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Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO/IEC 27000:2012), which has been technically revised.

0 Introduction

0.1 Overview

International Standards for management systems provide a model to follow in setting up and operating a management system. This model incorporates the features on which experts in the field have reached a consensus as being the international state of the art. ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 27 maintains an expert committee dedicated to the development of international management systems standards for information security, otherwise known as the Information Security Management System (ISMS) family of standards.

Through the use of the ISMS family of standards, organizations can develop and implement a framework for managing the security of their information assets including financial information, intellectual property, and employee details, or information entrusted to them by customers or third parties. These standards can also be used to prepare for an independent assessment of their ISMS applied to the protection of information.

0.2 ISMS family of standards

The ISMS family of standards (see Clause 4) is intended to assist organizations of all types and sizes to implement and operate an ISMS and consists of the following International Standards, under the general title *Information technology — Security techniques* (given below in numerical order):

— ISO/IEC 27000, *Information security management systems — Overview and vocabulary*

— ISO/IEC 27001, *Information security management systems — Requirements*

— ISO/IEC 27002, *Code of practice for information security controls*

— ISO/IEC 27003, *Information security management system implementation guidance*

— ISO/IEC 27004, *Information security management — Measurement*

— ISO/IEC 27005, *Information security risk management*

— ISO/IEC 27006, *Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of information security management systems*

— ISO/IEC 27007, *Guidelines for information security management systems auditing*

— ISO/IEC TR 27008, *Guidelines for auditors on information security controls*

— ISO/IEC 27010, *Information security management for inter-sector and inter-organizational communications*

— ISO/IEC 27011, *Information security management guidelines for telecommunications organizations based on* ISO/IEC 27002

— ISO/IEC 27013, *Guidance on the integrated implementation of ISO/IEC 27001 and ISO/IEC 20000-1*

— ISO/IEC 27014, *Governance of information security*

— ISO/IEC TR 27015, *Information security management guidelines for financial services*

— ISO/IEC TR 27016, *Information security management — Organizational economics*

NOTE The general title "*Information technology — Security techniques*" indicates that these standards were prepared by Joint Technical Committee ISO/IEC JTC 1, *Information technology*, Subcommittee SC 27, *IT Security techniques*.

International Standards not under the same general title that are also part of the ISMS family of standards are as follows:

— ISO 27799:2008, *Health informatics — Information security management in health using* ISO/IEC 27002

0.3 Purpose of this International Standard

This International Standard provides an overview of information security management systems, and defines related terms.

NOTE Annex A provides clarification on how verbal forms are used to express requirements and/or guidance in the ISMS family of standards.

The ISMS family of standards includes standards that:

a) define requirements for an ISMS and for those certifying such systems;

b) provide direct support, detailed guidance and/or interpretation for the overall process to establish, implement, maintain and improve an ISMS;

c) address sector-specific guidelines for ISMS; and

d) address conformity assessment for ISMS.

The terms and definitions provided in this International Standard:

— cover commonly used terms and definitions in the ISMS family of standards;

— do not cover all terms and definitions applied within the ISMS family of standards; and

— do not limit the ISMS family of standards in defining new terms for use.

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1 Scope

This International Standard provides the overview of information security management systems, and terms and definitions commonly used in the ISMS family of standards. This International Standard is applicable to all types and sizes of organization (e.g. commercial enterprises, government agencies, not-for-profit organizations).

2 Terms and definitions

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

2.1
access control
means to ensure that access to assets is authorized and restricted based on business and security requirements

2.2
analytical model
algorithm or calculation combining one or more *base measures* (2.10) and/or *derived measures* (2.22) with associated decision criteria

2.3
attack
attempt to destroy, expose, alter, disable, steal or gain unauthorized access to or make unauthorized use of an asset

2.4
attribute
property or characteristic of an *object* (2.55) that can be distinguished quantitatively or qualitatively by human or automated means

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 15939:2007, modified – "entity" has been replaced by "object" in the definition.]

2.5
audit
systematic, independent and documented *process* (2.61) for obtaining audit evidence and evaluating it objectively to determine the extent to which the audit criteria are fulfilled

Note 1 to entry: An audit can be an internal audit (first party) or an external audit (second party or third party), and it can be a combined audit (combining two or more disciplines).

Note 2 to entry: "Audit evidence" and "audit criteria" are defined in ISO 19011.

2.6
audit scope
extent and boundaries of an *audit* (2.5)

[SOURCE: ISO 19011:2011]