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#### **FOREWORD**

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#### **PREFACE**

This standard has been prepared by IEC Technical Committee No. 64: Electrical Installations of Buildings.

The text of this standard is based upon the following documents:

Six Months' Rule	Report on Voting
64(CO)136	64(CO)145

Further information can be found in the Report on Voting indicated in the table above.

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#### 45. PROTECTION AGAINST UNDERVOLTAGE

#### 451. General requirements

451.1 Where a drop in voltage, or a loss and subsequent restoration of voltage could imply dangerous situations for persons or property, suitable precautions shall be taken. Also, precautions shall be taken where a part of the installation or current-using equipment may be damaged by a drop in voltage.

An undervoltage protective device is not required if damage to the installation or to current-using equipment is considered to be an acceptable risk, provided that no danger is caused to persons.

- 451.2 The operation of undervoltage protective devices may be delayed if the operation of the appliance protected allows without danger a brief interruption or loss of voltage.
- 451.3 If use is made of contactors, delay in their opening and reclosing shall not impede instantaneous disconnection by control or protective devices.
- 451.4 The characteristics of the undervoltage protective device shall be compatible with the requirements of the IEC standards for starting and use of equipment.
- 451.5 Where the reclosure of a protective device is likely to create a dangerous situation, the reclosure shall not be automatic.