



# HEAD OF DELEGATION (HoD) REPORT

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- ❖ To report results of a TC/SC meeting to the related TAG
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- ❖ To suggest areas for possible development of featured articles
- ❖ To address specific challenges and concerns that the HoD may bring to the attention of related ANSI and/or USNC/IEC management

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Meeting of IEC TC121: Switchgear and Controlgear and their Assemblies for Low-Voltage  
(Designation/Title)

Date(s) 14 October 2016

Location: Frankfurt, Germany

<b>1.</b>	<b>MEETING ATTENDANCE</b>
<p>Please indicate, if available, both the number of delegates and the countries represented at the Meeting:</p> <p><b>There were approximately 40 delegates attending the meeting from the following countries: Canada, China, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Republic of Korea, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, USA.</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Meeting attendance roster and meeting resolutions attached, if available</p> <p>Please comment on significant or unusual attendance issues (e.g., new member bodies, regular members not in attendance, new Chairman or Secretariat, non-accredited U.S. persons, etc.).</p> <p>n/a</p>	
<b>MEETING OBSERVATIONS</b>	
<b>2.</b>	<b>Overall, how well did the U.S. meet its objectives on policy or technical matters?</b>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Very Successful -- U.S. positions were accepted in whole</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Successful -- Compromises were reached which are acceptable to the U.S.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Successful -- U.S. positions were not accepted</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<b>Please comment on any issues of significance which might have an impact upon materially affected or interested U.S. parties.</b>
<p>- in one discussion it was noted that a goal of the committee is to publish TC 63058 that addresses Environmentally Conscious Design principles, and eco-design, and will serve as an industry resource concerning environmental impact. There will also be specific product rules, material declaration guidance, End-of-Life information and resources efficiency aspects.</p> <p>- the concept of risk assessment of standards was discussed with respect to IEC Guide 116, where the evaluation is mandated by the EU but the guide itself is optional. It was noted that the assessments are generally not published but could be made available. Also, it was pointed out that the analysis typically leads to proposed revisions to address concerns.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Was there any discussion for which the United States was unprepared? (e.g., late document distribution, addition of new items, etc.)</b>
no	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Did the U.S. extend an offer to assume any new TC/SC Secretariat or management positions?</b>
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>(If yes, please indicate which position and provide Officer contact information.)</p>	
<b>6.</b>	<b>Did the U.S. extend an offer to host any future TC/SC meetings?</b>

Yes  
If yes, please identify:

X No

7.	<p><b>Were any new issues raised which require, or might involve, coordination with other U.S. bodies? (Include coordination items with other U.S. TAGs, ANSI policy-level committees (AIF, AIC, the USNC TMC and/or Council, etc.)</b></p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  <b>If yes, please identify:</b></p>
8.	<p><b>Did the U.S. put forth/agree to put forth any New Work Items?</b></p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  <b>If yes, please identify:</b></p>
9.	<p><b>Was there any evidence of irregular voting by participating countries?</b></p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  <b>If yes, please identify any significant issues or concerns:</b></p>
10.	<p><b>Are work items in the TC or SC being affected by related work in regional standards bodies (e.g., CEN, CENELEC, ETSI, PASC, NAFTA, COPANT, etc.)?</b></p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> No related regional activity  <b>If yes, please explain:</b></p>
11.	<p><b>Were any new issues raised which require, or might involve, coordination with emerging market countries?</b></p>
	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <b>If yes, please explain:</b>  <b>Issues related to environmental concepts being adopted in emerging markets could impact the acceptance of standards under this committee.</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Were any issues raised which relate to or impact existing U.S. regulatory matters?</b></p>
	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  <b>If yes, please explain:</b></p>
13.	<p><b>Please identify any IMMEDIATE U.S. TAG actions which will be required as a result of this international meeting.</b></p>
	<p>n/a</p>

14.	Please identify specific decisions which the U.S. delegation believes to be noteworthy for publication, publicity and/or development of a future article. If there are any, would you be willing to help develop an article for publication?
	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
15.	What might be done to further promote the ANSI Federation's goal of "global standards that reflect U.S. interests?" (Consider such issues as how might the U.S. further promote acceptance of related American National Standards in international and, where applicable, regional fora?)
	<p>Generally, US concerns are addressed by the committee in recognition of the expanding adoption of IEC standards for US domestic certification and of the size of the US market.</p>
16.	Has this report been provided to your TAG Administrator for US TAG distribution?
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
17.	Do you have any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the ISO/IEC Directives, including the IEC Supplement? n/a <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
18.	Other Comments
	n/a

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