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ISO/IEC 17021 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems* and requirements for third-party certification auditing of management systems.

- *Part 1: Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems*
- *Part 2: Requirements for third-party certification auditing of management systems*

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In this International Standard, the word "shall" indicates a requirement and the word "should" a recommendation.

Introduction

Certification of a management system, such as a quality or environmental management system of an organization, is one means of providing assurance that the organization has implemented a system for the management of the relevant aspects of its activities, in line with its policy.

This International Standard specifies requirements for certification bodies. Observance of these requirements is intended to ensure that certification bodies operate management system certification in a competent, consistent and impartial manner, thereby facilitating the recognition of such bodies and the acceptance of their certifications on a national and international basis. This International Standard serves as a foundation for facilitating the recognition of management system certification in the interests of international trade.

Certification of a management system provides independent demonstration that the management system of the organization

- a) *conforms to specified requirements,*
- b) *is capable of consistently achieving its stated policy and objectives, and*
- c) *is effectively implemented.*

Conformity assessment such as certification of a management system thereby provides value to the organization, its customers and interested parties.

In this International Standard, Clause 4 describes the principles on which credible certification is based. These principles help the reader to understand the essential nature of certification and they are a necessary prelude to Clauses 5 to 10. These principles underpin all the requirements in this International Standard, but such principles are not auditable requirements in their own right. Clause 10 describes two alternative ways of supporting and demonstrating the consistent achievement of the requirements in this International Standard through the establishment of a management system by the certification body.

This International Standard is intended for use by bodies that carry out audit and certification of management systems. It gives generic requirements for such certification bodies performing audit and certification in the field of quality, environmental and other forms of management systems. Such bodies are referred to as certification bodies. This wording should not be an obstacle to the use of this International Standard by bodies with other designations that undertake activities covered by the scope of this document.

Certification activities involve the audit of an organization's management system. The form of attestation of conformity of an organization's management system to a specific management system standard or other normative requirements is normally a certification document or a certificate.

The publication of this International Standard includes the text of ISO/IEC 17021:2006, including amendments to delete relevant references to ISO 19011, with new text adding specific requirements for third-party auditing and the management of competence. This International Standard will be designated as ISO/IEC 17021 Part 2 (ISO/IEC 17021-2).

Specific market needs have already been identified, resulting from a lack of specific and recognized requirements for third-party auditors of management systems, such as quality management systems, environmental management systems or food safety management systems. ISO 19011:2002 provides only non-mandatory guidance on auditor competence. The lack of requirements for auditor competence and the way in which these auditors are managed and deployed has been identified by key stakeholders, including industry stakeholder groups, as being a drawback.

ISO/IEC 17021-2 provides a set of requirements for management systems auditing at a generic level aimed at providing a reliable determination of conformity to the applicable requirements for certification, conducted by a

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competent audit team, with adequate resources and following a consistent process, with the results reported in a consistent manner.

This International Standard will be used as the basis for recognizing the competence of third-party auditing and certification of management systems and as a criteria document for accreditation. It can also be used for peer assessment or other audit processes.

ISO/IEC 17021-2 is a horizontal standard that is applicable to the auditing and certification of any type of management system. It is recognized that some of the requirements, and in particular those related to auditor competence, can be supplemented with additional criteria in order to achieve the expectations of the interested parties.

ISO has recognized these needs and has established a process for technical experts from CASCO to liaise with specific Technical Committees to provide for the participation of subject matter experts for the technology (from the Technical Committee) as well as conformity assessment (from CASCO) in order to ensure technically appropriate consistency. It is expected that such supplementary documents will reference all the requirements in ISO/IEC17021-2 and only add to these requirements, as needed.

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1 Scope

This International Standard contains principles and requirements for the competence, consistency and impartiality of the audit and certification of management systems of all types (e.g. quality management systems or environmental management systems) and for bodies providing these activities. Certification bodies operating to this International Standard need not offer all types of management system certification.

Certification of management systems (named in this International Standard “certification”) is a third-party conformity assessment activity (see ISO/IEC 17000:2004, 5.5). Bodies performing this activity are therefore third-party conformity assessment bodies (named in this International Standard “certification body/bodies”).

NOTE 1 Certification of a management system is sometimes also called “registration”, and certification bodies are sometimes called “registrars”.

NOTE 2 A certification body can be non-governmental or governmental (with or without regulatory authority).

NOTE 3 This International Standard can be used as a criteria document for accreditation or peer assessment or other audit processes.

This International Standard supplements the existing requirements of ISO/IEC 17021:2006 and provides additional requirements with respect to the audit process and the management of competence. This International Standard provides a framework for the development of specific criteria for third-party certification auditing and management of competence for different types of management systems or sector applications.

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.

ISO 9000:2005, Quality management systems — Fundamentals and vocabulary

ISO 19011:2002, Guidelines for quality and/or environmental management systems auditing¹⁾

ISO/IEC 17000:2004, Conformity assessment — Vocabulary and general principles

¹⁾ References in this document to the relevant guidance in ISO 19011 apply to the auditing of all other types of management systems.