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## INTRODUCTION

Recently, along with a variety of other expanding electronic technology applications, one in particular has gained a lot of attention from different angles. It is referred to as "wearable electronics". As the name of this new application implies, unlike other electronic technologies, these are to be attached or applied directly to the human body, such as traditional eyewear. Due to the particular characteristics of the human body, such as flexibility, this new technology requires a variety of new and unique capabilities, which other electronics applications do not need.

In order to realise such applications, electronic technologies are evolving in many areas. One area of special interest in electronic technology is a new process for producing devices themselves, called "printed electronics". Unlike conventional production processes called "subtractive processes", which use subtracting techniques to produce functional devices, printed electronics (PE) use an additive process using additional techniques by putting functional materials onto base materials.

Since these electronic technologies are new and rapidly evolving, there are no established means for their evaluation. This Technical Report intends to resolve this situation from certain angles and give some guidance for future standardization work in wearable electronics.

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#### **1 Scope**

This part of IEC 62899, which is a Technical Report (TR), explores a new technological field to establish standardization activities in TC 119 (Printed electronics) in particular, and to contribute to the development and market expansion of wearable smart device (WSD) technology.

#### **2 Normative references**

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