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Foreword

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~~It was circulated for voting to the national bodies of both ISO and IEC, and was approved by both organizations.~~

~~[Delete/fill in as applicable] This International Standard cancels and replaces the first edition of ISO/IEC Guide 65:1996 which **has** been periodically reviewed.~~

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Introduction

Certification of a product, process or service is a means of providing assurance that it complies with specified standards and other normative documents. Some product, process or service certification systems may include initial testing and assessment of its suppliers' quality systems, followed by surveillance that takes into account the factory quality system and the testing of samples from the factory and the open market. Other systems rely on initial testing and surveillance testing, while still others comprise type testing only.

This International Standard specifies requirements, the observance of which is intended to ensure that certification bodies operate third-party certification systems in a competent, consistent and impartial, manner, thereby facilitating their acceptance on a national and international basis and so furthering international trade.

The requirements contained in this International Standard are written, above all, to be considered as general criteria for certification bodies operating product, process or service certification systems; they may have to be amplified when specific industrial or other sectors make use of them, or when particular requirements such as health and safety have to be taken into account.

This International Standard does not set requirements for schemes and how they are developed and is not intended to restrict the role or choice of scheme owners.

Assertion of conformity to the appropriate standards or other normative documents will be in the form of certificates or marks of conformity. Systems for certifying particular products or product groups to specified standards or other normative documents will, in many cases, require their own explanatory documentation.

While this International Standard is concerned with third-parties providing product, process or service certification, many of its provisions may also be useful in first- and second-party product conformity assessment procedures.

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Conformity assessment — Requirements for certification bodies certifying products, processes and services

1 Scope

1.1 This International Standard contains principles and requirements for the competence, consistency and impartiality of the certification bodies evaluating and certifying products processes and services. Certification bodies operating to this International Standard need not offer all types of products, processes and services certification.

1.2 Certification of products, processes and services is a third party conformity assessment activity (see clause 5.5 of ISO/IEC 17000:2004). Bodies performing this activity are therefore third party conformity assessment bodies, (named in this standard "certification body/bodies").

NOTE 1 A certification body can be non-governmental or governmental (with or without regulatory authority).

NOTE 2 This International Standard can be used as a criteria document for accreditation or peer assessment or designation by governmental authorities and others.

NOTE 3 Interested parties can expect or require the certification body to meet all the requirements of this document as well as when relevant, those of the certification system and/or certification scheme.

NOTE 4 The criteria for the rules, procedures and management for implementing product, process and service certification are stipulated by the certification system and/or the certification scheme. The certification system and/or the certification scheme is owned either by the certification body or another organization (3.15).

NOTE 5 ISO/IEC Guide 67 gives guidance on product certification systems.

1.3 To apply this standard to the certification of processes the following terms shall be changed:

- Replace "product with "processes(es)"
- Replace "production" with "operation"
- Replace "produced" with "operated"

1.4 To apply this standard to the certification of services the following terms shall be changed:

- Replace "product(s)" with "service(s)"
- Replace "production" with "provision"
- Replace "produced" with "provided"

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.