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INTRODUCTION

Secondary batteries, such as secondary lithium, nickel cadmium (Ni-Cd) and nickel-metal hydride cells and batteries, consume a large amount of non-renewable resources like copper, manganese, lithium, and nickel. In addition to that, Ni-Cd cells and batteries include hazardous material like cadmium as a negative electrode. Nevertheless, there is no international environmental standard for secondary batteries.

The primary purpose of this document is to contribute to improving environmental sustainability by providing:

a) basic consideration and information relating to the environmental aspects and environmental impact of secondary cells and batteries;

b) basic guidance for the collection and recycling of secondary cells and batteries;

c) basic guidance for environmental impact assessment across all life cycle stages for the designing and manufacturing of secondary cells and batteries;

d) useful information for interested parties regarding regulations on secondary cells and batteries.

Additionally various countries and regions have their own environmental regulations for secondary cells and batteries. These differing regulations could lead to trade barriers in the future. Therefore, the secondary purpose of this document is to avoid potential trade barrier issues by providing countries and regions that lack secondary battery collection and recycling regulations with guidance with which they can establish harmonized standardization with the international standard.

This document is not intended to be applied for the certification of specific products.

This document provides guidance and recommendations for the collection, recycling, environmental impact assessment, including design, manufacturing, transportation, storage and disposal of secondary cells and batteries.

Collection and recycling are activities that are conducted across national borders. Therefore, international standards are necessary in addition to transport regulations.

The expected users of this document are:

1) cell and battery manufacturers, end-product manufacturers, recycling organizations, transport organizations and distributors;

2) national, regional, and local authorities that establish the regulation of the collection and recycling, environmental impact assessment, including design, manufacturing, transportation, storage and disposal of secondary cells and batteries;

3) national, regional, and local authorities that revise the regulation of the collection and recycling, environmental impact assessment, including design, manufacturing, transportation, storage and disposal of secondary cells and batteries.

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1 Scope

This document provides requirements and recommendations on environmental aspects of secondary lithium, nickel cadmium and nickel-metal hydride cells and batteries for portable applications (hereafter referred to as “relevant secondary cells and batteries”).

Relevant secondary cells and batteries are specified within the scopes of IEC 61960-3, IEC 61960-4, IEC 61951-1, and IEC 61951-2.

NOTE Portable applications are defined in IEC 61960-3 as comprising hand-held equipment, transportable equipment, and movable equipment. See IEC 61960-3 for examples.

This document is not intended to be applied to batteries embedded in end-use products. Once the embedded battery is removed from an end-use product, this document becomes applicable to it.

The safety and control circuits as well as cases associated with relevant secondary batteries, except for those forming part of an end-use product, are covered by this document as parts of the relevant secondary batteries.

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IEC 62902, *Secondary cells and batteries – Marking symbols for identification of their chemistry*

ISO 7000, *Graphical symbols for use on equipment – Registered symbols*
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