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Foreword

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— *Part 1: Adoption of International Standards*

— *Part 2: Adoption of International Deliverables other than International Standards*

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0 Introduction

0.1 This part of ISO/IEC Guide 21 provides the methods for adoption of International Deliverables other than International Standards as regional or national deliverables. Such deliverables, which are published by ISO and/or IEC, include Technical Specifications, Publicly Available Specifications and informative documents such as Technical Reports, Guides, documents resulting from workshops and other deliverables.

0.2 The identification of the degree of correspondence and the adoption methods described in ISO/IEC Guide 21-1 apply to International Standards as well as to other deliverables published by ISO and IEC. However, International Standards are only to be adopted as regional or national standards, that is as deliverables of the same type. International Deliverables other than International Standards should preferably be adopted as regional or national deliverables of the same or a similar type. However, it is also possible to adopt these deliverables as deliverables of another type (e.g. an ISO or IEC Technical Specification may be adopted as a national Technical Specification, but it could also be adopted as a national standard or another deliverable).

0.3 Some of the International Deliverables covered in this part of ISO/IEC Guide 21 may be withdrawn and/or replaced after a certain period of time according to specific rules defined by ISO and/or IEC. Standards bodies having adopted these deliverables regionally or nationally should be aware of these rules and should decide either generally or on a case-by-case basis whether they wish to take similar actions if the International Deliverable is withdrawn or replaced.

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0.4 Attention is drawn to the Introduction of ISO/IEC Guide 21-1:2005, particularly in relation to the importance of International Standards within the framework of the WTO TBT Agreement. International Deliverables other than International Standards may perform similar functions in reducing technical barriers to trade and thereby facilitating trade.

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0.5 Attention is drawn to the Introduction of ISO/IEC Guide 21-1:2005, and in particular 0.3. The principle that deviations are kept to a minimum is equally applicable to the adoption of deliverables other than standards.

0.6 Attention is drawn to the requirements for copyright, copyright exploitation rights and sales of ISO and IEC publications stated in relevant ISO and IEC rules and policy documents.

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Part 2:
Adoption of International Deliverables other than International Standards

1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC Guide 21 provides methods for the following:

a) the adoption of International Deliverables other than International Standards as regional or national deliverables (Clause 5);

b) numbering of regional or national deliverables that are adoptions of International Deliverables other than International Standards (Clause 7).

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2 Normative references

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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/IEC Guide 2:2004, *Standardization and related activities — General vocabulary*

ISO/IEC Guide 21-1:2005, *Regional or national adoption of International Standards and other International Deliverables — Part 1: Adoption of International Standards*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC Guide 2 and the following apply.

3.1
Technical Specification
TS
document published by ISO or IEC for which there is the future possibility of agreement on an International Standard, but for which at present

— the required support for approval as an International Standard cannot be obtained,

— there is doubt on whether consensus has been achieved,

— the subject matter is still under technical development, or

— there is another reason precluding immediate publication as an International Standard.

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NOTE 1 The content of a Technical Specification, including its annexes, may include requirements.

NOTE 2 A Technical Specification is not allowed to conflict with an existing International Standard.

NOTE 3 Competing Technical Specifications on the same subject are permitted.

NOTE 4 Prior to mid-1999, Technical Specifications were designated as Technical Reports of type 1 or 2.

[ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2:2004, definition 3.4]

3.2
Publicly Available Specification
PAS
document published by ISO or IEC to respond to an urgent market need, representing either

— a consensus in an organization external to ISO or IEC, or

— a consensus of the experts within a working group

NOTE 1 A Publicly Available Specification is not allowed to conflict with an existing International Standard.

NOTE 2 Competing Publicly Available Specifications on the same subject are permitted.

[ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2:2004, definition 3.7]

3.3
Technical Report
TR
document published by ISO or IEC containing collected data of a different kind from that which is normally published as an International Standard or Technical Specification

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NOTE 1 Such data may include, for example, data obtained from a survey carried out among the national bodies, data on work in other international organizations or data on the "state of the art" in relation to standards of national bodies on a particular subject.

NOTE 2 Prior to mid-1999, Technical Reports were designated as Technical Reports of type 3.

[ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2:2004, definition 3.5]

3.4
Guide
document published by ISO or IEC giving rules, advice or recommendations relating to international standardization

NOTE Guides may address issues of interest to all users of International Standards.

[ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2:2004, definition 3.6]

3.5
Technology Trend Assessment
TTA
document published by ISO or IEC to respond to the need for global collaboration on standardization questions during the early stages of technical innovation and which gives the state of the art or trend in emerging fields

NOTE Technology Trend Assessments are typically the result of pre-standardization work or research.

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3.6
Industry Technical Agreement
ITA
normative or informative document that specifies the parameters of a new product or service

NOTE 1 Industry Technical Agreements exist only in IEC.

NOTE 2 An ITA is developed outside the technical structures of the IEC and helps to enable production and/or market launch of industry products to proceed. It is similar to an industrial de facto standard or specification. Fast moving technology sectors are the main potential users of ITAs, but the whole domain of electrical and electronic engineering (including ICT) may be covered.

3.7
International Workshop Agreement
IWA
document prepared through a workshop mechanism in order to respond to urgent market requirements

NOTE 1 International Workshop Agreements exist only in ISO.

NOTE 2 Proposals to hold such workshops may come from any source and are subject to approval by the ISO Technical Management Board, which also designates an ISO member body to assist the proposer in the organization of the workshop. International Workshop Agreements are approved by consensus amongst the individual participants in such workshops.

NOTE 3 An IWA is developed outside the technical structures of ISO.

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3.8
type
⟨of publication⟩ particular kind of document or publication which is published by a standards body as a normative or informative deliverable

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NOTE The type of publication is often related to the procedure applied in the development of the document, which may determine the degree of consensus represented by the deliverable.

3.9
adoption
⟨of an International Deliverable other than an International Standard in a regional or national deliverable⟩ publication of a regional or national deliverable based on a relevant International Deliverable other than an International Standard with any deviations from the International Deliverable identified

NOTE 1 Adapted from ISO/IEC Guide 2:2004, 10.1.

NOTE 2 The term “taking over” is sometimes used to cover the same concept as “adoption”.

3.10
editorial change
⟨of an International Deliverable other than an International Standard in a regional or national deliverable⟩ any permitted change that does not alter the technical content of the International Deliverable

NOTE A list of permitted editorial changes is given in ISO/IEC Guide 21-1:2005, 4.2.

3.11
technical deviation
⟨from an International Deliverable other than an International Standard in a regional or national deliverable⟩ any difference between the technical content of the International Deliverable and that of the regional or national deliverable

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