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General Requirements for the Acceptance of IECQ Certification Bodies
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FOREWORD

This publication has been prepared by the Management Committee (MC) of the IECQ.

This publication is directly related to Publication IECQ 01 containing the Basic Rules of the IECQ System and is a representation of the IECQ CB requirements contained in IECQ OD 101 in order to elevate the CB requirement to a Rules and Procedure document, as agreed to during the 2010 IECQ MC meeting in Stevenson USA.

INTRODUCTION

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 organizations, 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.

These Rules of Procedure set out the application, assessment and surveillance process for bodies seeking to be accepted and maintain acceptance as IECQ Certification Bodies (IECQ CBs). These Rules of Procedure are to be used in conjunction with the IECQ Basic Rules, IECQ 01.

For existing IECQ CBs seeking an extension of scope to cover other IECQ Programmes, form IECQ MC/130/Q shall be completed and submitted to the IECQ Secretariat.

While these Rules of Procedure contain general assessment procedures for the qualification of IECQ CBs, additional requirements beyond those covered here may apply for the respective IECQ Certification Schemes. Such additional requirements are detailed in the relevant Scheme’s Rules of Procedure, e.g. IECQ 03-5.

Further information concerning these procedures or any other aspect of the IECQ System, may be obtained by contacting the IECQ Secretariat as follows:

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1 Scope

This publication contains the general assessment procedures for the qualification of IECQ Certification Bodies (CBs) to enable their participation in the various Schemes of the IECQ System.

2 Normative references

The following publications contain provisions, which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of these Rules. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. The IECQ Management Committee shall decide the timetable for the introduction of revised editions of the publications.

IECQ 01, *IEC Quality Assessment System for Electronic Components (IECQ System) – Basic Rules*

IECQ OD 010 V1, *Qualification Criteria for Assessors and Lead Assessors according to IECQ (third-party assessment)*

QC 001002-2, *IEC Quality Assessment System for Electronic Components (IECQ System) – Rules of Procedure – Part 2: Documentation*

QC 001002-2 Amendment 1, *IEC Quality Assessment System for Electronic Components (IECQ-CECC) – Rules of Procedure – Part 2: Documentation*

ISO/IEC 17000, *Conformity assessment – Vocabulary and general principles*

ISO/IEC Guide 65, *General requirements for bodies operating product certification systems*

ISO 14001, *Environmental management systems – Requirements with guidance for use*

ISO/IEC 17025, *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*

ISO 9001, *Quality management systems – Requirements*