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## INTRODUCTION

This standard, in conjunction with Part 2-010 and Part 2-011, addresses the specific HAZARDS associated with the heating and cooling of materials by equipment and are segregated as follows:

IEC 61010-2-010	specifically addresses the HAZARDS associated with equipment incorporating heating systems.
IEC 61010-2-011	specifically addresses the HAZARDS associated with equipment incorporating REFRIGERATING SYSTEMS.
IEC 61010-2-012	specifically addresses the HAZARDS associated with equipment incorporating both heating and REFRIGERATING SYSTEMS that interact with each other such that the combined heating and cooling system yield additional or more severe HAZARDS for the two systems than if treated separately. It also addresses the HAZARDS associated with the treatment of materials by other factors like irradiation, excessive humidity, CO <sub>2</sub> and MECHANICAL MOVEMENT etc.

### Guidance for the application of the appropriate Part 2 standard(s)

When the equipment includes only a material heating system, and no REFRIGERATING SYSTEM or other environmental factors apply, then Part 2-010 applies without needing Part 2-011 or Part 2-012. Similarly, when the equipment includes only a REFRIGERATING SYSTEM, and no material heating system or other environmental factors apply, then Part 2-011 applies without needing Part 2-010 or Part 2-012. However, when the equipment incorporates both a material heating system, and a REFRIGERATING SYSTEM or the materials being treated in the intended application introduce significant heat into the REFRIGERATING SYSTEM, a determination should be made whether the interaction between the two systems will generate additional or more severe HAZARDS than if the systems were evaluated separately (application temperature, see flow chart for selection process). If the interaction of the heating and cooling functions yields no additional or more severe HAZARDS then both Part 2-010 and Part 2-011 apply for their respective functions. Conversely, if additional or more severe HAZARDS result from the combining of the heating and cooling function, or the equipment incorporates additional material treatment factors then Part 2-012 applies but not Part 2-010 or Part 2-011.

### What HAZARDS are applicable for a REFRIGERATING SYSTEM?

The typical HAZARDS for a REFRIGERATING SYSTEM (see Figure 101) consisting of a MOTOR-COMPRESSOR, a CONDENSER, an expansion device and an EVAPORATOR include but are not limited to:

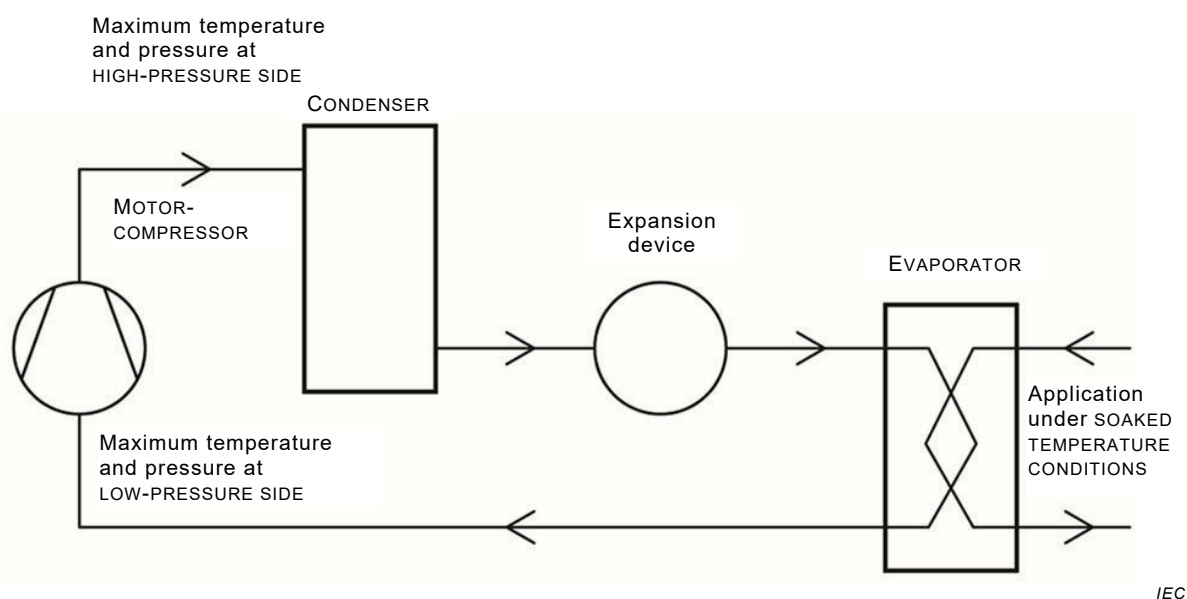
- The maximum temperature of LOW-PRESSURE SIDE (return temperature) to the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR. A MOTOR-COMPRESSOR incorporates a REFRIGERANT cooled motor and it should be established that the maximum temperatures of LOW-PRESSURE SIDE under least favourable condition do not exceed the insulation RATINGS within the motor.
- The maximum pressure of LOW-PRESSURE SIDE at the inlet to the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR. The housing of the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR is exposed to this pressure and so the design RATING of the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR housing should accommodate the worst case pressures whilst providing the correct safety margin for a pressure vessel.
- The maximum temperature of HIGH-PRESSURE SIDE to the CONDENSER. The temperatures of HIGH-PRESSURE SIDE under most unfavourable conditions may present a temperature HAZARD if the OPERATOR is exposed to or electrical insulation is degraded.
- The maximum pressure of HIGH-PRESSURE SIDE at the outlet to the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR. The REFRIGERANT components downstream of the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR up to the expansion device are exposed to this pressure and so the design RATING of these components should accommodate the worst case pressures whilst providing the appropriate safety margin for a pressure vessel.
- The maximum application temperatures, namely, the SOAKED TEMPERATURE CONDITIONS, where the heat is being extracted from, may impact the maximum temperature of LOW-PRESSURE SIDE to the MOTOR-COMPRESSOR as well as present a temperature HAZARD if the



