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IEC 60475	-	Method of sampling insulating liquids	EN IEC 60475	-
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IEC 62021-3	-	Insulating liquids - Determination of acidity - Part 3: Test methods for non-mineral insulating oils	EN 62021-3	-

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ASTM D1500	-	Standard Test Method for ASTM Color of Petroleum Products (ASTM Colour Scale)	-	-
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- a) Introduction of IEC 63012 which details other liquids not covered by this document. IEC 63012 was published in 2019 after the first edition of IEC 62770 (2013).
- b) New Table 1 inserted which clarifies definitions.
- c) Appearance and colour requirements now merged.

- d) Pour point: Introduction of the importance of LCSET with advice on cold temperature behaviour of natural esters.
- e) Additives: new agreed wording inserted on the declaration of additives
- f) Flash and fire points: now only determined by Cleveland Open Cup method, since the Pensky-Martens closed cup method was identified as problematic with natural esters.
- g) Toxicity: Aquatic toxicity now emphasized.
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## INTRODUCTION

Because of their higher fire points and lower environmental impact relative to hydrocarbon petroleum derived insulating mineral oil, the use of vegetable oils and other natural esters is on the rise as insulating and heat transfer fluids in electrical devices such as transformers.

This document sets performance criteria for unused natural esters earmarked for electrical applications. However, the use of natural esters is recommended only for equipment that is not open to the atmosphere, for example sealed transformers and reactors because these liquids are susceptible to oxidation.

This document does not purport to address all the safety problems associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of the document to establish appropriate health and safety practices and determine the applicability of regulatory limitations prior to use.

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## FLUIDS FOR ELECTROTECHNICAL APPLICATIONS – UNUSED NATURAL ESTERS FOR TRANSFORMERS AND SIMILAR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

### 1 Scope

This document describes specifications and test methods for unused natural esters in transformers and similar liquid-immersed electrical equipment in which a liquid is required as an insulating and heat transfer medium. The exposure of natural ester to air leads to deterioration of the insulating liquid. Use of natural esters is therefore restricted to sealed units, or with the conservator tank protected from the contact with atmosphere by a membrane or other suitable system.

In this document the term "natural esters" applies to insulating liquids for transformers and similar electrical equipment with suitable biodegradability and lower environmental impact. Such natural esters are vegetable oils obtained from seeds, and oils obtained from other suitable biological materials. These oils are comprised of triglycerides.

Natural esters with additives are within the scope of this document. Because of their different chemical composition, natural esters differ from insulating mineral oils and other insulating liquids that have high fire points, such as synthetic esters or silicone fluids.

Natural ester-derived insulating liquids with low viscosity have been introduced but are not covered by this document. IEC 63012 covers these liquids.

This document is applicable only to unused natural esters. Reclaimed natural esters and natural esters blended with other insulating liquids are beyond the scope of this document.

NOTE The chemical nomenclature and scientific notations used in the document are in accordance with the IUPAC handbook (Quantities, Units and Symbols in Physical Chemistry).

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