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Foreword

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This first edition of ISO 16528-1, together with the first edition of ISO 16528-2, cancels and replaces ISO/TS 16528:2002, which has been technically revised.

ISO 16528 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Boilers and pressure vessels*:

- *Part 1: Performance requirements*
- *Part 2: Procedures for fulfilling the requirements of ISO 16528-1*

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Introduction

This part of ISO 16528 specifies performance requirements for boilers and pressure vessels, to ensure the integrity of the pressure boundary.

An important safety requirement is the suitable provision of technical requirements taking into account the various modes of failure that can occur in boilers and pressure vessels. Guidance is given on these modes together with the criteria for satisfying these.

There are significant differences among countries in regulating the supply and operation of boilers and pressure vessels. These differences include compliance with specific standard(s) limiting source or specification of materials, use of specific inspection bodies and discriminatory certification systems or import licenses. However, these standards have a proven history of supporting public safety and good commercial operating experience.

This part of ISO 16528, which is performance-based, enables these standards to co-exist, providing an approach that can accommodate technical innovations, existing regulatory frameworks and market needs. Compliance with the requirements of this part of ISO 16528 does not relieve parties from obligations under local, national or international laws or regulations.

ISO 16528-2 provides a procedure to identify existing prescriptive standards that fulfil the requirements of this part of ISO 16528.