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The main changes compared to ISO/IEC 16085:2006 are as follows:

- Use common terminology, common process names, and common process structure with ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288:2015 and ISO/IEC/IEEE 12207:2017.
- Improve consistency with ISO 31000:2018, which provides generic principles, framework, and process for managing all forms of risk.
- Provide specialized guidance for performing risk management within the context of systems and software engineering projects.

This document is intended to be used in conjunction with ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288:2015, ISO/IEC/IEEE 12207:2017, ISO 31000 and IEC 31010, and is not a replacement.

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Introduction

This document is an elaboration standard for the risk management process described in ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288 and ISO/IEC/IEEE 12207. This document provides requirements for the tasks and activities of the risk management process in [Clause 6](#), consistent with these life cycle process International Standards. This document provides a definition of the content of the risk management plan ([8.1](#)) and risk treatment plan ([8.2](#)). This document also provides guidance for how risk management outcomes, activities, and tasks pertain to other processes.

This document prescribes a continuous process for risk management. [Clause 1](#) provides an overview and the purpose, scope, and field of application. [Clause 2](#) lists the normative references. [Clause 3](#) provides terms and definitions. [Clause 4](#) prescribes conformance criteria. [Clause 5](#) describes key concepts and application with other International Standards. [Clause 6](#) elaborates the risk management process as required by ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288 or ISO/IEC/IEEE 12207. [Clause 6](#) also defines required purpose, outcomes, tasks, and activities of the risk management process for application to systems and software engineering projects in an integrated manner as described in [Clause 7](#) and produces the information products described in [Clause 8](#). [Clause 7](#) suggests some typical risk areas, some typical opportunity areas, and some typical treatments for each life cycle process. [Clause 8](#) prescribes the content for the risk management information items. The Bibliography lists informative references that are either referenced by this document or of interest to users of this document.

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