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Foreword

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Introduction

The aim of this part of ISO/IEC 13273 is to support activities related to energy and that deal with energy efficiency. The terms were selected based upon their relevance and transverse nature. This International Standard is a horizontal standard in accordance with IEC Guide 108. It addresses the fundamental principles and concepts of energy efficiency and energy management terminology, which is relevant to a number of technical committees, with the goal of improving coherence and common characteristics for energy terms. This International Standard does not address terms specific to topics such as environmental sustainability or nuclear energy but rather transverse energy terminology.

It is intended to be of help to technical practitioners and other interested parties who either use or develop International Standards in these subject fields.

With the growth in the number of International Standards that directly or indirectly relate to energy, there is an increasing need for an agreement on common language in the domain.

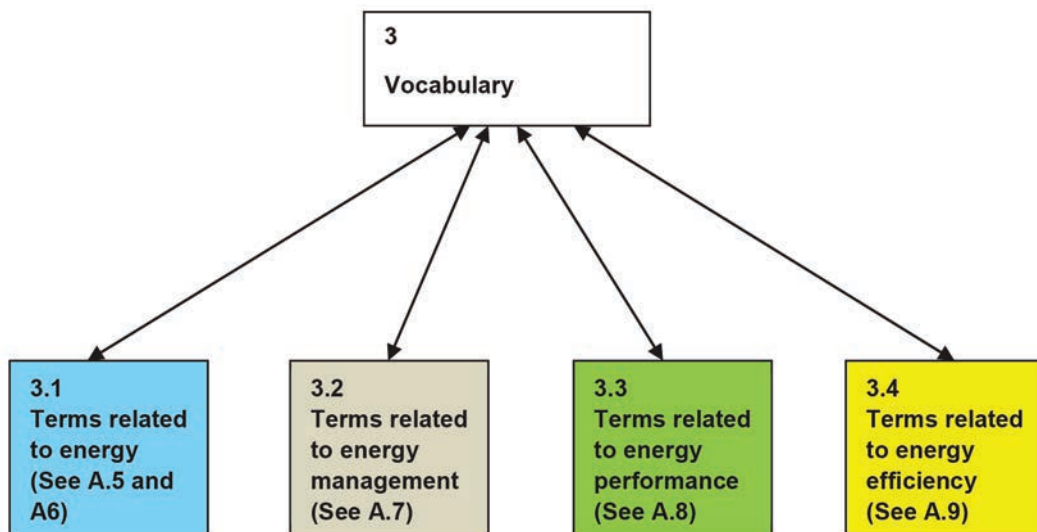


Figure 1 — Vocabulary structure

This part of ISO/IEC 13273 deals with concepts belonging to the general subject field of energy and, within that, transverse concepts in the field of energy efficiency. For renewable energy sources see ISO/IEC 13273-2.

The arrangement of terms and definitions in this International Standard is based upon concept systems that show corresponding relationships among energy efficiency and renewable energy sources concepts (see Figures A.4 to A.8 for additional diagrams on each group of terms). This arrangement provides users with a structured view of transverse energy concepts and facilitates their understanding. This terminology promotes a common understanding among all parties involved in energy efficiency and facilitates effective communication. This part of ISO/IEC 13273 includes terms and definitions that are commonly used in energy efficiency. The organization of terms is illustrated in Figure 1. This International Standard is a first effort in the development of a complete set of terms related to energy, and will be updated as further terms and definitions are agreed upon. (See [Clause A.3](#), [Figure A.4](#)).