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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).

1 Scope and field of application

1.1 The object of this Guide is to set forth criteria, the observance of which is intended to ensure that certification bodies possess the necessary competence and reliability to operate a third-party certification system and thereby facilitate their acceptance or recognition on a national or international basis.

1.2 The Certification Body may operate its own testing and inspection activities or oversee these activities carried out on its behalf by other bodies.

2 References

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

ISO Guide 27, *Guidelines for corrective action to be taken by a certification body in the event of misuse of its mark of conformity.*

ISO/IEC Guide 28, *General rules for a model third-party certification system for products.*