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INTRODUCTION

106 Increasing concerns about the global warming, air quality and energy saving have been
107 encouraging the utilization of rechargeable energy storage systems for different applications
108 such as electric mobility. In parallel, technical advance in secondary batteries, especially in
109 lithium-ion batteries, provides the market with practical option to repurpose the used batteries
110 and battery systems that may maintain substantial performance even after the end of use of
111 original equipment such as electric vehicle.

112 In order to foster such new business and to accelerate effective and safe utilization of energy
113 source, it is indispensable to establish a basic international standard for evaluation of safety
114 and performance of used batteries and battery systems, which derive from different
115 equipment with different histories, and will be repurposed for different applications.

116 This document intends to provide basic requirements and procedure how to evaluate the
117 performance and safety of used batteries and battery systems, and also provide general
118 requirements for application of repurposed batteries.

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General requirements for repurposing of secondary batteries

1 Scope

This document provides general requirements for repurposing of secondary cells, modules, battery packs and battery systems, herein also referred to as "PRODUCT", that are originally manufactured for other applications such as electric vehicles.

This document specifies the procedure to evaluate the performance and safety of used PRODUCT for repurposing.

This document also provides basic requirements for application of repurposed PRODUCT.

This document targets secondary lithium PRODUCT mainly, but not exclusively.

The redox flow batteries are not covered by this document.

NOTE - General guidance for reuse of secondary lithium cells and batteries is provided in IEC 63338 (under development).

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

repurposing

operation by which PRODUCT that are not waste are used again in a different application to when first placed on the market

Note 1 to entry: In this document, PRODUCT is cell, battery, module, battery pack and battery system.

Note 2 to entry: The repurposing in this document includes usage of used battery for the same type of purpose as original equipment, with change of battery pack composition.

Note 3 to entry: Alternative common terms for repurposing include "second use" and "second life".

3.2

secondary cell cell

basic manufactured unit providing a source of electrical energy by direct conversion of chemical energy, that consists of electrodes, separators, electrolyte, container and terminals, and that is designed to be charged electrically

158 **3.3**
159 **module**
160 group of cells connected together either in a series and/or parallel configuration with or
161 without protective devices (e.g. fuse or positive temperature coefficient device) and
162 monitoring circuitry

163 [SOURCE: IEC 62619: 202x, 3.10]

164 **3.4**
165 **battery pack**
166 energy storage device, which is comprised of one or more cells or modules electrically
167 connected and has monitoring circuitry which provides information (e.g. cell voltage) to a
168 battery system to influence the battery's safety, performance and/or service life

169 Note 1 to entry: It may incorporate a protective housing and be provided with terminals or other interconnection
170 arrangements.

171 [SOURCE: IEC 62619: 202x, 3.10]

172 **3.5**
173 **battery system**
174 system which comprises one or more cells, modules or battery packs and has a battery
175 management system capable of controlling current in case of overcharge, overcurrent,
176 overdischarge, and overheating

177 Note 1 to entry: The battery system may have cooling or heating units. More than one battery systems may
178 constitute a larger battery system. The battery system is sometimes also referred to as a battery.

179 [SOURCE: IEC 62619: 202x, 3.11, modified - The second preferred term and Note 1 have
180 been deleted.]

181 **3.6**
182 **battery management system**
183 **BMS**
184 electronic system associated of a battery which has functions to control current in case of
185 overcharge, overcurrent, overdischarge, and overheating and which monitors and/or manages
186 its state, calculates secondary data, reports that data and/or controls its environment to
187 influence the battery's safety, performance and/or service life

188 Note 1 to entry: Overdischarge cut off is not mandatory.

189 Note 2 to entry: The function of the BMS can be assigned to the battery pack or to equipment that uses the battery.

190 Note 3 to entry: The BMS can be divided and it can be found partially in the battery pack and partially on the
191 equipment that uses the battery.

192 Note 4 to entry: The BMS is sometimes also referred to as a BMU (battery management unit)

193 [SOURCE: IEC 62619: 202x, 3.12, modified - Note 1 to Note 3 have been modified.]

