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Part 3:

**Guidelines for achieving agreements on
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Foreword

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Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this part of ISO/TS 14253 may be the subject of patent rights. ISO shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

ISO/TS 14253-3 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 213, *Dimensional and geometrical product specifications and verification*.

ISO 14253 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Inspection by measurement of workpieces and measuring equipment*:

- *Part 1: Decision rules for proving conformance or non-conformance with specifications*
- *Part 2: Guide to the estimation of uncertainty in GPS measurement, in calibration of measuring equipment and in product verification*
- *Part 3: Guidelines for achieving agreements on measurement uncertainty statements*

Annex A of this part of ISO 14253 is for information only.

Introduction

This part of ISO 14253 is a geometrical product specification (GPS) Technical Specification and is to be regarded as a global GPS Technical Specification (see ISO/TR 14638). It influences links 4, 5 and 6 of all chains of standards in the general GPS matrix.

For more detailed information of the relation of this Technical Specification to other standards and the GPS matrix model, see annex A.

ISO 14253-1 provides decision rules for proving conformance or non-conformance with specifications of workpieces and measuring equipment when taking into account the uncertainty of measurement. ISO/TS 14253-2 provides instructions for preparing uncertainty budgets for determining measurement uncertainty as defined in the *Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement (GUM)*. However, the possibility still exists that disagreement between customer and supplier can occur on the estimated measurement uncertainty.

It is becoming increasingly common for suppliers to have in place a quality system providing satisfactory assurance to the customer that the latter is receiving a product which conforms to specifications. This avoids the need for costly duplicate inspections.

For this reason, the most common case of disagreement over a measurement uncertainty statement or an uncertainty budget involves the customer questioning the supplier's uncertainty budget. The customer also may question the measured value of a characteristic of a workpiece or of measuring equipment, thus indirectly questioning the total uncertainty budget (see ISO 14253-1).

In a rarer case of disagreement, the supplier may question the customer's uncertainty budget when the customer rejects a workpiece or measuring equipment (see 6.2 of ISO 14253-1:1998).

In addition to those mentioned, there are other cases of disagreement, as well as other motivations that may lead to discussion of stated uncertainties.

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Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Inspection by measurement of workpieces and measuring equipment —

Part 3: Guidelines for achieving agreements on measurement uncertainty statements

1 Scope

This part of ISO 14253 provides guidelines and defines procedures for assisting the customer and supplier to reach amicable agreements on disputed measurement uncertainty statements regulated in accordance with ISO 14253-1, and so avoid costly and time-consuming disputes.

2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 14253. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 14253 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 14253-1:1998, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Inspection by measurement of workpieces and measuring equipment — Part 1: Decision rules for proving conformance or non-conformance with specification*

ISO/TS 14253-2:1999, *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — Inspection by measurement of workpieces and measuring equipment — Part 2: Guide to the estimation of uncertainty in GPS measurement, in calibration of measuring equipment and in product verification*

ISO 14978:—¹), *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — General concepts and requirements for GPS measuring equipment*

ISO/TS 17450-1:—¹), *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — General concepts — Part 1: Model for geometric specification and verification*

ISO/TS 17450-2:—¹), *Geometrical Product Specifications (GPS) — General concepts — Part 2: Basic tenets, specifications, operators and uncertainties*

Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement (GUM). BIPM, IEC, IFCC, ISO, IUPAC, IUPAP, OIML, 1st edition, 1993, corrected and reprinted in 1995

International Vocabulary of Basic and General Terms in Metrology (VIM). BIPM, IEC, IFCC, ISO, IUPAC, IUPAP, OIML, 2nd edition, 1993

1) To be published.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 14253, the terms and definitions given in ISO 14253-1, ISO/TS 14253-2, ISO 14978, ISO/TS 17450-1, ISO/TS 17450-2, VIM and GUM, and the following apply.

3.1

operator

ordered set of operations

3.2

specification operator

ordered set of specification operations

NOTE 1 The specification operator is the result of the full interpretation of the combination of the GPS specification or specifications indicated in the technical product documentation in accordance with ISO GPS standards.

NOTE 2 A specification operator can be incomplete, in which case it could introduce specification uncertainty.

NOTE 3 A specification operator is intended to define, for example, a specific possible “diameter” in a cylinder (e.g. two-point diameter, minimum circumscribed circle diameter, maximum inscribed circle diameter, Least Squares circle diameter), and not the generic concept “diameter”.

