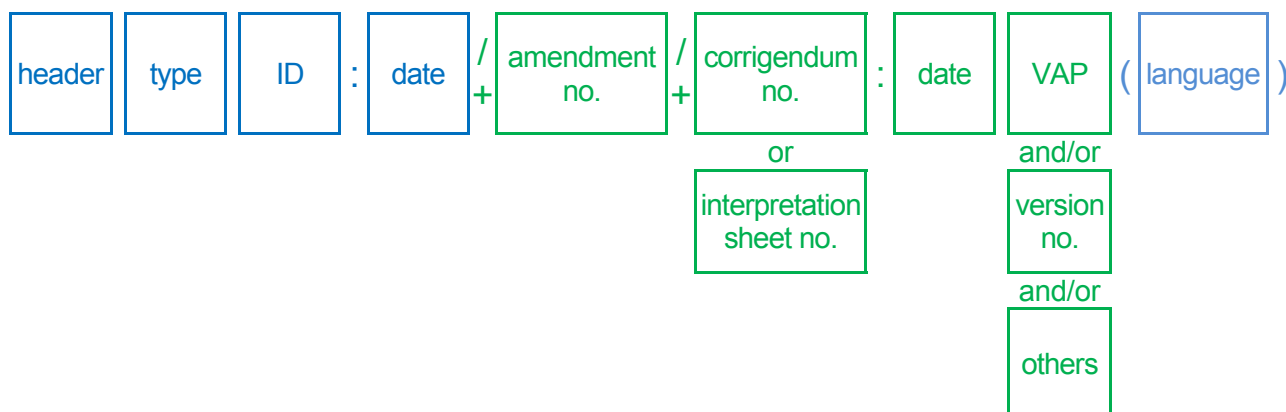
**F.W.P. Vreeswijk**  
**General Secretary & CEO**

Annex: Improved reference syntax for IEC Publications and Value-Added Products

GM/ALM

## Annex: Improved reference syntax for IEC Publications and Value-Added Products

### Reference model syntax



<b>Components</b>	<b>Format/Value</b>
header .....	IEC; ISO/IEC; IEC/IEEE; IECCE; IECQ etc.
type.....	IS (=void); TR; TS; PAS; GUIDE; TRF etc.
ID (number-part-section).....	00; 00000-0-0 etc.
amendment no.....	AMD00
corrigendum no.....	COR00
interpretation sheet no. ....	ISH00
date (of publication) .....	3 options: yyyy-mm-dd; yyyy-mm; yyyy
VAP (Value-Added Product) .....	CSV; RLV; CMV; PRV; SER
version no.....	V00
language.....	ISO 639-1 2-letter codes: EN; FR; EN-FR; ES; RU etc.
edition no.....	00.00
title.....	lorem ipsum

### **Key**

**Mandatory**

**Optional**

"/" is used for the amendment, corrigendum or interpretation sheet of a base publication.

"+" is used for a consolidated version of the base publication and its amendment, corrigendum or interpretation sheet.

"others" may include supplements, for example.

"edition no." and "title" are not key components, but may be added to the reference under specific circumstances.

## **Reference format by application**

A set of five? examples (where appropriate) is used to illustrate the reference format recommended for the application.

### **The reference in the IEC Catalogue**

<b>IEC 62271-1:2007</b>
High-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 1: Common specifications
2007-10-24
Edition 1.0
<b>IEC 62271-1:2007/AMD1:2011</b>
Amendment 1 - High-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 1: Common specifications
2011-06-15
Edition 1.0
<b>IEC 61034-1:2005+AMD1:2013 CSV Consolidated version</b>
Measurement of smoke density of cables burning under defined conditions - Part 1: Test apparatus
2013-06-21
Edition 3.1
<b>IEC PAS 60539-1-1:2008</b>
Directly heated negative temperature coefficient thermistors - Part 1-1: Blank detail specification - Sensing application - Assessment level EZ
2008-11-26
Edition 1.0
<b>IECEx TRF 60079-0:2011</b>
IECEx Test Report for IEC 60079-0 (2004) ed 4.0 - Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres - Part 0: General requirements
2011-09-02
Edition 4.0

NOTE 1: If more than one edition is published in a calendar year, the month can appear in the reference, otherwise, the year is sufficient.

NOTE 2: "language" is available as a separate information in the Catalogue, thus it is not mentioned in the reference.

### **The reference on the Publication's cover**

IEC 62271-1:2007-10(EN-FR)  
IEC 62271-1:2007-10/AMD1:2011-06(EN-FR)  
IEC 61034-1:2005-04+AMD1:2013-06 CSV(EN-FR)  
IEC PAS 60539-1-1:2008-11(EN)  
IECEX TRF 60079-0:2011-09 V4F(EN)

### **The reference in the running headers**

IEC 62271-1:2007 © IEC 2007  
IEC 62271-1:2007/AMD1:2011 © IEC 2011  
IEC 61034-1:2005+AMD1:2013 CSV © IEC 2013  
IEC PAS 60539-1-1:2008 © IEC 2008  
IECEX TRF 60079-0:2011 V4F © IEC 2011

NOTE 1: If more than one edition is published in a calendar year, the month can appear in the reference, otherwise, the year is sufficient.

NOTE 2: The year in the reference (left of ©) and the year of release (right of ©) may be different for VAPs.

### **A normative or bibliographic dated reference listed in a Publication**

IEC 62271-1:2007, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 1: Common specifications*  
IEC 62271-1:2007/AMD1:2011, *Amendment 1 - High-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 1: Common specifications*  
IEC PAS 60539-1-1:2008, *Directly heated negative temperature coefficient thermistors - Part 1-1: Blank detail specification - Sensing application - Assessment level EZ*  
IECEX TRF 60079-0:2011, *IECEX Test Report for IEC 60079-0 (2004) ed 4.0 - Electrical apparatus for explosive gas atmospheres - Part 0: General requirements*

NOTE: If more than one edition is published in a calendar year, the month can appear in the reference, otherwise, the year is sufficient.

### **A normative or bibliographic non-dated reference listed in a Publication**

IEC 62271-1, *High-voltage switchgear and controlgear - Part 1: Common specifications*  
IEC PAS 60539-1-1, *Directly heated negative temperature coefficient thermistors - Part 1-1: Blank detail specification - Sensing application - Assessment level EZ*

**A reference within the body of the text of both internal and external communication media – short and long form syntax. This may also be applicable to reference marking on products and their associated documentation**

IEC 62271-1

IEC 62271-1:2007, *title* (optional)

IEC 62271-1:2007/AMD1:2011, *title* (optional)

Amendment 1 to IEC 62271-1:2007, *title* (optional)

IEC PAS 60539-1-1

IEC PAS 60539-1-1:2008, *title* (optional)

IEC 61034-1:2005+AMD1:2013 CSV, *title* (optional)

Consolidated version of IEC 61034-1:2005+AMD1:2013, *title* (optional)

IECEx TRF 60079-0:2011, *title* (optional)

IECEx Test Report Form for IEC 60079-0:2011, *title* (optional)

NOTE 1: Where appropriate, if more than one edition is published in a calendar year, the month can appear in the reference, otherwise, the year is sufficient.

NOTE 2: A distinction is to be made between a reference to the Standard (i.e. general concept) and to the Publication (i.e. deliverable). Only the reference made to the Publication is considered here.