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Foreword

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Introduction

Imaging sensors are one of the major data sources for geographic information.

The image data captures spatial and spectral measurements and has numerous applications ranging from road/town planning to geological mapping. Typical spatial outcomes of the production process are vector maps, digital elevation models, and 3-dimensional city models.

In each case the quality of the end products fully depends on the quality of the measuring instruments that have originally sensed the data. The quality of measuring instruments is determined and documented by calibration.

Calibration is often a costly and time consuming process. Therefore, a number of different strategies are in place that combine longer time intervals between subsequent calibrations with simplified intermediate calibration procedures that bridge the time gap and still guarantee a traceable level of quality.

This document standardizes the calibration of remote sensing imagery sensors and the validation of the calibration information and procedures. It does not address the validation of the data and the derived products.

Many types of imagery sensors exist for remote sensing tasks. Apart from the different technologies the need for a standardization of the various sensor types has a different priority. In order to meet those requirements ISO/TS 19159 has been split into several parts. ISO/TS 19159-1 addresses the optical sensors. ISO/TS 19159-2 addresses the airborne lidar (light detection and ranging) sensors. ISO/TS 19159-3 (this document) covers synthetic aperture radar (SAR) and interferometric SAR (InSAR).

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Part 3: SAR/InSAR

1 Scope

This document defines the calibration of SAR/InSAR sensors and validation of SAR/InSAR calibration information.

This document addresses earth based remote sensing. The specified sensors include airborne and spaceborne SAR/InSAR sensors.

This document also addresses the metadata related to calibration and validation.

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 19103, *Geographic information — Conceptual schema language*

ISO/TS 19130:2010, *Geographic information — Imagery sensor models for geopositioning*

ISO/TS 19130-2:2014, *Geographic information — Imagery sensor models for geopositioning — Part 2: SAR, InSAR, lidar and sonar*

ISO 19157, *Geographic information — Data quality*

ISO/TS 19159-1:2014, *Geographic information — Calibration and validation of remote sensing imagery sensors and data — Part 1: Optical sensors*

ISO/TS 19159-2, *Geographic information — Calibration and validation of remote sensing imagery sensors — Part 2: Lidar*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

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accuracy

closeness of agreement between a test result or measurement result and the true value

Note 1 to entry: In this document, the true value can be a reference value that is accepted as true.