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INTRODUCTION

The increasing complexity and connectivity of systems, products, processes and services entering the market requires that the consideration of security aspects be given a high priority. Inclusion of security aspects in standardization provides protection from and response to risks of unintentionally and intentionally caused events that can disrupt the functionality/operation of products and systems.

When preparing publications, committees should ensure that relevant resilience requirements applicable to their application domain are included. Security aspects will in many cases play a role in achieving resilience directed standards.

In this guide, the term “committee”, includes technical committees, subcommittees and system committees. The term “publication” includes “standard”, “technical report”, “technical specification” and “guide”.

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NOTE Publications can deal exclusively with security aspects or can include clauses specific to security.

SECURITY ASPECTS – GUIDELINES FOR THEIR INCLUSION IN PUBLICATIONS

1 Scope

This document provides guidelines on the security topics to be covered in IEC publications, and aspects of how to implement them. These guidelines can be used as a checklist for the combination of publications used in implementation of systems.

This document includes what is often referred to as “cyber security”.

This document excludes non electrotechnical aspects of security such as societal security, except where they directly interact with electrotechnical security.

2 Normative references

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

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

3.1

accountability

property of a system (including all of its system resources) that ensures that the actions of a system entity may be traced uniquely to that entity, which can be held responsible for its actions

[SOURCE: IEC TS 62443-1-1:2009, 3.2.3]

3.2

attack

attempt to destroy, expose, alter, disable, steal or gain unauthorized access to or make unauthorized use of an asset

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 27000:2016, 2.3]

3.3

authentication

provision of assurance that a claimed characteristic of an entity is correct

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 27000:2016, 2.7]