194 **3.7**
195 **rated capacity**
196 C_n
197 capacity value of a cell or battery in ampere hour (Ah) determined under specified conditions
198 and declared by the cell manufacturer

199 **3.8**
200 **state of charge**
201 **SOC**
202 capacity in a battery expressed as a percentage of rated capacity

203 **3.9**
204 **operating region**
205 conditions during charging and discharging in which the cell operates within the range of
206 voltage, current and temperature as specified by the cell manufacturer to ensure the safe use
207 of the cell

208 Note 1 to entry: The limits of the operating region are specified for the minimum safety, and different from the
209 charging voltage and temperature to optimize the performance of the cell such as cycle life.

210 **3.10**
211 **operating range**
212 conditions during charging and discharging in which the battery system operates within the
213 range of voltage, current and temperature as specified by the system manufacturer to ensure
214 the safe use of the battery system

215 Note 1 to entry: Figure B.2 shows the relation between the operating range and the operating region

216 **3.11**
217 **safety design**
218 battery design to avoid or control systematic failures and to detect or control random
219 hardware failures, or mitigate their harmful effects

220 **3.12**
221 **systematic failure**
222 failure related in a deterministic way to a certain cause that can only be eliminated by a
223 change of the design or of the manufacturing process, operational procedures, documentation
224 or other relevant factors

225 **3.13**
226 **random hardware failure**
227 failure that can occur unpredictably during the lifetime of battery and that follows a probability
228 distribution

229 **3.14**
230 **failure**
231 termination of an intended behavior of battery due to a fault manifestation

232 **3.15**
233 **fault**
234 abnormal condition that can cause battery to fail

235 **3.16**
236 **service life**
237 total period of useful life of PRODUCT in operation which is specified for original usage

238 Note 1 to entry - For secondary cells and batteries, the service life may be expressed in time, number of
239 charge/discharge cycles, capacity in ampere hours (Ah) and operating conditions (temperature range, C rate,
240 depth of discharge, etc.).

241 Note 2 to entry - The service life does not equal the guarantee or warranty period provided by the original
242 manufacturer.

243 Note 3 to entry - The service life is not clearly specified for vehicle propulsion application.

244 [SOURCE: IEC 60050-482:2004, 482-03-46, modified]

245 **3.17**
246 **residual usable period**
247 remaining period of service life or estimated remaining period of useful life of battery in
248 operation

249 **3.18**
 250 **usable period for repurposing**
 251 period usable in secondary application specified by designer of system with repurposed
 252 PRODUCT

253 **3.19**
 254 **basic system design**
 255 design of repurposed PRODUCT in order to use repurposed PRODUCT safely in system or
 256 subsystem for energy storage

