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**Part 11: Equipment protection by intrinsic safety "i"**

**INTERPRETATION SHEET 2**

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**Background**

Table 22, "Rating and failure modes of PPTC devices used to limit current", includes ITRIP as a parameter requiring a safety factor of 1,0.

**Question 1**

Where Table 22 applies a safety factor of 1,0 for ITRIP, is external current limitation required to achieve the safety factor?