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## INTRODUCTION

Repeatable and comparable evaluations of the security program according to IEC 62443-2-4<sup>1</sup> require a common understanding for acceptable evaluation criteria and conformance evidence.

This document supports service providers and evaluators to do a conformity assessment by evaluating the security program against the requirements of IEC 62443-2-4.

This document specifies the evaluation methodology to support interested parties, for example during conformity assessment activities to achieve repeatable and reproducible evaluation results against IEC 62443-2-4 requirements.

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<sup>1</sup> Throughout the document, when reference is being made to IEC 62443-2-4 (undated), this means IEC 62443-2-4:2015 and IEC 62443-2-4:2015/AMD1:2017 (Ed.1). A consolidated version of IEC 62443-2-4 is available.

## SECURITY FOR INDUSTRIAL AUTOMATION AND CONTROL SYSTEMS –

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#### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62443 specifies the evaluation methodology to support interested parties (e.g. during conformity assessment activities) to achieve repeatable and reproducible evaluation results against IEC 62443-2-4 requirements. This document is intended for first-party, second-party or third-party conformity assessment activity, for example by product suppliers, service providers, asset owners and conformity assessment bodies.

NOTE 1 62443-2-4 specifies requirements for security capabilities of an IACS service provider. These security capabilities can be offered as a security program during integration and maintenance of an automation solution.

NOTE 2 The term “conformity assessment” and the terms first-party conformity assessment activity, second-party conformity assessment activity and third-party conformity assessment activity are defined in ISO/IEC 17000.

#### 2 Normative references

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IEC 62443-2-4:2015, *Security for industrial automation and control systems – Part 2-4: Security program requirements for IACS service providers*

IEC 62443-2-4:2015/AMD1:2017