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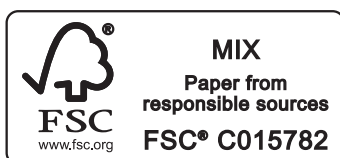
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1. SCOPE, SUMMARY, AND PURPOSE

1.1 Scope

This model is applicable to the private, public, and not-for-profit sector organizations. The model provides a structure to evaluate and define the role and necessary aptitude for the security/risk management function in an organization. It provides a methodology to evaluate and respond to a dynamic spectrum of threats to tangible and intangible assets on both a domestic and global basis.

1.2 Summary

This model is presented at a high-level and designed as an organizational guide for the development and implementation of a strategic security framework. The structure is characterized by appropriate awareness, prevention, preparedness, and necessary responses to changes in threat conditions. Specific considerations and responses are also addressed for deliberation by individual organizations based on identifiable risk assessment, requirements, intelligence, and assumptions.

1.3 Purpose

This standard is a model for organizations to use when developing a leadership function to provide a comprehensive, integrated, and consistent security/risk strategy to contribute to the viability and success of the organization. This model refers to this leadership function as the senior security executive. Some organizations designate this role/function as the *Chief Security Officer (CSO)*. **The CSO designation is a concept descriptor and not necessarily a recommendation for the position title.** This role/function may be a standalone position or as one that has been incorporated within an existing senior-level executive's accountability to the organization's leadership team.

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