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- a) addition of new terms (safety, wearable device, data acquisition functional system, transport interoperability, etc) which are used in other ISO/IEC IoT related standards;
- b) update of some definitions (data, data store, discovery service, etc.) to align with current usage in other IoT standards.

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# **INTERNET OF THINGS (IoT) – VOCABULARY**

## **1 Scope**

This document provides a definition of Internet of Things along with a set of terms and definitions. This document is a terminology foundation for the Internet of Things.

## **2 Normative references**

There are no normative references in this document.