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Throughout the text of this document, read "...this European Standard..." to mean "...this International Standard...".

This first edition of ISO 20346 cancels and replaces ISO 8782-3:1998, which has been technically revised.

For the purposes of this International Standard the CEN annex regarding fulfilment of European Council Directives has been removed.

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This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by February 2005, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by August 2005.

This document has been prepared under a mandate given to CEN by the European Commission and the European Free Trade Association, and supports essential requirements of EU Directive(s).

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