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FOREWORD

This publication has been approved by the Management Committee (MC) of the IECQ and subsequently approved by the IEC Conformity Assessment Board (CAB).

It cancels and replaces IECQ 01:2007, Second edition.

Major changes included in this revised version include:

- Clarification over the name of the IECQ as the IECQ System to align with common IEC terminology
- Scope of the IECQ System now clarified with the introduction of Annex C
- Clarification over the document types that may be used by the IECQ System, see Annex D
- Introduction of Annex E concerning Conditions for Scheme membership by non-IEC member countries
- The introduction of Clause 5.2 to permit Associate Member Countries of the IEC to join the IECQ System
- Others

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1 Title

The title of the System is "IEC Quality Assessment System for Electronic Components", hereinafter referred to as "the IECQ System" or "System".

The abbreviation is "IECQ".

2 Object

Taking into account the object of the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) as given in Article 2 of the Statutes, the particular object of the IECQ System, operated in conformity with the Statutes and under the authority of the IEC, is to facilitate international trade in electronic components of assessed quality, by providing a global framework for independent assessment and certification.

The object is achieved by the implementation of quality assessment procedures in such a manner that organisations, processes, and components certified as conforming to the requirements of an applicable standard or specification, are acceptable to all participants.

The IECQ System provides manufacturers with a "Supply chain verification tool" for seeking assurance that electronic components, assemblies, processes and related materials conform to declared technical Standards and Specifications.

3 Scope

The IECQ System is applicable to all electronic components, assemblies and related materials and processes for which quality assessment is required in standards and specifications approved for use in the IECQ System.

The IECQ System provides procedures for the quality assessment and certification of organisations, processes and components but does not give assurance of compliance with safety requirements of equipment using those components.

The full Scope of the IECQ System as approved by the IEC Conformity Assessment Board (CAB) is listed in Annex C.

In the IECQ System an applicable standard or specification denotes a standard or specification which is in accordance with clause 11.