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## ABSTRACT

Volume 4 part II was prepared by ECCC-WG1.2 in order to:

- outline a general approach for the collation and exchange of creep crack initiation (CCI) data for parent material within ECCC,
- introduce a digital working tool for data collation and exchange (i.e. a Microsoft Excel workbook, containing several spreadsheets) formatted to provide easy and user friendly collation and exchange of CCI meta and test data within ECCC,
- standardise the handling of CCI data within ECCC, and

The CCI data exchange workbook is contained as Attachment A to this document.

The design and use of this data exchange workbook has been validated in field trials by ECCC-WG1.2 to guarantee, as far as possible, its reliability and applicability

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## **INTRODUCTION**

ECCC Volume 4 Part II introduces a data workbook for the collation and exchange of creep crack initiation (CCI) test results and the data necessary to predict times to the onset of crack initiation from pre-existing defects in structures subject to steady loading at high temperatures. This document has been prepared by the WG1.2 working group as one of a number considering the terminology (Vol.2 Part IV), testing practices (Vol.3 Part IV) and component assessment procedures (Vol.7) relating to CCI data.

In general, CCI data are collected as part of a standard creep crack growth test and the data workbook also provides the opportunity to store crack propagation data.

The CCI data workbook is contained in the attached file ***CCIdat3.xls***.