Stanards of Performance and Safety for Household Electrical Appliances and Similar Appliances

COPANT and IEC Webinar on IEC Technical Committees 59 & 61

On May 6, 2021, the third Webinar organized between COPANT and IEC, related to the technical committees IEC/TC 59 and IEC/TC 61 on "Performance of household and similar electrical appliances" and "Safety of household and similar electrical appliances" respectively, was held.

The objective of this Webinar was to learn from the Chairmen and Secretaries of both technical committees the overview of the history, scope, structure and list of standards published and under development.

88 delegates from the following 28 countries participated: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mauritius, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, St. Lucia, Suriname, Switzerland, Togo, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay.

Luise Christmann, Secretary of TC 59, who addressed, presented the first part:

- The history of the founding of IEC/TC 59, the current scope of the committee, and its structure at the level of sub-committees and working groups.
- The scope of the committee's work at the level of number of standards and publications, as well as a detail of the standards published by the committee and the committee's current work program.
- As well as the projection of possible application of IEC/TC 59 standards and the application model of IEC performance standards.
The second part of the Webinar, Randi Myers, Secretary of TC 61 and Grace Roh Assistant Secretary, presented topics related to IEC/TC 61, including:

- The scope of work of TC 61 "Safety of Household and Similar Electrical Appliances", its structure, composition and history.
- The TC 61 standards map, a summary of TC 61’s work at the level of participation, working groups, publications and active projects and how the committee supports the achievement of the SDGs.
- The meetings held by TC 61 since 2016 and the achievements made.
- The industrial application scope of the committee’s work, TC priorities, how developing countries participate and the business impact of the TC.
- The important changes in the 6th edition of 60335-1.
- The structure of the TC working group coordinators and Maintenance Teams, as well as an explanation of their scope of work.
- The functions of the Editing Group, as well as issues related to Interpretation and the detail of projects in execution.

Finally, doubts and queries from Webinar attendees were answered.

Note: The session was recorded and is available at the following link:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1uQtWYq67QCsRiSVUcgwGm4aEA4_v/view