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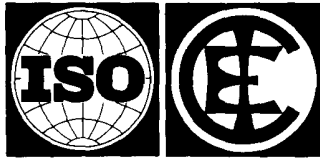
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## Foreword

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## General requirements for the acceptance of inspection bodies

This Guide is one of a series covering the requirements for the acceptance of testing laboratories (ISO/IEC Guide 38), the acceptance of inspection bodies (ISO/IEC Guide 39) and the acceptance of certification bodies themselves (ISO/IEC Guide 40).

### 0 Introduction

The services offered by inspection bodies will be of benefit to individual users, national government, local government, certification and other bodies.

Inspection is an important component, associated with other activities, including certification, that assist in national and international trade. Considerations of competence, impartiality and integrity are fundamental to the acceptability of the inspection process. Users of the inspection service must be guided by this fact in making the choice of inspection bodies that they employ. This judgement must be seen to be exercised in an acceptable manner.

### 1 Scope and field of application

The object of this Guide is to set forth the criteria, the observance of which is intended to ensure that the services of inspection bodies are conducted with technical competence and thoroughness, careful observation and accurate reporting by competent qualified staff.

#### NOTES

- 1 The inspection body or the functions it performs could be an integral part of a certification or other body, or it could be a separate entity.
- 2 Where an inspection body carries out its function on behalf of a certification body, it is normally required to work to the specific instructions of the certification body.

### 2 Reference

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