

IECRE

IEC System for Certification to Standards Relating to Equipment for Use in Renewable Energy Applications

SCOPE: RENEWABLE ENERGY

IECRE covers design, performance, and safety for a wide array of equipment and components used in renewable energy (RE) technology and project development, including the wind turbine, solar photovoltaic (PV), and marine energy sectors. IECRE Certification Bodies (RECBs), Inspection Bodies (REIBs), and Test Laboratories (RETLs) are engaged in the peer assessment process to ensure mutual recognition of all System deliverables. The IECRE strives to ensure that components or devices tested in one member country will not have to be retested in another, if the relevant national differences have been taken into account. As a result, approval and certification at the national level (i.e., market entry) are greatly facilitated while perceived risk is significantly reduced.

IECRE Certificates Will Improve Confidence

As the RE industry continues to grow, IECRE Certificates and deliverables (Test Reports, Conformity Statements, etc.) will serve as proof of compliance to consensus-based International Standards. Investors, insurers, and project developers will be more confident funding the installation of RE equipment carrying an IECRE Certificate.

USNC/IECRE

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USNC and CAPCC

An Introduction

The **International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC)** is a leading global organization that publishes consensus-based International Standards and manages conformity assessment systems for electric and electronic products, systems, and services, collectively known as electrotechnology.

The **U.S. National Committee of the International Electrotechnical Commission (USNC/IEC)** serves as the focal point for U.S. interests in international electrotechnical standards, conformity assessment, and other related matters. As the nation's representative to the IEC, the USNC also serves as the conduit for all U.S. technical and policy contributions into the IEC system and related regional standardization organizations such as the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC), the Pan American Standards Commission (COPANT), and the Pacific Area Standards Congress (PASC).

The **USNC Conformity Assessment Policy Coordination Committee (CAPCC)** coordinates USNC positions on electrotechnical conformity assessment (CA) issues which are specifically related to, or impact the IEC global agenda. The CAPCC has the responsibility to ensure that, when such issues are identified, USNC consensus positions are developed and represented in appropriate national, regional, and international CA groups.

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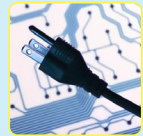


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An Introduction to IEC Conformity Assessment Systems in the United States

IEC CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT SYSTEM SCHEMES and USNC ENGAGEMENT

IECEE IEC System of Conformity Assessment Schemes for Electrotechnical Equipment and Components



SCOPE: ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT – SAFETY AND PERFORMANCE

IECEE covers safety and performance for a wide variety of equipment and components used in homes, offices, workshops, healthcare facilities, and more. IECEE Certification Body (CB) Test Certificates are mutually recognized by all IEC members. A product that has been tested in one member market will usually not have to be retested in another, if the relevant national differences have been taken into account. As a result, approval and certification at the national level is greatly facilitated.



IECEE Certificates Open Markets

In some countries, IECEE CB Test Certificates and Test Reports are accepted as proof of compliance to regulatory requirements. As a result, many retailers, buyers, and vendors are happy to import electrical goods carrying an IECEE Test Certificate.

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IECEX IEC System for Certification to Standards Relating to Equipment for Use in Explosive Atmospheres



SCOPE: HAZARDOUS ENVIRONMENTS

IECEX covers the highly specialized field of explosion protection associated with the installation and use of equipment where flammable gases or vapors and combustible dusts or flyings may be present. This system includes the assessment and certification of Ex equipment and services covered by IEC Standards for explosive atmospheres, and competence of Ex personnel working with explosive atmospheres.

IECEX Is Recognized by the UN

The United Nations, via the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), recommends the IEC and IECEX as the world's best practice model for the verification of conformity to International Standards. UNECE published a "Common Regulatory Framework" encompassing the use of IEC International Standards developed by IEC TC Technical Committee (TC) 31, *Equipment for explosive atmospheres*, with proof of compliance demonstrated by IECEX.

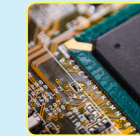
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IECQ IEC Quality Assessment System for Electronic Components



SCOPE: ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS, PROCESSES, AND MATERIALS

IECQ ensures the safety and reliability of electronic components used in the IT industry, avionics, and more. IECQ's dedicated schemes issue Component Certificates, providing verification of compliance with specifications, and Process Certificates, providing assurance that related processes maintain the integrity of components. IECQ also operates **dedicated schemes** for: **avionics**, giving airframe manufacturers the ability to assess and control suppliers; **hazardous substance process management**, to ensure electrical/electronic equipment across the supply chain is hazardous substance-free; **automotive qualification**, for standardized component testing of reliability and performance in the automotive industry; **LED lighting**, for testing and certification of all related electronic components, modules, and assemblies; and **e-labelling**, for counterfeit avoidance activity related to items such as integrated circuits (ICs) and parenteral drugs.

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