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## Introduction

This document provides guidance on the integration of ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, ISO 9001:2015 and ISO/IEC 27001:2013. All three standards use the clause structure, common terms and common requirements from the high level structure (HLS) of management system standards (MSS) specified in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1. The adoption of the HLS enables an organization to align or integrate multiple management system standards. For example, a service management system (SMS) can be integrated with a quality management system based on ISO 9001 or an information security management system based on ISO/IEC 27001. The relationship between these three standards is very close; therefore, many organizations may already recognise the benefits of adopting two or all three of them.

Benefits of an integrated implementation of management systems can be:

- a) less effort and lower cost for the organization to implement the integrated management system and less ongoing effort required to keep it updated;
- b) increased credibility to external parties of the organization having a single integrated management system;
- c) more effective internal processes and improved communication in the organization by streamlining the interaction between the service, quality, and information security management aspects of their management system.

Apart from the common terms, requirements and the HLS, there are other commonalities in these three standards that provide an opportunity for integration. On the other hand, there are also differences that need to be kept in mind when integrating these management systems.

It is assumed that users of this document have access to and a basic understanding of the ISO/IEC 20000-1, ISO 9001, and ISO/IEC 27001 standards. The content of these standards is not repeated nor fully explained in this document.

**NOTE** The high level structure (HLS) of management system standards (MSS) specified in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1, Annex L, is referred to in this document as either "HLS" or "HLS of MSS". The high level structure was formerly contained in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1, Annex SL. In this document, the term "Annex SL" is used only when making a direct citation to a standard that was published when the Annex SL was still in place, e.g. ISO 9001:2015, ISO/IEC 20000-1:2018, ISO/IEC 27001:2013.