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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 14731:2006), which has been technically revised.

The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- informative reference to IIW has been removed due to anticompetition rules;
- [Annex A](#) now addresses the assessment of welding coordination personnel;
- the term responsible welding coordinator, RWC, has been deleted;
- the concept of competence and levels (see [Clause 6](#)) has been introduced;
- new subclause [B.20](#) has been added to address Health and Safety and Environment.

Introduction

Validation and verification of welding requires competent personnel to perform welding coordination to establish confidence in weld quality and to ensure reliable performance in service.

The tasks and responsibilities of welding coordination personnel involved in welding-related activities (e.g. planning, executing, supervising and inspection) need to be clearly defined.

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