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0 Introduction

These model general rules are valid for the following type of certification system :

A third party certification system of determining conformity with product standards through initial testing and assessment of a factory quality management system and its acceptance followed by surveillance that takes into account the factory quality management system and the testing of samples from the factory and the open market.

NOTE — This model system corresponds to system No. 5 as described in ISO/ITC Publication, *Certification — Principles and practice*. This system was chosen because it was the most comprehensive and could thus offer the best basis for the eventual development of other systems.

The identification of conformity may be in the form of a certificate of conformity or a mark of conformity. (See ISO/IEC Guide 23.)

A certification body operating the system at national level shall as a minimum have a suitable organizational structure¹⁾ and utilize personnel, equipment, and operating procedures that comply with the criteria given in ISO Guide 24 and ISO/IEC Guide 25 (latest edition).

Any certification scheme under the system requires as a prerequisite a standard that is suitable for certification purposes. (See ISO/IEC Guide 7.)

1 References

ISO Guide 2, *General terms and their definitions concerning standardization and certification*.

ISO/IEC Guide 7, *Requirements for standards suitable for product certification*.

ISO/IEC Guide 23, *Methods of indicating conformity with standards for third-party certification systems*.

ISO Guide 24, *Guidelines for the acceptance of testing and inspection agencies by certification bodies*.

ISO/IEC Guide 25, *General requirements for the technical competence of testing laboratories*.

1) Guidelines on this subject are in preparation within ISO/CERTICO.