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This document has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

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- withdrawn,
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## INTRODUCTION

IEC 62278 series *Railway applications – Specification and demonstration of reliability, availability, maintainability and safety (RAMS)* is issued for demonstration of the RAMS aspects. It is based on the European Norm EN 50126:1999 that was prepared by Technical Committee CENELEC TC 9X: Electrical and electronic applications for railways. It was submitted to the National Committees for voting under the Fast Track Procedure. This standard is widely used for safety requirements for the safety within the railway field, with relevant safety standards for railway applications such as IEC 62425 and IEC 62279.

For rolling stock, the guidance on applying the RAM requirements in IEC 62278 is issued as IEC TR 62278-3, which is aimed at the customers/operators and main suppliers of rolling stock. The RAM aspects are important for the whole railway systems, not limited to rolling stock. This means that the RAM aspects need to be elaborated upon in the current version of IEC 62278.

IEC technical committee 9 set up Ad-hoc group 9 (AHG 9) with remit to study the possibilities to develop a Technical Report giving input in order to allow the introduction of RAM risk and RAM life cycle aspects in a future revision of EN 50126 by CENELEC TC 9X or of IEC 62278 by IEC TC 9. This technical report is the result of the study in AHG 9 in order to achieve suitable RAM aspects in the future version of IEC 62278.

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## **Part 4: RAM risk and RAM life cycle aspects**

### **1 Scope**

This part of IEC 62278 provides an idea for the expansion of the requirements relating only to RAM aspects in IEC 62278.

This document is intended to be used as an input to the revision for the next edition of IEC 62278. This technical report is entirely informative in nature and does not contain normative aspects.

This document details the idea by means of referring to and revising the related clauses of the current edition of IEC 62278.

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IEC 62278:2002, *Railway applications – Specification and demonstration of reliability, availability, maintainability and safety (RAMS)*