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Introduction

0.1 General

This International Standard provides guidance for organizations to plan, design, develop, operate, maintain and improve an effective and efficient complaints-handling process for all types of commercial or non-commercial activities, including those related to electronic commerce. It is intended to benefit an organization and its customers, complainants, and other relevant interested parties.

The information obtained through the complaints-handling process can lead to improvements in products, services and processes and, where the complaints are properly handled, can improve the reputation of the organization, regardless of size, location, and sector. In a global marketplace, the value of an International Standard becomes more evident since it provides confidence in the consistent treatment of complaints.

An effective and efficient complaints-handling process reflects the needs and expectations of both the organizations supplying products and services and those who are the recipients of those products and services.

The handling of complaints through a process as described in this International Standard can enhance customer satisfaction. Encouraging customer feedback, including complaints if customers are not satisfied, can offer opportunities to maintain or enhance customer loyalty and approval, and improve domestic and international competitiveness.

- Implementation of the process described in this International Standard can
- provide a complainant with access to an open and responsive complaints-handling process,
- enhance the ability of the organization to resolve complaints in a consistent, systematic, and
 responsive manner, to the satisfaction of the complainant and the organization,
- enhance the ability of an organization to identify trends and eliminate causes of complaints, and improve the organization's operations,
- help an organization create a customer-focused approach to resolving complaints, and encourage
 personnel to improve their skills in working with customers, and
- provide a basis for continual review and analysis of the complaints-handling process, the resolution
 of complaints, and process improvements made.

Organizations can use the complaints-handling process in conjunction with customer satisfaction codes of conduct and external dispute resolution processes.

The satisfaction of persons or organizations that could or do receive a product or a service from a public or a private organization is the focus of this International Standard.

0.2 Relationship with ISO 9001 and ISO 9004

This International Standard is compatible with ISO 9001 and ISO 9004, and supports the objectives of these two International Standards through the effective and efficient application of a complaints-handling process. It can also be used independently of them.

ISO 9001 specifies requirements for a quality management system that can be used for internal application by organizations, or for certification, or for contractual purposes. The process for complaints handling described in this International Standard (ISO 10002) can be used as an element of a quality management system.

ISO 9004 provides guidance on managing for the sustained success of an organization. The use of this International Standard (ISO 10002) can enhance performance in the area of complaints handling and increase the satisfaction of customers and other relevant interested parties to facilitate the achievement

of sustained success. It can also facilitate the continual improvement of the quality of products, services and processes based on feedback from customers and other relevant interested parties.

0.3 Relationship with ISO 10001, ISO 10003 and ISO 10004

This International Standard is compatible with ISO 10001, ISO 10003 and ISO 10004. These four International Standards can be used either independently or in conjunction with each other. When used together, this International Standard, ISO 10001, ISO 10003, and ISO 10004 can be part of a broader and integrated framework for enhanced customer satisfaction through codes of conduct, complaints handling, dispute resolution and monitoring and measurement of customer satisfaction (see <u>Annex A</u>).

ISO 10001 contains guidance on codes of conduct for organizations related to customer satisfaction. Such codes of conduct can decrease the probability of problems arising and can eliminate causes of complaints and disputes which can decrease customer satisfaction.

ISO 10003 contains guidance on the resolution of disputes regarding product-and service-related complaints that could not be satisfactorily resolved internally. ISO 10003 can help to minimize customer dissatisfaction stemming from unresolved complaints.

ISO 10004 contains guidance on establishing effective processes for monitoring and measuring customer satisfaction. Its focus is on customers external to the organization. Guidelines given in ISO 10004 can support the establishment and implementation of a complaints-handling process. For example, the processes described in ISO 10004 can assist the organization in monitoring and measuring customer satisfaction with the complaints-handling process (see 8.3). Likewise, information from a complaints-handling process can be used in monitoring and measuring customer satisfaction. For example, the frequency and type of complaints can be an indirect indicator of customer satisfaction (see ISO 10004, 7.3.2).

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Quality management — Customer satisfaction — Guidelines for complaints handling in organizations

1 Scope

This International Standard provides guidance on the process of complaints handling related to products and services within an organization, including planning, design, development, operation, maintenance, and improvement. The complaints-handling process described is suitable for use as one of the processes of an overall quality management system.

Note 1 to entry This International Standard is not applicable to disputes referred for resolution outside the organization or for employment-related disputes.

This International Standard is intended for use by any organization regardless of its type or size, or the products and services it provides. It is also intended for use by organizations in all sectors. <u>Annex B</u> provides guidance specifically for small businesses.

This International Standard addresses the following aspects of complaints handling:

- a) enhancing customer satisfaction by creating a customer-focused environment that is open to feedback (including complaints), resolving any complaints received, and enhancing the organization's ability to improve its products and services, including customer service;
- b) top management involvement and commitment through adequate acquisition and deployment of resources, including personnel training;
- c) recognizing and addressing the needs and expectations of complainants;
- d) providing complainants with an open, effective, and easy-to-use complaints process;
- e) analysing and evaluating complaints in order to improve the quality of products and services, including customer service;
- f) auditing of the complaints-handling process;
- g) reviewing the effectiveness and efficiency of the complaints-handling process.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 9000, Quality management systems — Fundamentals and vocabulary

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 9000 and the following apply.¹)

¹⁾ All terms and definitions of ISO standards can be previewed on the Online Browsing Platform (OBP), <u>https://www.iso.org/obp/ui/#search</u>.

3.1

complaintant

person, organization (3.8) or their representative, making a complaint (3.2)

[SOURCE: ISO 10001-20xx, 3.2]

3.2

complaint

<customer satisfaction> expression of dissatisfaction made to an organization (3.8), related to its product or service, or the complaints-handling process itself, where a response or resolution is explicitly or implicitly expected

[SOURCE: ISO 9000:2015, 3.9.3]

Note 1 to entry: Complaints can be made in relation to other processes where the organization interacts with the customer.

Note 2 to entry: Complaints can be made directly or indirectly to the organization.

3.3

customer

person or *organization* (3.8) that could or does receive a product or a service that is intended for or required by this person or organization

EXAMPLE Consumer, client, end-user, retailer, receiver of product or service from an internal process, beneficiary and purchaser.

Note 1 to entry: A customer can be internal or external to the organization.

[SOURCE: ISO 9000:2015, 3.2.4]

3.4

customer satisfaction

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customer's (3.3) perception of the degree to which the customer's expectations have been fulfilled

Note 1 to entry: It can be that the customer's expectation is not known to the organization, or even to the customer in question, until the product or service is delivered. It can be necessary for achieving high customer satisfaction to fulfil an expectation of a customer even if it is neither stated nor generally implied or obligatory.

Note 2 to entry: Complaints are a common indicator of low customer satisfaction but their absence does not necessarily imply high customer satisfaction.

Note 3 to entry: Even when customer requirements have been agreed with the customer and fulfilled, this does not necessarily ensure high customer satisfaction.

[SOURCE: ISO 9000:2015, 3.9.2]

3.5

customer service

interaction of the organization (3.8) with the customer (3.3) throughout the life cycle of a product or a service

[SOURCE: ISO 9000:2015, 3.9.4]

3.6

feedback

<customer satisfaction> opinions, comments and expressions of interest in a product, a service or a complaints-handling process

[SOURCE: ISO 9000:2015, 3.9.1]

Note 1 to entry: Feedback can be given in relation to other processes where the organization interacts with the customer.