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APPLICATION DE L'INCERTITUDE DE MESURE AUX ACTIVITÉS D'ÉVALUATION DE LA CONFORMITÉ DANS LE SECTEUR ÉLECTROTECHNIQUE

1 Domaine d'application

Le présent Guide présente une approche pratique de l'application de l'incertitude de mesure aux activités d'évaluation de la conformité dans le secteur électrotechnique. Il est spécifiquement conçu pour être utilisé dans les méthodes du système IECEE ainsi que par les laboratoires qui réalisent les essais des produits électriques selon les normes nationales de sécurité. Il décrit l'application des principes de l'incertitude de mesure et donne des recommandations pour la réalisation des calculs de l'incertitude de mesure. Le présent Guide donne également quelques exemples de calculs de l'incertitude de mesure pour des essais d'évaluation de la conformité de certains produits.

2 Références normatives

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