NOTE 4 The difference between the specification operator and the functional operator causes correlation uncertainty.

3.3

verification operator

ordered set of verification operations

NOTE 1 The verification operator is the metrological emulation of a specification operator. The verification operator is the basis for the measurement procedure.

NOTE 2 A verification operator might not be a perfect simulation of the given specification operator. In that case, the differences between the specification operator and the verification operator will result in uncertainty contributors, which are part of the measurement uncertainty.

3.4

actual specification operator

specification operator derived from the actual specification given in the actual technical product documentation

NOTE 1 The standard or standards according to which the actual specification operator is to be interpreted are identified explicitly or implicitly.

NOTE 2 An actual specification operator can be a complete specification operator or an incomplete specification operator.

NOTE 3 An actual specification operator can be either a special specification operator or a default specification operator.

3.5

actual verification operator

ordered set of actual verification operations

NOTE The actual verification operator can be chosen so that it is different from the required perfect verification operator. The divergence between the perfect verification operator and the chosen actual verification operator is the measurement uncertainty (sum of the method uncertainty and implementation uncertainty).

3.6

perfect verification operator

verification operator based on a full set of perfect verification operations performed in the prescribed order

NOTE 1 The only measurement uncertainty contributions from a perfect verification operator are from metrological characteristic deviations in the implementation of the operator.

NOTE 2 The purpose of calibration is generally to evaluate the magnitude of these measurement uncertainty contributors, originating from the measuring equipment.

3.7**specification uncertainty**

uncertainty inherent in an actual specification operator when applied to a real workpiece/feature

NOTE 1 Specification uncertainty is of the same nature as measurement uncertainty and can — if relevant — be part of an uncertainty budget.

NOTE 2 The specification uncertainty quantifies the ambiguity in the specification operator.

NOTE 3 For the purposes of this part of ISO 14253, specification uncertainty is considered part of the compliance uncertainty.

NOTE 4 Specification uncertainty is a property related to the actual specification operator.

NOTE 5 The magnitude of the specification uncertainty is also dependent on the expected or actual variation of the geometrical characteristics (deviations of form and angularity) of workpieces.

3.8**simplified verification operator**

verification operator including one or more simplified verification operations or deviations from the prescribed order of operations, or both

NOTE 1 The simplified verification operations, deviation in the order of operations, or both, cause measurement uncertainty contributions in addition to those measurement uncertainty contributions from the metrological characteristic deviations in the implementation of the operator.

NOTE 2 The magnitude of these uncertainty contributions is also dependent on the geometrical characteristics (deviations of form and angularity) of the actual workpiece.

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3.9**measuring task**

quantification of a measurand according to its definition

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[ISO/TS 14253-2:1999, definition 3.3] standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/3d92dd0d-6a5e-4899-b3e1-67ad03fdea19/iso-ts-14253-3-2002

3.10**basic measurement task**

measurement task(s) which, alone or together with others of its kind, forms the basis for the evaluation of more complicated characteristics of a workpiece or measuring equipment

[ISO/TS 14253-2:1999, definition 3.4]

3.11**overall measurement task**

complicated measuring task, evaluated on the basis of several, possibly different, basic measurements

[ISO/TS 14253-2:1999, definition 3.5]

3.12**measurement**

set of operations having the object of determining a value of a quantity

[VIM:1993, definition 2.1]

NOTE For the purposes of this Technical Specification, the term “measuring process” is used as a synonym for measurement.

3.13**basic measuring process****basic measurement**

measuring process which, alone or together with others of its kind, forms the basis of the evaluation/measurement of more complex GPS characteristics

3.14

overall measuring process

overall measurement

complex measuring process consisting of several, possibly different, basic measuring processes

3.15

task-related calibration

calibration of only the metrological characteristics which influence the measurement uncertainty for the intended use

NOTE 1 A task-related calibration will normally include only the calibration of those metrological characteristics having a major influence on the measurement uncertainty for the intended use.

NOTE 2 Task related-calibrations can be performed using other, more economical procedures than those employed in global calibration; a task-related calibration can be designed to deliver information (values and conditions) optimized for use in the specific uncertainty budget.

NOTE 3 This definition of task-related calibration has been formulated differently from the definition of the same term given in ISO 12179, intentionally and without changing the meaning. The difference reflects a development in the GPS field.