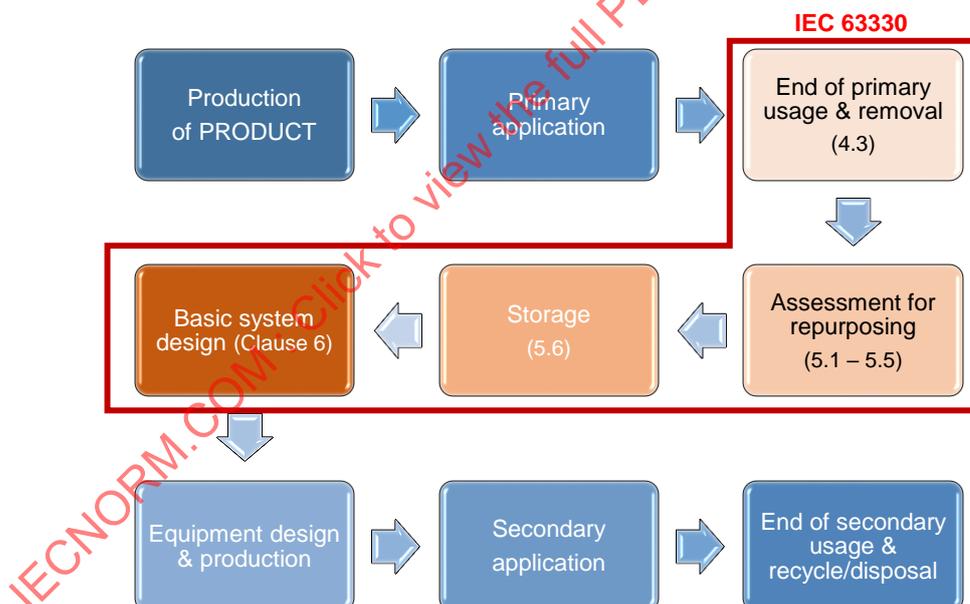
257 4 General requirements

258 4.1 Structure of repurposing

259 Typical structure for repurposing of PRODUCT is shown in Figure 1. In this document,
 260 requirements for the following phases are specified:

- 261 – removal of PRODUCT from original equipment
- 262 – inspection and assessment of used PRODUCT
- 263 – storage of PRODUCT to be repurposed
- 264 – basic system design using repurposed PRODUCT

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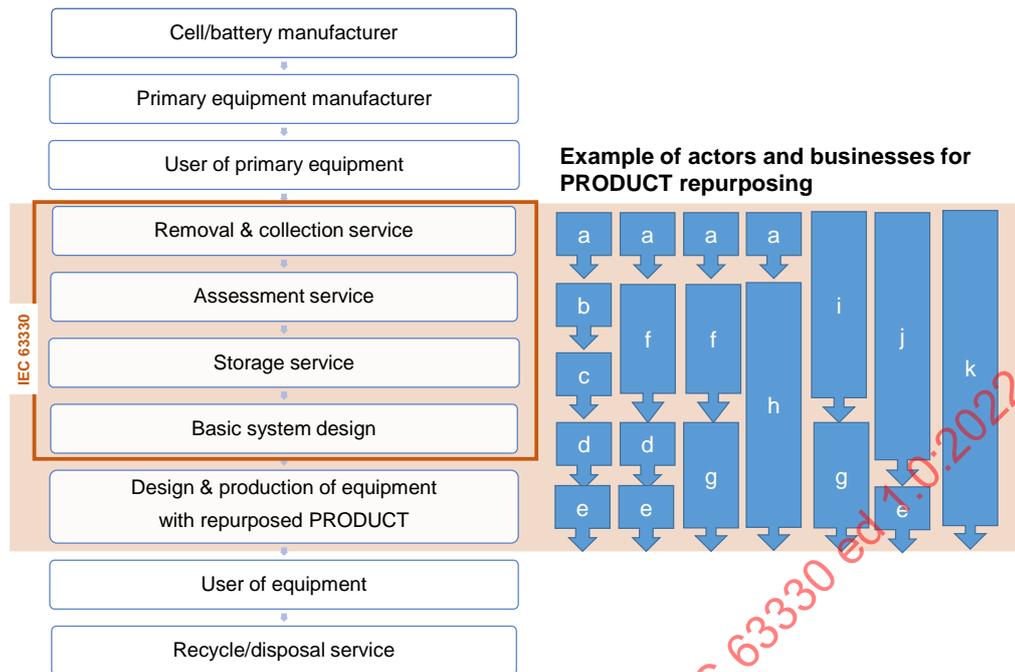


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267 **Figure 1 – Typical structure of PRODUCT repurposing**

268 Figure 2 shows examples of actors for PRODUCT repurposing.

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271 **Key**

a - k actors per business

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Figure 2 – Example of actors for PRODUCT repurposing

273 This document may be applied for the PRODUCT that is repurposed after the second use. If
 274 the PRODUCT is repurposed for multiple times, all the data on primary usage (Table 1) and
 275 subsequent usage(s) shall be assessed.

276 NOTE - For specific requirements for electrical energy storage (EES) systems using reused battery, see IEC
 277 62933-4-4 (under development) and IEC 62933-5-3 (under development).

