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## Introduction

ISO/IEC 17021-1 sets out criteria for bodies operating audit and certification of management systems. If such bodies are to be accredited as complying with ISO/IEC 17021-1 with the objective of auditing and certifying information security management systems (ISMS) in accordance with ISO/IEC 27001:2013, some additional requirements and guidance to ISO/IEC 17021-1 are necessary. These are provided by this International Standard.

The text in this International Standard follows the structure of ISO/IEC 17021-1 and the additional ISMS-specific requirements and guidance on the application of ISO/IEC 17021-1 for ISMS certification are identified by the letters "IS".

The term "shall" is used throughout this International Standard to indicate those provisions which, reflecting the requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-1 and ISO/IEC 27001, are mandatory. The term "should" is used to indicate recommendation.

The primary purpose of this International Standard is to enable accreditation bodies to more effectively harmonize their application of the standards against which they are bound to assess certification bodies.

Throughout this International Standard, the terms "management system" and "system" are used interchangeably. The definition of a management system can be found in ISO 9000:2005. The management system as used in this International Standard is not to be confused with other types of systems, such as IT systems.