IPC Standardization

Case Study of the Consensus Process David W. Bergman, VP International Relations



IPC Overview

- Founded in 1957 as the Institute of Printed Circuits with 6 Member Companies
- Strong Foundation as Technical Organization Dedicated to Meeting Industry Needs
- Focus on Design, PCB Manufacturing and Electronics Assembly



IPC Membership Type

2,771 Member Companies

PCB Manufacturers 282 (10%)
EMS Companies 645 (23%)
Suppliers 707 (26%)
OEMS 888 (32%)
Government/Others 249 (9%)

As of: December 31, 2010

Membership Location

Members located in 56 Countries

- 73% North America
- 12% Asia
- 13% Europe
- 2% Other



IPC Technical Committees

- 26 General Committees
- 200 Subcommittees and Task Groups
 - Consist of industry peers
 - Started writing standards in 1959
 - ANSI recognized since 1981
 - Managed by Technical Activities Executive Committee (TAEC)



IPC and ANSI

- IPC's procedures were reviewed by ANSI and approved in 1981
- IPC procedures are audited by ANSI every 5 years
- IPC's focus is NOT to write American standards but rather Global standards with best standards development practices



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ANSI's key philosophy points

- Open, fair, equal, transparency
- Any individual can challenge the group
- Ensures a documented process, and that all comments receive response
- Documents successfully passed through this process represent an industry consensus



ANSI Requirements

- Documents must be supported
 - Reviewed or revised every 5 years
 - Official interpretation/clarification of intent
- IPC supports this with staff, chairmen, email forums and committee experts
- In China <u>TgAsia@ipc.org</u> is actively used for manufacturing support and standards questions



IPC Standards and Environmental Legislation



Maximum Concentration Values

 Maximum Concentration Values (MCVs) established by Technical Advisory Committee

Lead	0.1 %		
Mercury	0.1 %		
Cadmium	0.01%		
Hexavalent Chromium	0.1 %		
Penta-, Octa- and DecaBDE	0.1 %		
PBBs	0.1 %		

 De-minimis concentrations or maximum concentration value (MCV) defined at the homogeneous materials level



RoHS Additional Substances for Restriction

Commission

- Oko Institute hired to study need for additional substance restrictions
- Draft Oko report called for broad restriction of organo-halogens and many other compounds
- IPC workshop and lobbying



IPC Advocacy

- TBBPA has undergone a comprehensive EU risk assessment that determined it to be safe for the environment and human health
- Is not expected to be restricted under REACH
- Precedent of restricting a substance for political instead of scientific reasons
- Additional substance restriction under RoHS should be based on scientific methodology instead of continuing arbitrary substance restrictions
- Should Align RoHS and REACH methodologies



RoHS Additional Substances for Restriction

EU Commission

- No Substances proposed for immediate restriction
- Four REACH Substances of Very High Concern (SVHCs) recommended for "Priority Assessment"
 - HBCDD (Hexabromocyclododecane)
 - DEHP (Bis (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate)
 - BBP (Butyl benzyl phthalate)
 - DBP (Dibutyl phthalate)
- **TBBPA** not included as a result of IPC lobbying



Drivers for Removal of Halogens

- Concern by some stakeholders over environmental and human health impacts
- Certain BFRs are toxic (PBBs, PBDEs)
 - Structural similarities between many BFRs and Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs),
 - Precautionary principle applied to all BFRs
- EOL combustion byproducts
 - Incomplete combustion of halogens creates dioxin
 - Prevalent in uncontrolled burning



Drivers for Removal of Halogens

- Strong Opposition to BFRs by Environmental Groups
- Marketing campaign targeting computer manufacturers
 - Computer Takeback
 - Silicon Valley Toxics
 - Greenpeace





Drivers for Removal of Halogens

- OEMs now seeking "halogen-free" solutions/ pushing down their supply chains
- Major OEMs announce elimination of bromine
 - Apple (PVC and BFR by the end of 2008)
 - Dell (BFR 2009)
 - HP (BFR and PVC 2009)



