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Foreword

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Introduction

This document defines formats and gives requirements and guidelines on the creation of documents describing the relationships between ISO/IEC 19770-1 and industry practices. The documents are referred to as “mapping documents” throughout the rest of this document.

The intention of this document is that the formats defined are applicable to a wide range of industry practices, including both those published by standards bodies, industry organizations or software publishers, and those defined in a unique manner within organizations.

The formats defined in this document support “bidirectional mappings”, where both the industry practice can be mapped to ISO/IEC 19770-1, and ISO/IEC 19770-1 can be mapped to the industry practice. It is expected that many mappings incorporate both aspects for clarity and convenience.

To the extent this document refers to ISO/IEC 19770-1:2012 it supports and builds on, the information contained in Annex C of that standard. ISO/IEC 19770-1:2012, Annex C contains mapping information to and from industry best practice guidance that referenced the following sources:

- 1) International Association of IT Asset Managers (IAITAM) Best Practice Library;
- 2) Two documents from the Association of SAM Assessment and Certification (SAMAC) based in Japan;
- 3) The Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) Control Objectives for Information and Related Technology CobiT 4.1® framework, used with permission of ISACA/ITGI [www.isaca.org] ©1996-2007 ITGI.

Having this information available no doubt simplifies the learning curve in the adoption of ISO/IEC 19770-1 and enhances its visibility. However, experience with this information highlighted several issues with distributing this information in an annex to ISO/IEC 19770-1, namely:

- 1) the authors of the source information release revisions and updates in a very different manner, and on a very different schedule, from the update cycle of International Standards;
- 2) much of the source information is protected as Intellectual Property with copyright, trademarks or sometimes even patents. Getting the permission to quote this information in an International Standard is often tedious, time-consuming and difficult;
- 3) including references and URLs to external resources in an International Standard is at best unstable, and at worst open to abuse.

This document seeks to ameliorate these issues by taking a different approach, by merely defining formats, guidance and other resources for the creation of these “mappings documents”, and relying on the authors of the source information or a related party to create the mappings documents themselves — which then generally remain under their change control. The document also provides guidance on how the originators and authors should interact with JTC 1/SC 7/WG 21 during this process if they choose to do so — such an interaction is not mandatory for using the information in this document. However, guidance on a number of optional styles of interaction is given, and such an interaction is encouraged.