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Part 1: General requirements and conditions**

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### **Part 1: General requirements and conditions**

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition published in 2010. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition.

- a) The general requirement to harmonic distortion has been changed from IEC 61000-2-4 Class 2 to Class 1.
- b) The voltage tolerance for a DC system has been changed from  $\pm 10\%$  to  $+10\%$ ,  $-15\%$ .
- c) Annex C (informative) regarding specification of surface treatment and protective painting system has been added.

The text of this standard based on the following documents:

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Full information on the voting for the approval of this standard can be found in the report on voting indicated in the above table.

This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

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The IEC 61892 series of International Standards is intended to enable safety in the design, selection, installation, maintenance and use of electrical equipment for the generation, storage, distribution and utilization of electrical energy for all purposes in offshore units which are used for the purpose of exploration or exploitation of petroleum resources.

This part of the IEC 61892 incorporates and co-ordinates, as far as possible, existing rules and forms a code of interpretation, where applicable, of the requirements of the International Maritime Organization, a guide for future regulations which may be prepared and a statement of practice for offshore unit owners, constructors and appropriate organizations.

This standard is based on equipment and practices which are in current use, but it is not intended in any way to impede development of new or improved techniques.

The ultimate aim has been to produce a set of International Standards exclusively for the offshore petroleum industry.

# MOBILE AND FIXED OFFSHORE UNITS – ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS –

## Part 1: General requirements and conditions

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61892 contains provisions for electrical installations in mobile and fixed offshore units including pipeline, pumping or 'pigging' stations, compressor stations and exposed location single buoy moorings, used in the offshore petroleum industry for drilling, processing and storage purposes.

This International Standard applies to all installations, whether permanent, temporary, transportable or hand-held, to AC installations up to and including 35 000 V and DC installations up to and including 1 500 V (AC and DC voltages are nominal values).

This standard does not apply either to fixed equipment for medical purposes or to the electrical installations of tankers.

NOTE For medical rooms, IEC 60364-7-710 provides more information.

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IEC 60034 (all parts), *Rotating electrical machines*

IEC 60034-1:2010, *Rotating electrical machines – Part 1: Rating and performance*

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IEC 60529, *Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)*

IEC 61000-2-4:2002, *Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) – Part 2-4: Environment – Compatibility levels in industrial plants for low-frequency conducted disturbances*

IEC 61140, *Protection against electric shock – Common aspects for installation and equipment*

IEC 61892-2:2012, *Mobile and fixed offshore units – Electrical installations – Part 2: System design*

IEC 61892-5, *Mobile and fixed offshore units – Electrical installations – Part 5: Mobile units*

IEC 61892-6, *Mobile and fixed offshore units – Electrical installations – Part 6: Installation*

IEC 61892-7, *Mobile and fixed offshore units – Electrical installations – Part 7: Hazardous areas*

*International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS):1974, Consolidated edition 2009*