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## INTERNATIONAL ELECTROTECHNICAL COMMISSION

### Technical Committee 111: Environmental standardization for electrical and electronic products and systems

**Subject: TF SPB –Strategic Business Plan 2019-2020**

### DOCUMENT FOR COMMENTS **BY 26 January 2018**

TF SPB, Maintenance of Strategic Business Plan asks for input from National Committees on areas for standardization and specific standardization needs within the scope of TC111 to develop the 2019-2020 SBP

#### **Background:**

The TC111 Task Force SBP “Maintenance of Strategic Business Plan” was established in 2015 with instructions to update every 2 years the TC111 Strategic Business Plan (SBP), introducing a strategy and roadmap for TC111.

The Strategic Business Plan assists TC111 and National Committees in planning for future standardization activities. It helps TC111 to anticipate upcoming standardization needs, potential activities and resource requirements. The review of the SBP will be conducted during 2018 to prepare the 2019-2020 SBP; especially a review of what areas of environmental aspects should be supported with standardization by TC111.

#### **Task Force (TF) SBP Work Plan**

During 2018, the SBP Task Force will:

- collect comments from NCs, WGs and TF Experts and other related organizations such as ACEA. (early 2018)
- consolidate the comments (mid 2018), and
- develop an updated TC111 Strategic Business Plan (SBP 2019-2020). (end 2018)

The draft SBP 2019-2020 will be circulated to NCs for approval in June 2018. If editorial updates are needed these will be made during a TF SBP meeting (Busan, Korea) in Oct 2018 and then confirmed during the TC111 Plenary in Busan.

#### **Request for Comments:**

**NCs are asked to provide their technical and editorial comments on the current approved TC111 SBP (attached) and suggest new environmental topics that should be addressed. Please provide all suggestions for improvement during this commenting phase. A revised draft SBP 2019-2020 will be distributed for NC approval. The table format of the SBP prevents showing line numbers, so please specify the Clause and paragraph when making comments.**

#### **Aspects to consider in providing NC Comments:**

- Are there specific topics that need to be added, modified, replaced, or deleted in clauses A to G
- Are there additional environmental aspects and standardization categories that should be added or renamed/redefined
- In clause H, are there strategic objectives that should be considered for addition, modification or deletion
- In clause H, are there any additional or modified actions to support the strategic objectives
- NCs are welcome to provide comments on recommended target dates for the actions in clause H.



## [Document reference]

STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN (SBP)

IEC/TC OR SC: <b>TC 111</b>	SECRETARIAT: <b>ITALY</b>	DATE: <b>[TBD]</b>
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### A. STATE TITLE AND SCOPE OF TC

The title of TC 111 is Environmental Standardization for Electrical and Electronic Products and Systems.

The scope of TC111 is:

Standardization of environmental aspects concerns:

- To prepare the necessary guidelines, basic and horizontal standards, including technical reports, in the environmental area, in close cooperation with product committees of IEC, which remain autonomous in dealing with the environmental aspects relevant to their products;
- To liaise with product committees in the elaboration of environmental requirements of product standards in order to foster common technical approaches and solutions for similar problems and thus assure consistency in IEC standards;
- To liaise with ACEA and ISO/TC 207;
- To monitor closely the corresponding regional standardization activities worldwide in order to become a focal point for discussions concerning standardization;
- EMC and EMF aspects are excluded from the scope.

### B. MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE OF THE TC

TC 111 is made up of members from the national standards bodies of 37 countries, of which 24 are P-members and 13 are O-members. Members play a vital role in TC 111 standardization work.

TC 111 is chaired by Dr. Yoshi Ichikawa (JP). He has chaired the TC 111 committee since 1 July 2009. The TC 111 Chair represents the TC.

The TC 111 Secretary is Mr. Andrea Legnani (IT), who became Secretary in 2004 after the SMB approved the Italian NC proposal to set up a Technical Committee on Environmental Standardization for Electrical and Electronic Products and Systems. The Secretary is the Chief Executive Officer of TC 111 and is responsible for its day-to-day operations.

#### Standardization Teams

TC 111 contributes to improving the global environment by timely delivery of technical reports, specifications, and standards. TC 111 sets up standardization teams to address environmental issues over the next 5 years. The structure of TC 111 includes working groups (WGs), project teams (PTs), maintenance teams (MTs) and ad-hoc groups (AHGs) as needed. The committee also includes a validation team (VT) responsible for regular updates to the database portion of one of the standards and a task force (TF) responsible for maintaining the SBP. The structure of TC 111 is reviewed every three years and updated as needed in response to new and emerging technologies, changes in regulations and as the development of standards are completed.

