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## Foreword

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## Introduction

The major objective of this International Standard is to define concepts and rules for enterprise models (see clause 3) with the intent to guide and constrain other standards or implementations that do or will exist on the topic. It accomplishes this by defining the elements to use when producing an enterprise model (see 3.2), concepts for life-cycle phases (see 3.3), and how these models describe hierarchy (see 3.4), structure (see 3.5), and behavior (see 3.6). This International Standard provides guidelines and constraints for enterprise models to anyone attempting to model an enterprise or to model processes (see 3.7).

The users of this International Standard are primarily the standards bodies making more detailed standards about a part of the integration and modeling domain. Systems implementers may also find value in the structure developed in this International Standard so that their developments parallel the concepts outlined herein. If conforming implementation designs have the same technology areas and nomenclature, or are able to map to them readily, the information of one enterprise or process can be more readily shared with information of another enterprise or process (see 3.8).

The rationale for this International Standard is that other well-designed standards in the domain of enterprise integration and modeling are needed to provide a known environment to enterprise designers. Thus, the risk of investing in islands of integration can be significantly reduced. Where an island does exist, then these standards assist the designer to create the translation required for the island to interact with the known environment. A standard for enterprise models should enhance interoperability by establishing the elements that must be present in an enterprise model. These elements will come into play when there is need for one process to communicate with another.