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## Foreword

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The main changes are as follows:

- the scope has been expanded to cover requirements;
- the clause structure has been more closely aligned with ISO/IEC 27002:2022;
- requirements have been added in [Clauses 7, 9](#), and [10](#);
- adjustments have been made regarding the storage technologies which are covered;
- a new controls labelling scheme has been added;
- former [Annex A](#), which provided guidance on sanitizing specific types of media, has been removed and text has been added in [Clause 10](#), recommending IEEE 2883 for this purpose;
- former Annex B, which included table to help prioritize the adoption of recommendation, has been replaced with [Annex A](#) that summarizes the requirements and guidance contained in this document;
- former Annex C, which provided tutorial oriented material, has been removed and references to appropriate materials have been added in [Clause 10](#).

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# Information technology — Security techniques — Storage security

## 1 Scope

This document provides detailed technical requirements and guidance on how organizations can achieve an appropriate level of risk mitigation by employing a well-proven and consistent approach to the planning, design, documentation, and implementation of data storage security. Storage security applies to the protection of data both while stored in information and communications technology (ICT) systems and while in transit across the communication links associated with storage. Storage security includes the security of devices and media, management activities related to the devices and media, applications and services, and controlling or monitoring user activities during the lifetime of devices and media, and after end of use or end of life.

Storage security is relevant to anyone involved in owning, operating, or using data storage devices, media, and networks. This includes senior managers, acquirers of storage products and services, and other non-technical managers or users, in addition to managers and administrators who have specific responsibilities for information or storage security, storage operation, or who are responsible for an organization's overall security programme and security policy development. It is also relevant to anyone involved in the planning, design, and implementation of the architectural aspects of storage network security.

This document provides an overview of storage security concepts and related definitions. It includes requirements and guidance on the threats, design, and control aspects associated with typical storage scenarios and storage technology areas. In addition, it provides references to other international standards and technical reports that address existing practices and techniques that can be applied to storage security.

## 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/IEC 27000, *Information technology — Security techniques — Information security management systems — Overview and vocabulary*