278 **4.2 Relevant data**

279 Data required for repurposing of PRODUCT are as follows:

280 1) basic information

- 281 – manufacturer of original equipment
- 282 – chemistry
- 283 – manufacture year and month
- 284 – serial number, if available
- 285 – battery pack dismantling safety procedure

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287 2) data on primary usage

- 288 – operating range
- 289 – history of failure
- 290 – residual performance
- 291 – residual usable period at the end of primary usage
- 292 – storage

293 NOTE - If the PRODUCT is repaired according to the specification by the manufacturer, relevant data should be
294 provided.

295 3) data for designing system with repurposing PRODUCT

- 296 – operating range
- 297 – usable period for repurposing
- 298 – performance design
- 299 – safety design

300 Annex A provides example of data templates to be used for collection and management of
301 data from 1) to 3).

302 **4.3 Removal of used PRODUCT and external damage check**

303 Used PRODUCT shall be removed from the original equipment as instructed in a dismantle or
304 disassembly manual issued by the original equipment manufacturer. If such instructions are
305 not available, relevant local rules or standards shall be applied with special caution for high
306 voltage hazards. The removal of battery systems may result in harm if adequate precautions
307 are not taken. The removal should only be performed by qualified and experienced persons
308 using adequate protection.

309 For PRODUCT from an electric vehicle application, it is recommended to obtain the data on
310 usage and failure before removal from the vehicle using e.g. vehicle diagnostic device.

311 After removal from original equipment, the PRODUCT shall be checked externally as follows:

- 312 – Make sure there is no leakage of electrolyte by visual confirmation or by using an odor
313 sensor. If fluid leakage is detected in liquid cooled battery pack, the PRODUCT shall be
314 identified as damaged unless coolant leakage or water ingress.

315 Used PRODUCT with external damage, e.g. severe deformation, crack or blemish in the outer
316 case of the PRODUCT, shall not be repurposed, and are recommended to be recycled or
317 disposed according to relevant laws or regulations.

318 Used PRODUCT without external damage shall be assessed for feasibility of repurposing
319 according to Clause 5.

320 If available and not damaged, the module and BMS of battery packs and systems may be
321 reused even if the battery pack/system has a damaged outer case. Degree of damage and, if
322 possible, cause of damage of outer case shall be recorded.

323 **5 Diagnosis and assessment of used PRODUCT**

324 **5.1 General**

325 The diagnosis and assessment of used PRODUCT for feasibility of repurposing and
326 applicability to specific equipment shall be made according to the data on primary usage in
327 Table 1. The data in Table 1 are indispensable to ensure the safety and performance of used
328 PRODUCT for repurposing. If the data in Table 1 are not available, the PRODUCT shall not
329 be repurposed.

330 The other data, for example, insulation resistance, EMC, operating region of cell, may be
331 assessed according to the agreement of the data provider, if indispensable for a specific
332 application of repurposing.

333 NOTE The data provider is original equipment manufacturer, cell/battery manufacturer, or administrator of relevant
334 data.

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Table 1 - Data on primary usage for repurposing assessment

Clause of this document	Data on primary usage
5.2	Data on operating range
5.3	Data on history of failure
5.4	Data on residual performance
5.5	Data on residual usable period at the end of primary usage
5.6	Data on storage

336 5.2 Operating range

337 The operating range of PRODUCT for primary usage shall be confirmed.

338 The data on operating range shall include the following:

- 339 – upper limit operating temperature
- 340 – lower limit operating temperature
- 341 – upper limit charging voltage
- 342 – lower limit discharging voltage
- 343 – maximum charging current
- 344 – maximum discharging current

345 The operating region of cell shall be confirmed, if necessary.

346 5.3 History of failure of primary equipment

347 Used PRODUCT with one or more of the following failure data shall not be repurposed:

- 348 – overcharge
- 349 – overdischarge
- 350 – overcurrent
- 351 – overtemperature
- 352 – insulation failure
- 353 – accident

354 The other data may be assessed according to the agreement of data provider, if
355 indispensable for specific application of repurposing.

356 When the failure is limited to an insulation failure, the PRODUCT may be repurposed provided
357 that there is no evidence of water exposure, and the insulation resistance is higher than the
358 specified value.

359 When the failure data is limited to an accident, the PRODUCT may be repurposed provided
360 that there is no evidence of external or internal damage.

