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Introduction

The ability to create, collect, store, maintain, transfer, process and present information and to support business processes in a timely and cost-effective manner requires both an understanding of the characteristics of the information and data that determine its quality, and an ability to measure, manage and report on information and data quality.

ISO 8000 defines characteristics of information and data that determine its quality, and provides methods to manage, measure and improve the quality of information and data.

It is useful to perform the assessment in accordance with documented methods. It is also important to document the tailoring of standardized methods with respect to the expectation and requirements pertinent to the business.

ISO 8000 includes parts applicable to all types of data, and parts applicable to specific types of data.

ISO 8000 can be used independently or in conjunction with quality management systems.

Most commonly, an identifier is a reference to a data set managed by the owner of the identifier and as such it is an alias for a master data record. Identifiers are widely exchanged by governments and commercial companies to refer to data used to describe individuals, organizations, locations, goods, services, assets, processes, procedures, laws, rules and regulations.

Examples of identifiers include: vehicle registration number (license plate), vehicle identification number (VIN), driver's permit number, social security number, national identity card number, student number, employee number, passport number, tax identification number, IP address, telephone number, email address, domain name, part number, batch number, serial number, customer number, supplier number, concept identifiers.

Commonly used identifiers for individuals and organizations are proxy identifiers issued by an organization that is not the administrative agency of the government that granted the legal status to a physical or juridical person. Providing a standard for the formulation of the prefixes used to create ISO 8000-115 compliant identifiers for legal entities allows the open, globally unambiguous representation of authoritative legal entity identifiers (ALEI).

The representation specified by this document makes it easier for the supply chain to obtain reliably the legal name, date of formation and status of trading partners. This reliability arises from having explicit traceability to the administrative agency that granted each organization legal status under the authority of a government.

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