Workgroups and teams preparing standardization documents related to chemical substances:

- WG3 Test methods of hazardous substances: to develop new and improved harmonized test methods for regulated substances.
- PT 63000 Technical documentation for the assessment of electrical and electronic products with respect to the restriction of hazardous substances: to develop standards and guidance for demonstration of due diligence for substance restriction conformity.
- PT 63031 Definition of Low Halogen Materials used in Electrical and Electronic Products: To develop "low halogen" definition TS or IS used in electrotechnical products.
- MT 62474 Maintenance team of IEC62474 Material Declaration: to revise IEC 62474 standard.
- VT 62474 Material Declaration for Products of and for the Electrotechnical Industry Database: to maintain and improve material declaration tools by performing two maintenance cycles per year to the IEC62474 declarable substance list and data exchange format.
- PT01: Study on the feasibility of harmonizing environmental performance criteria for electrical and electronic products

Workgroups and teams preparing standardization document related to Environmental Conscious Design (ECD):

- JWG ECD - 62959 Environmentally Conscious Design (ECD) - Principles, requirements and guidance linked to ISO/TC 207

To replace IEC 62430 (Environmentally Conscious Design for Electrical and Electronic Products) by joint work of IEC/TC 111 and ISO/TC 207.

TC 111 liaises with ACEA , ISO/TC 207, and other systems committees, product technical committees, and external organizations in the elaboration of environmental requirements of product standards in order to foster common technical approaches and solutions for similar problems and thus assure consistency in IEC standards. The list of TC 111 liaisons is provided on the IEC TC 111 dashboard.

### **C. BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT**

Environmental issues have become more and more important globally, especially regarding the impact on humans, ecosystems, climate change, energy and natural resource depletion. With the advent of global legally-binding agreements, such as the Paris COP21 conference to limit global warming, industry has committed to meeting ambitious environmental targets. In the electrotechnical industry specifically, the exponential growth in the use of electronic devices by individuals and industry is another key factor in the need to address the environmental issues with these devices. The range of environmental issues has widened and now includes the whole life cycle of these products. Accordingly, purchasing of products based on environmental performance and preference of EEE products is a significant growing factor for government, institutional and consumer purchasing. In response to these trends, legislation as well as voluntary initiatives from business and other organizations have been developed globally.

In the electrical and electronic equipment sector, the focus is on control of chemical substances, environmentally conscious design of products and systems (including resource and energy efficiency), and product waste management.

Moreover, material efficiency aspects relating to the circular economy are becoming an increasingly important topic. The European Union's Vision 2020 strategy is developing standards for a sustainable economy, with standardization around material efficiency and circular economy at its core. This will be an area to continue monitoring and assessing what the global response should be.

Reference to standards has been effective for assessing regulatory compliance and can also be equally effective in considering environmental aspects to applicable product life stages. Under the

above circumstances, it is strongly desired to provide all stakeholders including product committees (TCs/SCs) industry, and regulators with basic and horizontal environmental standards for electrical and electronic products and systems.

#### **D. MARKET DEMAND**

Customers of the standards and other deliverables developed by TC 111 are:

- technical committees of IEC, including experts who develop standards and other deliverables;
- organizations that manufacture and use electrical and electronic products and systems;
- suppliers to the electrotechnical industry;
- test and certification bodies, dealing with product certification and compliance assessment;
- waste treatment operators and WEEE recyclers;
- governments and other equivalent organisations, dealing with conformity assessment and/or setting up product conformity.

Avoiding inconsistency between standards on environmental specifications and guidelines is necessary for the market. This includes standards developed by product TCs/SCs. TC 111 provides TCs/SCs with basic and horizontal standards, including guidelines and technical reports in the environmental area.

#### **E. TRENDS IN TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE MARKET**

The progress of technologies, legal requirements and scientific data on environmental impacts have led to additional environmental requirements and opportunities. Examples include worldwide opportunities to establish harmonized international schemes to address

- energy saving effects made by energy-efficient products,
- life-cycle evaluation of GHG emission from products, and
- resource scarcity.

Trends in standardization include:

- A continuing shift of focus from a specific life cycle stage to the entire life cycle. This trend leads to supply-chain issues including information exchange, cooperation and management;
- Use of Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) methodologies and tools to evaluate the environmental impacts of products and processes across the entire life cycle;
- Environmental assessment scope is moving from a product to complete system solutions, such as addressing urbanization issues through infrastructures (e.g. Smart Cities).

The market will require further effective guidelines and standards since it is anticipated that laws and regulations in the environmental field will continue to diversify and expand.

The UN Conventions on Climate Change and Biodiversity and the abundance of regional regulations on recyclability and restriction of hazardous substance content in products demonstrate the growing demand for international standards in the environmental field.

IEC TC 111 has worked proactively regarding the standardization needs on environmental topics by publishing standards on hazardous substances, ecodesign and other relevant environmental topics. IEC TC 111 has started new work in response to standardization needs in the areas of recyclability and climate change. It is anticipated that there could be future environmental standardization needs associated with Resource Efficiency and Smart Cities concepts. IEC TC 111 would respond to such new and prospective business needs by providing expertise in

environmental aspects and impacts.

For economic growth, one must consider natural resource availability. This concept of “Resource Efficiency” is designed to maintain growth and promote good living standards globally in the face of resource depletion and cost increases. Governments are considering legislative frameworks to provide the economic conditions for an “environmentally-conscious economy”. These legislative frameworks include:

- Implementation of environmentally conscious design in products;
- Waste reduction and recycling requirements to boost a circular economy.

