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## AMENDMENT 1: Guidance on the use of ISO 6523

Add the following new annex B:

### **Annex B** (informative)

**NOTE** - Pending a review of the standard, this guidance is offered for the use of parties who have been allocated or are seeking an allocation of an ICD as defined in this International Standard.

Issuing organizations which hold an ICD allocated according to this International Standard are responsible themselves for determining the use of the code and need to provide this information so that the registration authority may maintain notes on the use of the code as required in 6.3 (g).

It has been determined that if a particular issuing organization which has been allocated an ICD for one coding scheme then wishes to operate another coding scheme that there are two possibilities:

- 1) the second coding scheme is completely incompatible with the first coding scheme and the issuing organization seeks another ICD through a second application via a sponsoring authority, or,
- 2) the second coding scheme is compatible with the first to the extent that no ambiguity would result in practice from the use of the same ICD for both coding schemes. In this case, the issuing organization utilizes the same ICD for both purposes and would ensure that the notes on the use of the code reflect such dual usage.

In the context of the use of this International Standard in Open System Interconnection standards, the technical consensus of opinion is that the use of this International Standard as specified in ISO/IEC 8824:1990 and ISO 8348:1987/Add. 2, falls into category 2) above and that, therefore, a single ICD can suffice for both purposes.