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The main changes are as follows:

- inclusion of new terms and definitions.

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Introduction

This document defines terms relating to blockchain and distributed ledger technologies (DLTs) to clarify the meaning of terms and concepts used in other documents within the domain of ISO/TC 307.

Clear, consistent and coherent standards require clear, consistent and coherent terminology. This document follows the rules and guidelines set by ISO/TC 37, *Language and terminology*, for terminology standards.

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Blockchain and distributed ledger technologies — Vocabulary

1 Scope

This document defines fundamental terminology for blockchain and distributed ledger technologies.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

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

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

3.1

asset

anything that has value to a stakeholder

[SOURCE: ISO 19299:2020, 3.1, modified — The Note to entry has been removed.]

3.2

block

structured data comprising a *block header* (3.4) and *block data* (3.3)

3.3

block data

structured data comprising zero or more *transaction records* (3.95) or references to transaction records

3.4

block header

structured data that includes a *hash link* (3.47) to the previous *block* (3.2), if present

Note 1 to entry: A block header can also contain a *timestamp* (3.91), a *nonce* (3.62), and other *distributed ledger technology (DLT) platform* (3.33) specific data, including a *hash value* (3.48) of corresponding *transaction records* (3.95).

3.5

block reward

reward given to *miners* (3.59) or *validators* (3.99) after a *block* (3.2) is *confirmed* (3.9) in a *blockchain system* (3.7)

Note 1 to entry: A reward can be in the form of a *cryptoasset* (3.14).

3.6

blockchain

distributed ledger (3.23) with *confirmed blocks* (3.10) organized in an append-only, sequential chain using *hash links* (3.47)

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3.7

blockchain system

system that implements a *blockchain* (3.6)

Note 1 to entry: A blockchain system is a type of *distributed ledger technology (DLT) system* (3.35).

3.8

blockchain technology

technology that enables the operation and use of *blockchains* (3.6)

3.9

confirmed

accepted by *consensus* (3.12) to be recorded in a *distributed ledger* (3.23)

3.10

confirmed block

block (3.2) that has been *confirmed* (3.9)

3.11

confirmed transaction

transaction (3.93) that has been *confirmed* (3.9)

3.12

consensus

agreement among *distributed ledger technology (DLT) nodes* (3.31) that:

- a *transaction* (3.93) is *validated* (3.97);
- the *distributed ledger* (3.23) contains a consistent set and ordering of records of validated transactions

Note 1 to entry: Consensus does not necessarily mean that all DLT nodes agree.

Note 2 to entry: The details regarding consensus differ among *DLT systems* (3.35) and this can be a distinguishing characteristic between one DLT system and another.

3.13

consensus mechanism

set of rules and procedures by which *consensus* (3.12) is reached

Note 1 to entry: These rules and procedures are interrelated.

3.14

cryptoasset

crypto-asset

digital asset (3.21) implemented using cryptographic techniques

Note 1 to entry: *distributed ledger technology (DLT) systems* (3.35) can be used to manage or transfer cryptoassets.

3.15

cryptocurrency

cryptoasset (3.14) designed to work as a medium of payment or value exchange

Note 1 to entry: Cryptocurrency involves the use of decentralized control and *cryptography* (3.16) to secure *transactions* (3.93), control the creation of additional *assets* (3.1), and verify the transfer of assets in a *distributed ledger technology (DLT) system* (3.35).

3.16

cryptography

discipline that embodies the principles, means and methods for the transformation of data in order to hide their semantic content, prevent their unauthorized use, or prevent their undetected modifications

[SOURCE: ISO 7498-2:1989, 3.3.20, modified — The Note to entry has been removed.]