361 NOTE The history of accident can be confirmed, e.g. for electric vehicle, by incident data in electronic control unit,
362 such as history of high voltage cutoff.

363 5.4 Residual performance

364 The actual capacity of used PRODUCT shall be measured according to e.g. standards
365 applicable to the primary equipment. The measuring method shall be recorded. The

366 measuring conditions include charging condition (upper and lower voltage, charge current and
367 charging time), discharge current, cut-off voltage, and temperature.

368 The actual capacity of PRODUCT of electric vehicle application may be obtained through an
369 on-board PRODUCT performance indicating function, before removal from the vehicle.

370 NOTE - Additional parameters may be measured or obtained in order to specify the residual performance including
371 resistance, power, energy efficiency, self-discharge rate, spread in cell voltage, etc. according to standards or
372 other documents applicable to the primary equipment.

373 **5.5 Residual usable period at the end of primary usage**

374 The residual usable period of used PRODUCT shall be assessed:

- 375 – according to the estimated usable period specified by the original equipment manufacturer
376 after deduction of age of service of the primary equipment, or;
- 377 – according to the age of service and history of primary usage.

378 NOTE - The history of primary usage includes, for example, data on remaining life of contactors and residual
379 capacity.

380 If the used PRODUCT have been stored after the primary usage and before application to a
381 new equipment, the period of such storage shall also be deducted from the usable period.

382 **5.6 Storage**

383 The PRODUCT for repurposing shall be stored under controlled conditions until the
384 application to equipment.

385 The PRODUCT in storage shall:

- 386 – be kept dry;
- 387 – be kept away from heat and fire;
- 388 – be kept away from direct sunlight;
- 389 – be kept away from high temperature;
- 390 – not be dropped and stepped.

391 The PRODUCT shall not be repurposed, if the storage data are not available. The following
392 storage data shall be recorded:

- 393 – SOC or voltage of PRODUCT at the beginning of storage
- 394 – ambient temperature of storage
- 395 – period and beginning date of storage

396 If the SOC or voltage after the storage is below the lower limit of operating range of
397 equipment for secondary use, the PRODUCT shall not be repurposed.

398 **6 Requirements for application of repurposed PRODUCT**

399 **6.1 General**

400 The applicability of repurposed PRODUCT to an equipment shall be determined according to
401 the data in Clause 5, and the specifications required by the equipment to be applied.

402 The following shall be evaluated for each application and for each PRODUCT.

- 403 – operating range

- 404 – safety
 405 – performance
 406 – usable period for repurposing

407 Table 2 shows the guidance of reference clauses depending on system designs with used
 408 PRODUCT.

409 If the repurposed PRODUCT is used without change in system design under the
 410 environmental and usage conditions with the load not exceeding that of the original equipment,
 411 the safety design, performance design and residual usage period of the primary usage can be
 412 applied.

413 If the system design is changed from the primary usage, the safety design, performance
 414 design and usable period shall be proved and assessed for repurposing.

415 NOTE 1 - The environmental and usage conditions include:

- 416 - installation environment;
 417 - ambient temperature;
 418 - humidity;
 419 - dust;
 420 - vibration;
 421 - high power (kW) and high frequency charge/discharge;
 422 - cell fixing condition inside module, etc.

423 **Table 2 - Reference clauses for repurposed PRODUCT applications**

System design		Safety design	Performance design	Usable period
Hardware design	Software design			
		Safety design of primary usage applicable (6.3)	Performance design of primary usage applicable (6.4)	Usable period of primary usage applicable (6.5)
		Safety design for repurposing to be proved (B.3)	Performance design for repurposing to be proved (B.4)	Usable period for repurposing to be determined (B.5)

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425 NOTE 2 - An example for cases where system design change is not required is that PRODUCT was originally
 426 designed considering some specific secondary usages. Examples of the systems with design change from the
 427 original equipment are as follows:

- 428 – stationary energy storage system next renewable source of energy (photovoltaic, wind)
 429 – optimization of electricity consumption by industrial/trade offices
 430 – service solution for grid support
 431 – other applications like powerwalls, EV fast charging stations

432 6.2 Operating range

433 System applying the repurposed PRODUCT should be designed to be used within the
 434 operating range of the PRODUCT for primary usage (see 5.2).

