TG Update

- The TG brought a required EMS criterion for final assembly facilities to the JC on the April 7 call. After discussing JC feedback, the TG decided to remove a required EMS criterion for final assembly facilities.

- The Task Group is now forwarding one optional criterion to the JC for feedback on the scope of suppliers. The TG has debated from months whether to specify a percentage of suppliers (like 1680.1) or focus on facilities that manufacturer specific components in the product (like mobile phones) that are likely to have greater environmental impact.

The current draft provides the manufacturer with 3 options for supplier scope as shown in the draft below. Two options are based on a % of directly contracted suppliers, while the 3rd option focuses on suppliers of specific components.

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8.2.1 Optional—Third party certified EMS for supplier manufacturing facilities

Manufacturer shall demonstrate that supplier facilities in scope are third-party certified to ISO 14001, EU EMAS, or a nationally adopted version of either standard.

Manufacturer shall demonstrate conformance to this criterion for one of the following:

1) 60% of directly contracted suppliers that manufacture materials, components and parts in the products declared to conform to this standard. For these suppliers, facilities in scope are all supplier facilities with significant responsibility, as determined by the manufacturer.

   or

2) 80% of the total number of suppliers from 80% of the manufacturer’s directly contracted suppliers (based on annual spend, either fiscal or calendar year), that manufacture materials, components and parts in the products declared to conform to this standard. For these suppliers, facilities in scope are all supplier facilities with significant responsibility, as determined by the manufacturer.

   Or

3) A total of six suppliers that are fabricating or assembling components from one or more of the following components, if applicable:

   - Integrated circuits (IC)
   - Display assembly or flat panel display (if applicable)
   - Circuit boards (excluding ICs)
• Circuit board assembly
• Power supply
• Solar cells

For these suppliers, facilities in scope are all supplier facilities with significant responsibility, as determined by the manufacturer, for the manufacture of the listed component for products declared to conform to this standard. If the manufacturer has less than six total suppliers in the above categories then every supplier of every applicable category shall maintain certifications for its facilities.

This criterion applies to any supplier of the listed components and assemblies for products declared to conform to this standard, regardless of whether the supplier directly contracts with the manufacturer or the manufacturer’s contract facility. The percentage of suppliers can be calculated for each type of component or assembly, or from the aggregate number of facilities for all listed components and assemblies. If the supplier produces the component for the manufacturer in multiple facilities, each facility must meet this requirement.

Certification shall be obtained from a certification body accredited by an accreditation body that is a signatory to the IAF MLA with the appropriate scope of accreditation.

**Verification requirements**

a) List of suppliers and their facilities for either supplier scope 1), 2) or 3).

b) For the facilities in a), certificate(s) for ISO 14001, EU EMAS or a nationally recognized version of either standard.