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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A current interrupting device includes: a current limiting element provided on a power supply path from a predetermined power supply to a load device, the current limiting element being configured to exhibit a current limiting action when current flowing the power supply path exceeds a first current threshold value; a current diversion path switch capable of switching on and off of an electric conduction of a current diversion path, the current diversion path switch being connected in parallel with the power supply path; and a controller configured to control on and off of the current diversion path switch, wherein, the controller is configured to: switch the current diversion path switch on from an off state when it is detected that current flowing the current limiting element is limited to a second current threshold value after the current flowing the current limiting element has exceeded the first current threshold value; and switch the current diversion path switch off again after a predetermined switched-on holding time has elapsed since the current diversion path switch has been switched on.