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This document applies to the identification and marking of terminals of electrical equipment such as resistors, fuses, relays, contactors, transformers, rotating machines and, wherever applicable, to combinations of such equipment (e.g. assemblies), and also applies to the identification of terminations of certain designated conductors. It also provides general rules for the use of certain colours or alphanumeric notations to identify conductors with the aim of avoiding ambiguity and ensuring safe operation. These conductor colours or alphanumeric notations are intended to be applied in cables or cores, busbars, electrical equipment and installations.

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- b) codes couleur permettant l'identification des conducteurs de ligne dans les systèmes à courant continu;
- c) code couleur permettant l'identification d'un conducteur de mise à la terre fonctionnelle;
- d) mise à jour du Tableau A.1 intégrant les codes couleur des conducteurs de ligne à courant continu;
- e) conversion des notes comportant des exigences non obligatoires en texte normatif;
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1 Domaine d'application

Le présent document s'applique à l'identification et au marquage des bornes de matériels électriques, tels que résistances, coupe-circuits à fusibles, relais, contacteurs, transformateurs, machines tournantes et, chaque fois que cela est possible, à des combinaisons de tels matériels (par exemple des ensembles) et s'applique aussi à l'identification des extrémités de certains conducteurs désignés. Il prévoit également des règles générales concernant l'utilisation de certaines couleurs ou de certains caractères alphanumériques pour identifier les conducteurs dans le but d'éviter toute ambiguïté et de garantir la sécurité de fonctionnement. Ces couleurs ou ces caractères alphanumériques destinés aux conducteurs doivent être appliqués aux câbles ou aux noyaux, aux barres omnibus, aux matériels et aux installations électriques.

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