OPERATOR is exposed to or electrical insulation is degraded. Whether this application temperature is derived from an integral heating function of the device or from the heat dissipated from the material being cooled the impact under worst case conditions should be evaluated.

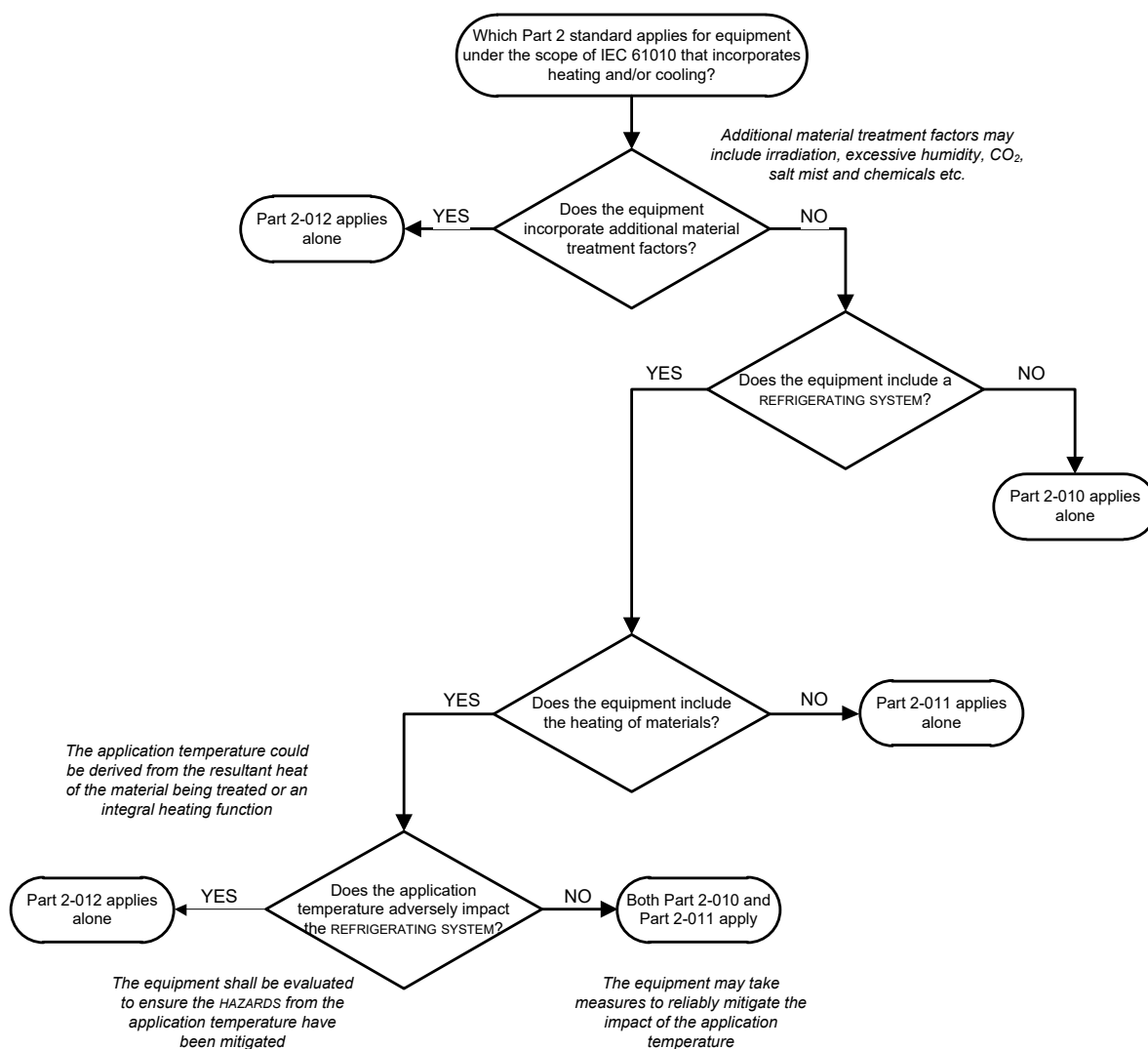
- The current draw of the equipment should be established when including the worst case running conditions of the REFRIGERATING SYSTEM including any defrost cycles that may apply.