435 The operating range of repurposing PRODUCT shall include the following:

- 436 – upper limit operating temperature
- 437 – lower limit operating temperature
- 438 – upper limit charging voltage
- 439 – lower limit discharging voltage
- 440 – maximum charging current
- 441 – maximum discharging current

442 For the operating range of used PRODUCT of which the system design is changed, see B.2.

443 **6.3 Safety design**

444 Safety of repurposed PRODUCT shall be assessed and secured according to the data on
445 primary usage as specified in Clause 5 and safety design of system applying the repurposing
446 PRODUCT.

447 If the age of service of the PRODUCT at the end of primary usage goes beyond the service
448 life or if the service life is not specified, the safety of repurposed PRODUCT shall be
449 determined according to the assessment of age of service and history of primary usage.

450 NOTE - Aging of the PRODUCT can incur unstable electrode condition and leakage of electrolyte due to decrease
451 of airtightness, and can cause hazardous events.

452 The PRODUCT is designed as a system including BMS to secure the safety of primary
453 equipment. If the PRODUCT is repurposed without change from originally designed system,
454 and within the operating range and under the environmental and usage conditions with the
455 load not exceeding that of the original equipment, the safety design of the battery system is
456 maintained.

457 For used PRODUCT of which the system design is changed from primary usage, and when
458 the safety design of original equipment is not applicable, see B.3.

459 **6.4 Performance design**

460 The PRODUCT is designed to ensure the required performance of primary equipment. If the
461 PRODUCT is repurposed without change from originally designed system, within the
462 operating range of original equipment, and to be used at the environmental and usage
463 conditions with the load not exceeding that of the original equipment, the performance design
464 of the battery system is maintained.

465 NOTE - The usage environment includes installation environment, ambient temperature, humidity and
466 charging/discharging cycles.

467 The performance includes, e.g.:

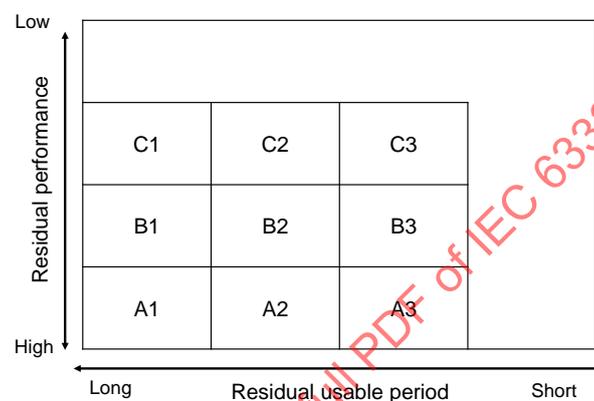
- 468 a) capacity
- 469 b) resistance
- 470 c) power
- 471 d) energy efficiency
- 472 e) self-discharge
- 473 f) others

474 The repurposed PRODUCT shall have performance required by the equipment to be applied.
475 The residual performance of used PRODUCT is as specified in 5.4.

476 The performance of repurposed PRODUCT may be remeasured according to relevant
477 standard for equipment to be applied.

478 Required performance of repurposed PRODUCT depends on the applications. For the same
479 application, the PRODUCT with the same level of residual performance and usable period
480 should be used. The PRODUCT with different level of performance may be used for the same
481 application if the safety of system is confirmed according to 6.3.

482 Figure 3 shows an example of classification according to the residual performance level and
483 usable period, which can be used to evaluate the homogeneity of repurposed PRODUCT. The
484 PRODUCT classified as A1 group, for example, has relatively long usable period and high
485 performance, and may be used for system which require the PRODUCT with relatively high
486 specifications.



