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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 20109:2016), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- [Clause 2](#) has been updated;
- two different situations regarding the location of the parties have been introduced;
- requirements relating to sound have been aligned with other standards and/or improved as to ensure necessary sound quality transmitted to interpreters;
- detailed requirements for video displays have been added;
- specifications on interpreting system microphone behaviour have been added;
- a measurement method for the values pertaining to hearing protection has been added.

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This document specifies requirements for the equipment for simultaneous interpreting, as well as the quality of sound and image transmitted to interpreters and from interpreters to the participants of a communicative event. Technological progress has led to profound changes in how interpreters perform their services. They can interpret in interpreting booths in the room in which the communicative event takes place, but either the entire team of interpreters or part of it can also be working from an interpreting hub, or interpreters can perform their services from an individual environment controlled by themselves. Different equipment can be used in different situations to optimize performance. This document takes these different situations into account.

Other relevant standards that can be applied in conjunction with this document, as required, are ISO 17651 (all parts), ISO 22259 and ISO 24019.