There are many emerging environmental performance programs (certifications, registries and logos) across different products and regions (e.g. EPEAT, ECOLOGO, Ecolabel, Eco Mark, The Blue Angel). The creation of these programs is driven by a market and regulatory environment that is trying to simplify the presentation of environmental performance. Such simplification and standardization of environmental performance is needed by purchasers and other stakeholders that are not experts in the evaluation of environmental aspects. The environmental assessment programs have generally been regional and many of the environmental performance criteria for these programs are inconsistent. The lack of standardization results in duplication of work and confusion within the market. There is growing market demand and industry demand for global harmonization of these criteria.

**F. SYSTEMS APPROACH ASPECTS (REFERENCE - AC/33/2013)**

TC 111 is not considered a system committee. A systems approach is not applicable.

**G. CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT**

TC 111 has published and/or is developing standardization documents that support conformity assessment of products and processes, such as:

- standards covering test methods for the determination of the levels of substances in materials/products (IEC 62321 series) in support of hazardous substances legislations world-wide
- guidance for evaluation of product with respect to substance-use restrictions and technical documentation requirements (IEC/TR 62476)
- standard for technical documentation for the assessment of products with respect to the restriction of hazardous substances (IEC 63000)
- standards related to exchange of information on hazardous materials in products (IEC 62474 database on material declaration)

The HSTS CB Scheme (Hazardous Substances) utilizes the IEC 62321 series of standards.

Due to the structuring potential of standards on (upcoming) environmental legislations, TC 111 standards have the potential to positively influence the harmonisation of requirements specified in legislation and with it conformity assessment worldwide.

**H. 3-5 YEAR PROJECTED STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES, ACTIONS, TARGET DATES**

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES 3-5 YEARS	ACTIONS TO SUPPORT THE STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES	TARGET DATE(S) TO COMPLETE THE ACTIONS
Develop new and improved harmonized test methods for regulated substances	Continue to develop new and improved harmonized test methods for regulated substances. New substances include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phthalate substances</li> <li>• Hexabromocyclododecane</li> </ul>	In progress – Expected mid 2018

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PAH</li> <li>• Fluorine and iodine</li> </ul>	
Maintain and improve material declaration tools for the electrotechnical industry	Maintenance of IEC62474 declarable substance list and data exchange format Revision of IEC 62474 standard	Two updates per year  In progress – Expected late 2018
Develop standards and guidance for demonstration of due diligence for substance restriction conformity	Develop IEC63000 standard for Technical documentation for the assessment of electrical and electronic products with respect to the restriction of hazardous substances	Publication October 2016
Provide definition of "low halogen" used in electrotechnical products	Develop IEC63031 low halogen definition	In progress – Expected late 2018
Joint ISO/IEC standard on Environmentally Conscious Design	Revision/Maintenance of IEC 62430 (Environmentally Conscious Design for Electrical and Electronic Products) per approved NWIP scope as ISO/IEC 62959	In progress – Expected early 2019
Develop minimum requirements for the collection, logistics and treatment of WEEE in order to minimize environmental impacts.	TC 111 to consider CENELEC offer of standards	TC 111 consideration - Oct 2018
Standardized methodologies and rules for carbon footprint calculation of EEE	This activity will involve multiple stages of standardization work: 1. Collect information from different-sector carbon footprint studies and pilot projects. The initial study phase should consider carbon footprint methodology, rules, and potential secondary data that is specific to EEE. 2. Implement next steps based on the review of the information collected. 3. After sufficient data is obtained, develop TS or IS for carbon footprint calculation methodology.	Not started – Medium priority
Environmental performance criteria that are consistent and compatible. (Develop a standardization document that specifies environmental performance criteria which are common across product sectors and may be harmonized for consistency. A set of rules for developing sector specific criteria that supplement the common criteria could be provided.)	Two step process: 1. Conduct study to assess feasibility of harmonized environmental performance criteria (publish the study results as TR) 2. If study concludes feasibility of developing harmonized environmental performance criteria, proceed to develop TS or IS	Step 1 (conduct study) is in progress. Target date for study report is 2019
Product Category Rules (PCRs) for full LCA of multiple environmental impacts to enable transparency for EPD development and improve comparability between different EPDs based on the same PCR.	1. Follow development of CENELEC PCR work and EU PEF Pilot. 2. Upon completion of above activities, consider results and develop course of action	Not started – Medium priority

<p>Standardization documents to assess and calculate Materials Efficiency for Circular Economy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Extending product lifetime (durability, upgradability)</li> <li>• Ability to access/remove components, consumables, assemblies to facilitate repair, remanufacturing and reuse</li> <li>• Re-use of components or recycle materials from products at EoL</li> <li>• Use of reused components and/or recycled materials in products</li> </ul>	<p>Follow development of CEN/CENELEC work.</p>	<p>Re-evaluate action plan in 2018</p>
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Note: The progress on the actions should be reported in the RSMB.