



Electro-Technical Council of Ireland Limited

CODE OF ETHICS

INTRODUCTION

The Electro-Technical Council of Ireland (ETCI) is an altruistic and voluntary organisation whose primary objectives are to:

- Develop and co-ordinate standardisation in all branches of electro-technology,
- Promote safety in electrical equipment and installations and to encourage an awareness of electrical safety amongst the general public.

ETCI is reliant on the voluntary input of technical experts whose expertise contributes to the realisation of these objectives. ETCI recognises this expertise as the organization's greatest asset and, in appreciation and in defence of the commitment and professionalism of these experts, expects the members of its Technical Committees (TCs) and Task Forces (TFs) to abide by the tenets of this Code of Ethics.

ETCI places its trust in the judgement and fair mindedness of its TC/TF membership to pursue these principles and to conduct their activities in a manner that places the best interests of standardisation and the promotion of electrical safety above personal or partisan interests. The Code of Ethics provides a statement of principles, which have been adopted by ETCI as the basis upon which TC/TF members shall conduct their activities.

The Code of Ethics, however, is much more than a set of minimum standards. It is a synthesis of the ethos and culture central to the day-to-day work of the ETCI and should serve as a source of strength and inspiration for all committee members.

ETHICAL VALUES

Service

ETCI is committed to building a better world for all stakeholders by developing a global infrastructure of safety, performance and environmental standards for electrotechnology. ETCI's goal is to serve enterprises and the community at large by developing standards in a fair, responsive and efficient manner. In all its dealings ETCI seeks to elevate service to the community and to stakeholders above self-interest.

Integrity

Integrity comprises the personal inner sense of wholeness deriving from honesty and consistent uprightness of character, which provides the essential basis for the development of trust within ETCI committees. Integrity embraces several other character traits such as responsibility, accountability, justice, openness and self-worth. A sense of integrity is regarded as essential to the success of ETCI committee work, which inevitably revolves around people and their interpersonal relationships.

Mutual Respect

Committee members bring a wide range of personal skills, competencies and expertise to committee meetings. Members should be transparent in their dealings with one another and should share information and resources, avoid harmful competition and seek to promote the best interests of ETCI above self-interest. Relationships between committee members, between peers, participants in standardization and the community at large should be built on respect for each individual's rights, dignity, interests and technical competencies. The diversity of member's skills and the unique nature of individual inputs should be acknowledged and valued. Any conflicts that may arise shall be resolved in a manner consistent with fairness, respect and collegiality.

Accessibility

ETCI is committed to ensuring that its work is accessible to all stakeholders. Accessibility means that any organisation, company, government body or individual with a direct and material interest in the work of an ETCI committee has a right to contribute. ETCI committees' shall not portray elitism in this regard and shall not be dismissive of any contribution submitted by a party external to ETCI.

Due Process

All ETCI committees shall comply with the normative policies and administrative procedures of ETCI and the international standardisation committees of which ETCI is a member and which ETCI is obliged to implement. These procedures have been perfected over many years and are designed to provide for certainty of methodology, openness, balance, consensus, impartiality and inclusiveness. All ETCI committees are obliged to adhere to these procedures.

Confidentiality

Confidentiality protects the personal interests of a member of a committee. Adherence to confidentiality within ETCI committees is intended to cultivate an atmosphere of openness and frankness in which to discuss matters of a technical nature without the fear that individual contributions will travel beyond the committee and be quoted out of context, thus undermining trust.

Esprit de Corps

Esprit de corps is the common spirit that develops in the members of a group, which inspires enthusiasm, commitment and a zealous regard for the group's reputation and standing. Because of the voluntary nature of ETCI's work, committees are not built upon a contractual relationship, but rather upon shared goals and objectives bound by an esprit de corps. All ETCI committee members should seek to foster the development of an esprit de corps. Committees should seek to articulate their purpose and the role of individual members such that members know and feel that their contribution and efforts are important to the greater good and that something of value is being collectively created.