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QUALITY SYSTEM FOR PV MODULE MANUFACTURING**

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TERRESTRIAL PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) MODULES – QUALITY SYSTEM FOR PV MODULE MANUFACTURING

1. Scope

This document is applicable to organizations manufacturing photovoltaic (PV) modules certified to IEC 61215 series and IEC 62108 for design qualification and type approval and IEC 61730 for safety qualification. The design qualification and type approval of PV modules depend on appropriate methods for product and process design, as well as appropriate control of materials and processes used to manufacture the product. This document lays out best practices for product design, manufacturing processes, and selection and control of materials used in the manufacture of PV modules that have met the requirements of IEC 61215 series and IEC 61730. These standards also form the basis for factory audit criteria of such sites by various certifying and auditory bodies.

The object of this document is to provide a framework for the improved confidence in the ongoing consistency of performance and reliability of certified PV modules. The requirements of this document are defined with the assumption that the quality management system of the organization has already fulfilled the requirements of ISO 9001 or equivalent quality management system. This document is not intended to replace or remove any requirements of ISO 9001 or equivalent quality management system. By maintaining a manufacturing system in accordance with this document, PV modules are expected to maintain their performance as determined from the test sequences in IEC 61215 series and IEC 61730.

NOTE: Reference to IEC 61730 means reference to both parts 1 and 2.

This document is applicable to all PV modules independent of design and technology, i.e. flat panel, concentrator photovoltaic (CPV). Quality controls for CPV and nonconventional flat-plate manufacturing will differ somewhat from those of more conventional designs; this document has not considered these differences.

2. Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

IEC 60812: *Failure modes and effects analysis (FMEA and FMECA)*

IEC 60891, *Photovoltaic devices – Procedure for temperature and irradiance corrections to measured I-V characteristics*

IEC 60904-1, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 1: Measurement of photovoltaic current-voltage characteristics*

IEC 60904-2, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 2: Requirements for photovoltaic reference devices*

IEC 60904-3, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 3: Measurement principles for terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) solar devices with reference spectral irradiance data*

IEC 60904-4, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 4: Reference solar devices – Procedures for establishing calibration traceability*

43 IEC 60904-7, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 7: Computation of the spectral mismatch correction*
 44 *for measurements of photovoltaic devices*

45 IEC 60904-9, *Photovoltaic devices – Part 9: Solar simulator performance requirements*

46 *IEC TR 60904-14, Photovoltaic devices - Part 14: Guidelines for production line measurements*
 47 *of single-junction PV module maximum power output and reporting at standard test conditions*

48 IEC 61215 (all parts), *Terrestrial photovoltaic (PV) modules – Design qualification and type*
 49 *approval*

50 *IEC 61340-5-1, Electrostatics - Part 5-1: Protection of electronic devices from electrostatic*
 51 *phenomena - General requirements*

52 IEC 61730-1, *Photovoltaic (PV) module safety qualification – Part 1: Requirements for*
 53 *construction*

54 IEC 61730-2, *Photovoltaic (PV) module safety qualification – Part 2: Requirements for testing*

55 IEC TS 61836, *Solar photovoltaic energy systems – Terms, definitions and symbols*

56 IEC 61853-1, *Photovoltaic (PV) module performance testing and energy rating – Part 1:*
 57 *Irradiance and temperature performance measurements and power rating*

58 IEC 62108, *Concentrator photovoltaic (CPV) modules and assemblies – Design qualification*
 59 *and type approval*

60 IEC 62759-1, *Photovoltaic (PV) modules – Transportation testing – Part 1: Transportation and*
 61 *shipping of module package units*

62 IEC TS 62915, *Photovoltaic (PV) modules – Type approval, design and safety qualification –*
 63 *Retesting*

64 ISO/IEC Guide 98-3, *Uncertainty of measurement – Part 3: Guide to the expression of*
 65 *uncertainty in measurement*

66 ISO 9001:2015, *Quality management systems – Requirements*

67 **3.Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms**

68 For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC TS 61836 and the
 69 following apply.

70 ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following
 71 addresses:

- 72 • IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- 73 • ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

74 **3.1**

75 **containment**

76 action taken to protect the customer from the effect of a harmful situation

77 Note 1 to entry: Containment may include correcting an existing situation or adding additional screening or retesting.

78 **3.2**
79 **control plan**
80 documented description of the systems and processes, and controls required for maintaining
81 the product and process quality as well as reaction to non-conformance

82 **3.3**
83 **customer**
84 end user, investor, installer who purchases modules from the organization for their own use

85 **3.4**
86 **design lifetime**
87 design target period during which PV modules are expected to safely satisfy the specified
88 performance under the specified conditions

89 Note 1 to entry: Specified conditions include application of use, installation environment configurations and
90 operation conditions of the PV module in use. The design target period is set considering changes in performance of
91 PV modules due to aging degradation of parts and materials used in the stated environment.

92 **3.5**
93 **Design Failure Mode and Effects Analysis**
94 **DFMEA**
95 application of the Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA) method specifically to design
96 activities related to the product/service

97 **3.6**
98 **Define, Measure, Analyse, Improve, Control**
99 **DMAIC**
100 data-driven quality strategy for improving processes and an integral part of a Six Sigma quality
101 initiative

102 **3.7**
103 **Electrostatic discharge**
104 **ESD**
105 transfer of electric charge between bodies of different electric potential in proximity or through
106 direct contact

107 Note 1 to entry: Electrostatic discharge (ESD) events are known to damage semiconductor devices such as diodes.

108 **3.8**
109 **Failure, Modes and Effects Analysis**
110 **FMEA**
111 document that defines the design, process, or solution with requirements and includes potential
112 modes, causes and severity of effects of failure, along with an evaluation of the likelihood of
113 their occurrence and ease of detection

114 Note 1 to entry: FMEA provides a mechanism to prioritize the risks and take appropriate mitigation steps.

115 **3.9**
116 **key materials**
117 those materials that affect safety, reliability, product performance, or lifetime of the PV module

118 Note 1 to entry: Key materials may include indirect materials. Those materials which are used during the
119 manufacturing process of PV modules, but are not found in the end product. In most chemical processes, catalyzers
120 are indirect materials.

121 **3.10**
122 **key process**
123 processes that need special attention to ensure designed safety, reliability, product
124 performance and/or lifetime of the PV module