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### Foreword

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 207, *Environmental management*.

This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 14050:2009), which has been technically revised. The fourth edition is structured differently from the third edition. It presents a more generic vocabulary of environmental management terminology.

A list of all documents in the ISO 14000 series can be found on the ISO website.

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## Introduction

Communication is important in the implementation and operation of environmental management systems. This communication will be most effective if there is a common understanding of the terms used.

With the aim of simplifying the harmonization of terms and definitions in the field of environmental management, each terminological entry contains a generic definition. Notes to entry and examples have been included only in a few cases. Standards developers may add notes to entry and examples as needed to adapt each entry to serve the purpose of each individual document.

The terminology is arranged in sub-clauses, each representing a specific sub-domain. One of these sub-clauses (3.1) contains terms and definitions intended to be used in all management system standards. The sequence of the term entries corresponds to the concept diagrams in Annex B.

*ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1, Annex L* (previously Annex SL of the ISO Supplement), "Proposals for management system standards" includes terms and definitions to be used in all management system standard. This is an important terminology source for this document.

*ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1, Annex M* (previously Annex SP of the ISO Supplement), "Policy for the development of sector-specific management standards and sector-specific management system standards (MSS)" stipulates rules for the use of ISO 14050 terminology in environmental management standards, in particular in sub-clauses M.5.2.5 and M.5.2.6:

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## 1 Scope

This document contains terms and definitions used in standards in the field of environmental management systems and tools in support of sustainable development. These include management systems, auditing and different types of assessment, communications, footprinting, greenhouse gas management and adaptation to climate change.

The terms and definitions given in this document are intended to be guiding reference for future and revised documents in the ISO 14000 series.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

NOTE 1 See Annex C for reference to where each concept has been defined in other documents.

NOTE 2 The “High level structure (HLS)” referenced in 3.1 is Appendix 2 of Annex L of the ISO/IEC Directives, “High level structure, identical core text, common terms and core definitions”.

### 3.1 Terms from High level structure

#### 3.1.1

##### **organization**

person or group of people that has its own functions with responsibilities, authorities and relationships to achieve its *objectives* (3.1.7)

#### 3.1.2

##### **interested party**

stakeholder

person or *organization* (3.1.1) that can affect, be affected by, or perceive itself to be affected by a decision or activity

#### 3.1.3

##### **top management**

person or group of people who directs and controls an *organization* (3.1.1) at the highest level

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**3.1.4****management system**

set of interrelated or interacting elements of an *organization* (3.1.1) to establish *policies* (3.1.6) and *objectives* (3.1.7) and *processes* (3.1.8) to achieve those objectives

**3.1.5****risk**

effect of uncertainty

**3.1.6****policy**

intentions and direction of an *organization* (3.1.1) as formally expressed by its *top management* (3.1.3)

**3.1.7****objective**

result to be achieved

**3.1.8****process**

set of interrelated or interacting activities which transforms inputs into outputs

**3.1.9****competence**

ability to apply knowledge and skills to achieve intended results

**3.1.10****documented information**

information required to be controlled and maintained by an *organization* (3.1.1) and the medium on which it is contained

**3.1.11****performance**

measurable result

**3.1.12****continual improvement**

recurring activity to enhance *performance* (3.1.11)

**3.1.13****requirement**

need or expectation that is stated, generally implied or obligatory

**3.1.14****conformity**

fulfilment of a *requirement* (3.1.13)

**3.1.15****nonconformity**

non-fulfilment of a *requirement* (3.1.13)

**3.1.16****corrective action**

action to eliminate the cause of a *nonconformity* (3.1.15) and to prevent recurrence

**3.1.17****audit**

systematic, independent and documented *process* (3.1.8) for obtaining *objective evidence* (3.4.33) and evaluating it objectively to determine the extent to which the *audit criteria* (3.4.42) are fulfilled

[SOURCE: ISO 19011:2018, 3.1]

**3.1.18****measurement**

*process* (3.1.8) to determine a value

**3.1.19****monitoring**

determining the status of a system, a *process* (3.1.8) or an activity

**3.1.20****effectiveness**

extent to which planned activities are realized and planned results achieved

**3.1.21****outsource**

make an arrangement where an external *organization* (3.1.1) performs part of an organization's function or *process* (3.1.8)

**3.2 General terms relating to environmental management****3.2.1****environmental management**

set of coordinated activities within an *organization* (3.1.1) related to its *environmental aspects* (3.2.22)

**3.2.2****environment**

surroundings in which an *organization* (3.1.1) operates, including air, water, *land* (3.8.17), *natural resources* (3.2.5), flora, fauna, humans and their interrelation

**3.2.3****ecosystem**

dynamic complex of communities of plants, animals and microorganisms and their non-living *environment* (3.2.2), interacting as a functional entity

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**3.2.4****ecosystem service**

benefit people obtain from one or several *ecosystems* (3.2.3)

**3.2.5****natural resource**

part of nature which provides benefits to humans or underpins human well-being

**3.2.6****environmental baseline**

state of *environment* (3.2.2) without the change that is considered

**3.2.7****target group**

*interested party* (3.1.2) or parties selected as the focus of an *organization's* (3.1.1) *environmental communication* (3.7.17) activity

**3.2.8****third party**

person or body that is recognized as being independent of the parties involved, as concerns the issues in question

**3.2.9****customer**

person or *organization* (3.1.1) that could or does receive a *product* (3.5.2) or a service that is intended for or required by this person or organization

**3.2.10****customer service**

interaction of the *organization* (3.1.1) with the *customer* (3.2.9) throughout the *life cycle* (3.6.1) of a *product* (3.5.2)

**3.2.11****sustainable development**

development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs

**3.2.12****prevention of pollution**

use of *processes* (3.1.8), practices, techniques, materials, products, services or energy to avoid, reduce or control (separately or in combination) the creation, emission or discharge of any type of pollutant or waste, in order to reduce adverse *environmental impacts* (3.2.24)

**3.2.13****activity data**

quantitative measure of an activity that results in an *environmental impact* (3.2.24)