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## INTRODUCTION

IEC technical committee 112, (IEC/TC112) has been working on the development of IEC TS 60216-7-1 that considers the use of activation energy determined through thermal analytical tools plus abbreviated conventional heat ageing to determine a thermal index on a polymeric compound. At the same time, the UL LTТА Forum has been discussing alternative methods that could speed up the determination of a thermal index. Members of the IEC/TC112 and of the UL LTТА Forum have joined efforts to determine whether the Technical Specification developed by IEC/TC112 can be used to offer an alternative method of evaluating polymeric compounds for a thermal index.

Members of IEC/TC112 and the UL LTТА Forum decided to conduct a round robin test (RRT) using thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) according to ISO 11358-2 on a known compound with a known activation energy determined through conventional ageing with a view to validate the acceptability of IEC TS 60216-7-1, and to determine whether a similar thermal index could be calculated. The round robin testing was conducted with conventional TGA by multiple heating rates. However, running isothermal tests can be a follow up of this RRT.

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#### 1 Scope

The purpose of this part of IEC 60216, which is a Technical Report, is to validate the procedures of IEC TS 60216-7-1 in providing a similar temperature index to conventional methods used in other parts of the IEC 60216 series.

These round robin test results do not provide statistical analysis for precisions. The round robin test focuses on preliminary studies to understand the evaluation and calculation procedures, influence on apparatus, and data variance among laboratories before determination of precisions.

#### 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

##### 3.1

##### **activation energy**

Arrhenius activation energy

$E_a$

empirical parameter characterizing the exponential temperature dependence of the reaction rate constant

[SOURCE: IUPAC “Compendium”]

##### 3.2

##### **end-point**

limit for a diagnostic property value based on which the thermal endurance is evaluated

##### 3.3

##### **time to end-point**

**failure time**

time to reach the end point or conventional failure

##### 3.4

##### **relative temperature endurance index**

**RTE**

numerical value of the temperature in degrees Celsius at which the estimated time to end-point of the candidate material is the same as the estimated time to end-point of the reference material at a temperature equal to its assessed temperature index

Note 1 to entry:  $RTE_A$  is the relative temperature endurance index calculated through the analytical procedure.