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INTRODUCTION

The restriction of substances in electrical and electronic products is a growing focus of regulation and customer specifications. Producers, therefore, have a greater need to establish processes to meet the substance restrictions requirements in such electrical and electronic products. Due to the complexity of the electrical and electronic industry supply chain, a flexible framework is necessary for the many different types of electrical and electronic product parts and equipment producers.

Criteria for the restriction of substances may differ from one piece of legislation to another and from one customer's requirement to another.

Generally, "presumption of conformity" is assumed. However, in the event of additional evidence being required, producers make relevant documentation available to interested parties. This documentation can be based on physical testing using analytical techniques. However, it is difficult to perform comprehensive analytical testing on complex products and therefore several different evaluation methods, such as information from the supply chain, may be needed.

The aim of this technical report is to provide guidance on the application and limitation of evaluation methods, and associated technical documentation, based on International Standards and industry practices.

The application of appropriate evaluation methods is defined by a producer for a specific product. This technical report provides the basis for a restricted substance control framework.

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1 Scope

IEC/TR, which is a technical report, provides a framework for the use of internationally accepted standards, tools and practices to evaluate electrical and electronic products with respect to restricted substances. This technical report can also be applied to declarable substances which are not restricted in electrical and electronic products.

This technical report provides guidance on how technical documentation and relevant evaluation and control methods should be selected and applied for restricted or declarable substances of any producer's product.

It is not intended for setting a new management scheme or for certification purposes. Evaluation and control methods for substances in products can be integrated into an existing management system, where available.

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