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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 18618:2022), which has been technically revised.

The main change compared to the previous edition is as follows:

- The XML schema for IDS (interface for dental CAD/CAM systems) examples of interoperability of digital dental products relating to inlay, onlay, crown, dental implant systems, removables, dental appliances, orthodontics, and dentures have been updated in [Annex A](#) due to the fast nature of the software system innovation and the need for ongoing testing.

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Introduction

Manufacturers of dental CAD/CAM systems differ in how they exchange manufacturing information and three-dimensional data. This causes difficulty in data processing, design processes and manufacturing processes for users of those systems. In order to overcome these interoperability issues, this document has been prepared to facilitate open interoperability between CAD/CAM systems in dentistry.

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Dentistry — Interoperability of CAD/CAM systems

1 Scope

This document specifies an extensible markup language (XML) format to facilitate the transfer of dental case data and CAD/CAM data between software systems.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1942, *Dentistry — Vocabulary*

ISO 3166-1, *Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions — Part 1: Country code*

ISO 3950, *Dentistry — Designation system for teeth and areas of the oral cavity*

ISO 16443, *Dentistry — Vocabulary for dental implants systems and related procedure*

ISO 18739, *Dentistry — Vocabulary of process chain for CAD/CAM systems*

W3C — Extensible Markup Language (XML) 1.0 (Fifth Edition), November 2008

W3C XML Schema Definition Language (XSD) 1.1, April 2012

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1942, ISO 16443, ISO 18739, W3C XML 1.0, W3C XML XSD 1.1 and the following 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 <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1 General terms

3.1.1

broker

entity that acts as a middleman or intermediary

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