The worst case conditions should be determined for the equipment and will include both the least favourable NORMAL USE conditions as well as the most unfavourable testing results under SINGLE FAULT CONDITIONS.



**Figure 101 – Schema of a REFRIGERATING SYSTEM incorporating a CONDENSER**

The selection process is illustrated in the following flow chart (see Figure 102).



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**Figure 102 – Flow chart illustrating the selection process**

## **SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR MEASUREMENT, CONTROL AND LABORATORY USE –**

### **Part 2-012: Particular requirements for climatic and environmental testing and other temperature conditioning equipment**

#### **1 Scope and object**

This clause of Part 1 is applicable except as follows:

##### **1.1.1 Equipment included in scope**

*Replacement:*

*Replace the first paragraph by the following:*

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This Part 2 of IEC 61010 specifies safety requirements for electrical equipment and their accessories within the categories a) through c), wherever they are intended to be used, whenever that equipment incorporates one or more of the following characteristics:

- A REFRIGERATING SYSTEM that is acted on or impacted by an integral heating function such that the combined heating and cooling system generates additional and/or more severe HAZARDS than those for the two systems if treated separately.
- The materials being treated in the intended application introduce significant heat into the REFRIGERATING SYSTEM that the cooling system in the application yield additional and/or more severe HAZARDS than those for the cooling system if operated at the maximum RATED ambient alone.
- An irradiation function for the materials being treated presenting additional HAZARDS.
- A function to expose the materials being treated to excessive humidity, carbon dioxide, salt mist, or other substances which may result in additional HAZARDS.
- A function of MECHANICAL MOVEMENT presenting additional HAZARDS.
- Provision for an OPERATOR to walk-in to the operating area to load or unload the materials being treated.

*Addition:*

*Add the following text after the last paragraph:*

NOTE 101 Examples of such equipment include environmental testing and plant growth TEST CHAMBERS, refrigerating CIRCULATORS which incorporate heating, recirculating coolers for extracting heat.

If all or part of the equipment falls within the scope of one or more other Part 2 standards of IEC 61010 as well as within the scope of this standard, it should also meet the requirements of those other Part 2 standards. However, when the equipment incorporates only a REFRIGERATING SYSTEM or only a heating function or a combination of the two without introducing additional HAZARDS described in the above dashed paragraphs then the application of IEC 61010-2-011 or IEC 61010-2-010 or both, as applicable, shall be considered instead of this Part 2.