



COMPILATION OF COMMENTS ON DOCUMENT FOR COMMENTING

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Documentation and graphical symbols

Title of the document for commenting:
Database based procedure for the maintenance of IEC 60617 and other graphical symbols standards

The above-mentioned document was circulated to National Committees with a request that comments be submitted until 1999-07-15.

Comments received – see annex A

DECISION OF THE CHAIRMAN (in co-operation with the secretariat)

The document 3/539A/DC will be revised taking into account the comments from the National Committees as specified in the compilation, and then submitted to the Committee of Action for approval.

Name or signature of the Secretary <i>Per-Åke Svensson</i>	Name or signature of the Chairman <i>Jacques Bodin</i>
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Annex A Compilation of comments

Date 1999-08-12	Document 3/539A/DC
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National Committee	Clause/ Subclause	Paragraph Figure/ Table	Type of comment (G/ T/ E)	COMMENTS	Proposed change	OBSERVATIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT
DE-1	0	0	General	<p>The German National Committee welcomes and supports the idea for a new maintenance and management procedure for standards which are collecting items. We participate in the preparation and loading of the data base for the international standard IEC 60617, which is the provision for a new procedure.</p> <p>We would be glad if it will be possible in the future to reduce the standardisation procedure for graphical symbols from 70 weeks to 12 weeks. But for the final edition of 3/539/xx we suggest to take into account our following considerations:</p> <p>One of the reasons for the disbanding of subcommittee 3A was the lack of resources for the occurring works on graphical symbols</p> <p>In any case it would be a great step foreword if we could manage it to reduce the standardisation procedure from 70 weeks to 20 weeks in the first step. After collecting some experience with the new procedure it might be possible to adapt some of the estimated intervals.</p>		Noted
DE-2	0	0	General	<p>We suppose, that most of the National committees will have no, or only minor problems to nominate one expert for the validation team, which will play an important role in the new procedure. But we are also afraid, that it will be a problem for some to nominate a second expert.</p> <p>The nominated expert of the National Committee has to contact and to discuss the proposed items (may be new symbols or only some change request) with the relevant specialists of his national organisation.</p>	<p>The German National Committee gives the advice to extend the reaction time of the validation team in all cases described to a minimum of 8 weeks!</p> <p>This should be enough time for necessary national discussions and decisions.</p>	Accepted to extend the reaction time to 8 weeks initially for the validation team. This means that the evaluation as well as the validation time is each extended from 4 to 8 weeks, i.e. the overall time will be 8 weeks longer for the normal database procedure and 4 weeks longer for the extended database procedure.
ES-1	0	0	General	<p>We wish to inform you that AENOR (the Spanish Electrotechnical Committee), accepts the following committee draft without comments: 3/539A/DC.</p>		Noted

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PT-1	0	0	General	We have the pleasure of informing you that the Portuguese National Committee has no objections to the following document: 3/539A/DC.		Noted
SE-1	3.1.3		Editorial	Irrespective of which procedure, normal or extended, is followed a change request may be of interest to other TCs or SCs	Add that the validation team should also indicate which other relevant IEC committees could be interested in the change request.	Accepted
SE-2	3.3.2		Editorial	We are of the opinion that National Committees should have a say in the matter of accepting a change request.	When the quality of the information is satisfactory (i.e. the same as for an FDIS) the validation team shall (by e-mail) be called to vote within 4 weeks by the Secretary with copies to the proposer, the P-members of TC 3 and possible other relevant TCs. NOTE – Parties not represented in the validation team may communicate serious objections to the proposed change request to the Secretary who in turn informs the validation team in time before the close of voting.	Accepted, but the time will be 8 weeks in line with DE-2.
SE-3	3.3.2	Figure 3	Editorial	With reference to SE-2 the involvement of National Committees should be indicated.	Complete the figure with vertical broken lines and a action line encompassing the NCs during the voting period of 4 weeks (correct spelling).	Accepted, but the time will be 8 weeks in line with DE-2.
UK-1	3.5		General	We believe that this clause (Appeal) is not in line with the discussion at the Charlottenlund meeting	We propose that the clause is reworded as follows: "If a National committee does not agree with all or any of the symbols included in the report then it should be allowed to raise the matter at the plenary meeting of TC 3 giving due notice and justification of its objection. Full discussion should be permitted and if TC 3 does not accept the symbol(s) then a change request shall be issued for the symbol(s) in question and processed in accordance with extended database procedure."	Accepted