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488 **Key**

A1 - A3, B1 - B3, C1-C3 example classification of repurposed PRODUCT per performance and usable period

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Figure 3 – Example of classification of repurposed PRODUCT

490 The residual performance level of the repurposed PRODUCT in Figure 3 can be classified by
491 some performance criteria such as capacity, resistance, average cell balancing mismatch, etc.
492 Table 3 shows an example of a sorting method using the performance level. In this method,
493 the worst criterion level determines the bin, for example, a PRODUCT with capacity level A_c1,
494 resistance level A_r2 and average cell balancing mismatch level A_b1 goes into bin A2.

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Table 3 - Example of classification of repurposed PRODUCT by performance level

Performance level						Bin
Residual capacity ratio (Ah/Ah %)		Internal resistance ratio (Ω/Ω %)		Average cell balancing mismatch (mV)		
range of value	level	range of value	level	range of value	level	
100 - a	A _c 1	100 - a'	A _r 1	0 - a''	A _b 1	A1
a - b	A _c 2	a' - b'	A _r 2	a'' - b''	A _b 2	A2
b - c	B _c 1	b' - c'	B _r 1	b'' - c''	B _b 1	B1
c - d	B _c 2	c' - d'	B _r 1	b'' - c''	B _b 1	B2
< d	C _c	> d' %	C	> c''	C	Recycling

496 For used PRODUCT of which the system design is changed from the primary usage, and
497 when the performance design of original equipment is not applicable, see B.4.

498 **6.5 Usable period for repurposing**

499 System applying repurposed PRODUCT shall be designed according to the residual usable
500 period of PRODUCT as specified in 5.5.

501 The usable period for repurposing depends on the design, operating range, environmental
502 and usage conditions and purpose of equipment applying the repurposed PRODUCT. If the
503 PRODUCT are repurposed without change from originally designed system, and within the
504 operating range and under the environmental and usage conditions with the load not
505 exceeding that of the original equipment, the usable period for repurposing is equal to the
506 residual usable period.

507 When the environmental and usage conditions of equipment applying the repurposing
508 PRODUCT are different from those of the primary equipment, the usable period shall be
509 determined taking those differences into consideration.

510 The SOC window should be considered and can be reduced.

511 Usable period of PRODUCT peripherals such as BMS, contactor and fuse shall also be
512 assessed.

513 For used PRODUCT of which the system design is changed from the primary usage, and
514 when the residual usable period of original equipment is not applicable, see B.5.

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Annex A (informative)

Example of data templates

519 This annex provides example of templates for the data specified in Clause 4, 5 and 6. Table
520 A.1 shows an example of template for data on PRODUCT that are required for repurposing.
521 Table A.2 provides an example of template for data to be used for application of repurposed
522 PRODUCT.

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Table A.1 – Example of template for data on PRODUCT to be repurposed

Item	Data on PRODUCT to be repurposed			
Manufacturer				
Chemistry				
Model & Type				
Manufacture year and month				
Serial number (if available)				
Battery pack dismantling safety procedure				
Operating range of primary usage				
	Temperature	upper limit		lower limit
	Voltage	upper limit		lower limit
	Current	upper limit		lower limit
History of failure	<input type="checkbox"/> No overcharge <input type="checkbox"/> No overdischarge <input type="checkbox"/> No overcurrent <input type="checkbox"/> No overtemperature <input type="checkbox"/> No insulation failure <input type="checkbox"/> No accident			
History of usage, if available	<input type="checkbox"/> Charging history not exceeding the specified operating range <input type="checkbox"/> Discharging history not exceeding the specified operating range			
Actual capacity				
Age of service				
Estimated usable period (if available)				
Storage				
	SOC or voltage at the beginning of storage			
	Ambient temperature of storage			
	Period and beginning date of storage			

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Table A.2 – Example of template for data on application of repurposed PRODUCT

Item	Data on application of repurposed PRODUCT			
Operating range of repurposed PRODUCT				
Temperature	upper limit		lower limit	
Voltage	upper limit		lower limit	
Current	upper limit		lower limit	
Capacity				
Estimated usable period				
Safety design	<input type="checkbox"/> The safety design of original equipment is applicable. <input type="checkbox"/> The safety design of system with used PRODUCT is applicable.			
Classification (if any)				
Applicable equipment				

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