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TO ALL NATIONAL COMMITTEES

Dear Sir/Madam,

Electronic Versions of IEC Publications available to National Committees for Commercial Exploitation and for National Adoption

It has come to my attention that despite information being available to National Committees on the collections of electronic versions of IEC Publications services available from Central Office, it is timely to remind all IEC members of the extensive range of facilities. Centrally maintained facilities offer considerable advantages over local libraries, both in terms of cost savings to members and in the validity of the collections.

IEC Library Server

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1. *Distribution and sales of IEC Publications in electronic and paper format*, following the conclusion of the relevant bilateral agreement between the relevant NC and the CO.
2. *Sourcing of electronic files for national adoption*, following the conclusion of the relevant bilateral agreement between the relevant NC and the CO. This is in accordance with CB Decision 2001/008: "The CB approved the Sales Policy Committee (SPC) recommendation that final international standards, technical specifications, technical reports (excluding IEC/PAS), guides and any joint ISO/IEC publications published by the IEC in portable document format (PDF) will be made available to NCs for the purposes of national adoption, subject to the conclusion of a bilateral agreement between the NC and the Central Office (CO)..."

For further information on this facility, please contact Jonathan Buck, Head of Information, Marketing & Sales Services (Email: jib@iec.ch / Tel: +41 22 919 02 65).

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These electronic files are available from Jean-Pierre Montoya, Technical Information Support Services (TISS), upon request using the appropriate form <http://www.iec.ch/tiss/filerequest.htm>. For your information, the revisable files are also available to TC/SC secretaries on request, for the purposes of preparing revisions of the publication concerned. See <http://www.iec.ch/tiss/filerequest.htm>.

I encourage you to make use of these resources.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amit', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

A. AMIT
General Secretary