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- b) AVS mode is introduced;
- c) Annex A updates issues of arbitrary combinations of AC adapter and device;
- d) Annex B describes new safeguards for EPR mode;

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INTRODUCTION

The objective of this document is to enable common charging interoperability of external power supplies (EPSs) used with the increasing variety of computing and consumer electronics devices that implement IEC 62680-1-3 (USB Type-C¹ Cable and Connector Specification) and IEC 62680-1-2 (USB Power Delivery). Broad market adoption of this document is expected to make a significant contribution to the global goals of consumer convenience and re-usability of power supplies by expanding common charging interoperability across different product categories while preserving backwards compatibility with the installed base of billions of IEC 62680 compliant devices worldwide.

This document specifies the minimum technical requirements for interoperability and includes recommendations for EPS functionality when used with computing and electronics devices. The approach taken by this document, focused on enabling common charging interoperability, can allow manufacturers to innovate in aspects such as technical design, system performance, and energy efficiency. Furthermore, common charging interoperability enables manufacturers to design specific EPSs that match the requirements of target devices (functionality, cost, etc.) and use cases, while at the same time enables consumers to use the EPS for charging other IEC 62680 USB compliant devices, across various product types.

IEC 62680-1-3 adoption is well underway in global markets for a wide range of devices using as much as 240 W, including notebook computers, tablets, smartphones, small form-factor desktop computers, and other consumer electronics devices. This document enables the reporting of the identity and power characteristics of power sources (EPSs and other Sources) supported by IEC 62680-1-3 (USB Type-C) and specifies interoperability guidelines when using IEC 62680-1-2 (USB Power Delivery). The method for identification of a specific power source can enable equipment manufacturers to ensure compliant operation using these specifications and promotes data communication that can be used by the device to predict and mitigate interoperability concerns when an unfamiliar or incompatible EPS is connected to the device.

This document also provides important information regarding consumer safety, system reliability as well as relevant global standards and regulatory compliance.

Other international and regional standards, and government policies for "universal" or "common power adapters" that reference this document are expected to take into account open technical and regulatory compliance issues that are associated with untested or arbitrary combinations of EPSs and devices such as those identified in Annex A. As well, the limitations and issues with approaches to define "common chargers" should be considered compared with the benefits of this document's approach with focus on enabling common charging interoperability. For clarity, this document focuses on interoperability specifications in order to support global industry in developing safe, innovative, environmentally conscious, and end-to-end interoperable charging solutions that meet regulatory requirements and evolving market needs.

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