[ISO 14978:—, definition 3.11]

4 Reaching an agreement on a stated expanded uncertainty

4.1 Early agreement on the stated measurement uncertainty

In a case where either the customer's or supplier's measurement uncertainty statement is in question, an uncertainty budget supporting and documenting the measurement uncertainty statement may be necessary. It is the responsibility of the party preparing the uncertainty budget to justify the individual components and the resulting estimated expanded uncertainty of the uncertainty budget.

In an ideal situation, customer and supplier will address the issue of measurement uncertainty at the same time as they address the product specifications of the workpiece, at the pre-contract stage. Agreement on the magnitude of the measurement uncertainty or uncertainties and the rules for its application at this early stage of the business relationship will avoid later disputes over acceptance or rejection of product and the consequent need to apply the default rules given in ISO 14253-1.

NOTE In most cases, there are several GPS characteristics specified for a workpiece and for each of these characteristics a measuring task with corresponding measurement uncertainty statement is required.

Two different persons can produce two different uncertainty statements due to differing knowledge, experience and assumptions. Resolving these differences at the pre-contract stage is likely to be less contentious and less costly than waiting until an argument develops over the acceptance or rejection of the product during the manufacture and delivery stage.

4.2 Possibilities for solving disagreements over a stated measurement uncertainty

The most basic way of reaching an agreement is to agree to choose one or the other of the two statements of measurement uncertainty from either party to the agreement. If this type of settlement is not appropriate, another solution is to use the more refined procedure given in clause 5, or to use a third party consultation, review or both these.

Clause 6 of ISO 14253-1:1998 gives specific rules on dealing with uncertainty of measurement when proving conformance or non-conformance with a specification:

- supplier proving conformance with specifications (6.2 of ISO 14253-1:1998);
- customer proving non-conformance with specifications (6.3 of ISO 14253-1:1998).

The magnitude of the measurement uncertainty is of importance, because it decreases (supplier proving conformance) and increases (customer proving non-conformance) the specification.

According to ISO 14253-1, the measurement uncertainty is stated by the party providing the proof of conformance or non-conformance with a specification, i.e. the party making the measurements. In the following clauses of this part of ISO 14253, the party stating the measurement uncertainty is designated “party 1”. The other of the two parties is designated “party 2”. “Party 2” is the party likely to question or disagree with the stated measurement uncertainty.

NOTE When the supplier is proving conformance with specification, the supplier is “party 1” and it is the customer, “party 2”, who provides the specification. When the customer is proving non-conformance, the customer is “party 1” and is also considered to have provided the specification, hence it is the supplier who is “party 2”.

A number of scenarios can be demonstrated for cases where a stated measurement uncertainty from “party 1” may be questioned by “party 2”. Figure 1 illustrates the most common scenarios, as follows.

- a) A measurement uncertainty is stated by “party 1” (**box a**).
- b) “Party 2” has two options (**box b**).
 - 1) If “party 2” agrees to the measurement uncertainty statement (**box b — “Yes”**), both parties have come to the same conclusion. The issue is resolved (**box z**).

NOTE A measurement uncertainty statement can be a simple claimed value without any documentation or an uncertainty budget with a resulting expanded uncertainty according to ISO/TS 14253-2.

- 2) If “party 2” disagrees with the measurement uncertainty statement (**box b — “No”**), this part of ISO 14253 applies.
 - c) The two parties may use a third party to resolve their disagreement.
 - 1) If yes (**box c — “Yes”**), the third party will evaluate the uncertainty budget (**box v**). The issue is resolved (**box z**).
 - 2) If no (**box c — “No”**), the two parties continue with the procedure (**box d**).
 - d) “Party 1” may or may not have generated an uncertainty budget according to ISO/TS 14253-2 (**box d**).
 - 1) If an uncertainty budget does not exist (**box d — “No”**), there are two options.
 - i) The two parties agree, by decision, and without further documentation, on a “new” measurement uncertainty statement (**box e — “Yes”**). In this case “party 1” shall change the uncertainty statement according to the agreement (**box f**), and the issue is resolved (**box z**).
 - ii) “Party 2” requires an uncertainty budget from “party 1” (**box e — “No”**). “Party 1” then has two options.
 - I) Use a third party (**box g — “Yes”**). The third party shall evaluate the uncertainty budget (**box v**). The issue is resolved (**box z**).
 - II) Do not use third party (**box g — “No”**). “Party 1” shall generate an uncertainty budget (**box h**) according to the guidelines given in ISO/TS 14253-2 (**box j**). When the uncertainty budget is prepared, the procedure recommences from the starting point (**box a**).