JEP-709 – A Guideline for Defining Low-Halogen Solid State Devices

Curtis Grosskopf IBM Corp. Chairman, JEDEC JC14.4



Impetus for a document

- Existing IPC 4101 and IEC 61249-2 documents, but their scope only covered PCB Laminates
- Possibility of legislation restricting use of brominated and chlorinated flame retardants (BFRs & CFRs) as well as polyvinyl chloride (PVC).
- Availability and growing use of 'halogen free' flame retardants and other materials in certain electronic products & components
- Diverging definitions of 'halogen-free' & 'green'



Background on effort for joint document

- Joint IPC/JEDEC document: J-STD-709
 - IPC Task Group 4-33a
 - JEDEC JC14.4 committee
- Joint working group formed 2007,
 - Co-chairs:
 - Stephen Tisdale Intel
 - Scott O'Connell (formerly) Dell
 - Very large participation from all areas of the electronics industry



Background on effort for joint document

- Original scope of document
 - Covered all uses of chlorine (CI) and bromine (Br)
 - Applied at a homogeneous material level
 - 'All materials and parts' used in electronic equipment
 - Mechanical plastics
 - Cables
 - Printed circuit boards
 - Electronic components
 - Connectors
 - Films, adhesives, tapes
 - Vibration dampening parts
 - Solder fluxes
 - Same threshold definitions (900ppm) as used by IPC 4101, IEC 61249-2, and JPCA-ES-01-1999.



Main points of debate within working group

- What is the threshold limit applied to?
 - Homogenous material
 - Alignment with EU RoHS
 - Article
 - Alignment with EU REACH
 - Component
 - Alignment with IPC terms and definitions
- Final decision was to apply threshold to all plastic materials in the product.



Main points of debate within working group

- Proposed multiple tier approach
 - Elemental
 - Ease of verification
 - BFRs, CFRs, and PVC
 - Alignment with environmental and health concerns
 - Alignment with possible legislation
- Final decision was single tier approach and only cover BFRs, CFRs, and PVC.



End of joint working group

- IPC membership divided on document
 - No IPC ballot ever had enough 'Yes' votes to pass
 - A group of IPC voting members did not believe in the need of this document, and stated they would always vote 'No' on every ballot
 - Co-chairs agreed to step down, but no volunteers
- JEDEC membership had approved all ballots
- IPC agreed to allow JEDEC to release the document as a 'JEDEC only' publication.
- Sept. 2009, JC14.4 agreed to solely own JEP-709



IPC 175x Standard V1.1 and V2.0 comparisons

Date: 20 Jul 2010

Co-Chairs: Eric Simmon - NIST Mark Frimann – Texas Instruments



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IPC 175x Advantages Over Current Data Request Formats



0 <u>Current methods for data requests</u>

There are almost as many different types of forms as there are customers needing data

0 Using the IPC 175x format allows 2 ways to exchange data

- Customer sending the form and Supplier fills in data (return form or XML data)
- Automation possible by using it as a data translator from Supplier database to Customer database
 - Supplier uploads data being requested Customer down loads information into their database



1752-1 Class 4 – V1.x, page

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175x V2.0 Updates – major change

- Move from Adobe solution to 3rd party solutions
 - XML schema supported by 3rd party suppliers
- Full System Approach

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- Move from one form/expression (1752) to sectional solutions
 - 1751: Business information and Basic Declaration Requirements
 - Supplier / Requestor info
 - Legal statements and "signature"
 - Component name(s) & weight(s)
 - » Support multiple parts
 - Modules available (1752 A, B, C and/or D, 1756, etc.)
 - 1752: Material Declaration
 - Level A = Yes/No ===> was Class 1 & 2
 - » Type of declaration (EU, China, REACH and/or others)
 - Level B = Material Group Level (NEW)
 - Level C = Product Level (JIG-101) ===> was Class 3 & 4
 - Level D = Material Level (Substances) ===> was Class 5 & 6
 - 1756: Manufacturing information (in approval cycle)
 - Was a part of Class 2, Class 4 & Class 6

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Conclusion

- IPC1752 v1 provided industry with the much needed ability to report material composition data at a critical time
- IPC1752 v2 is the next generation declaration and provides more flexible approach including
 - Multiple parts
 - Tool independent data exchange
 - Electronic signature
 - More regulations (not EU RoHS centric)
- V2.0 released 24 Mar 2010



Thank you

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