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## INTRODUCTION

Dependability is the ability to perform as and when required. Dependability has many attributes but is usually characterized in terms of reliability, maintainability, supportability (including maintenance and support) and availability. These attributes are subject to change over the life cycle and can benefit from regular review.

Benefits of dependability review throughout the life cycle include:

- discovering and mitigating or eliminating weaknesses in the early life cycle stages before they manifest as dependability problems in later stages;
- identifying and treating problems which might occur later in the life cycle, and providing feedback to prevent their recurrence and to adapt systems to changes in environment and other factors;
- providing assurance of dependability and of the systems and processes that aim to achieve dependability;
- continually improving the dependability of the system in order to maintain or improve a commercial advantage.

Systems are becoming increasingly complex and constantly changing. This raises specific problems that need attention. Systems are changing in the following ways. A system is often developed, and/or utilized, in organizations across national borders and industry sectors. Changes such as legislation affecting one country or industry sector may necessitate a change to the system. System requirements can also change over time as technology, environmental conditions and societal demands change.

Dependability reviews are mainly used for large systems, but even small products such as mobile phones are complicated systems that may require dependability reviews.

Organizations involved in different parts of the life cycle might not be able to share a common purpose. For example, an engineering design company during the development and realization stages may not be able to fully anticipate the needs of stakeholders at the utilization stage. More generally, it is becoming increasingly difficult to predict at some earlier stage potential dependability problems that can occur at a later life cycle stage. Dependability reviews carried out at appropriate points during the life cycle can assist in addressing all of the above issues.

This document provides guidance on dependability reviews as part of an organization's technical review processes. It provides a coherent set of principles for dependability reviews which could be useful in addition to, and in support of, general monitoring and dependability assurance carried out by various organizations at different life cycle stages.

In many cases dependability aspects of a system are covered in other reviews such as design reviews or manufacturability reviews. In these cases, the procedures given in this document can be applied. The informative annexes can be used as checklists to cover all technical relevant aspects.

Dependability reviews described in this document are a key part of a dependability management system as described in IEC 60300-1.

## DEPENDABILITY REVIEWS DURING THE LIFE CYCLE

### 1 Scope

This document provides guidance on a review methodology for dependability from a technical perspective that is applicable at all stages of a system life cycle. Its application can improve the dependability of a system throughout its life cycle by triggering appropriate actions at appropriate times to address potential dependability problems.

It provides guidance for developers, manufacturers, users and third-party independent reviewers such as consulting organizations.

This document describes a dependability review methodology focusing on:

- coherence of review activities across life cycle stages and their impact on dependability;
- stakeholder identification and how this affects dependability review activities;
- the relationships between different types of reviews;
- procedures for effective dependability reviews;
- examples of dependability review activities.

### 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.

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#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

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##### **dependability management**

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