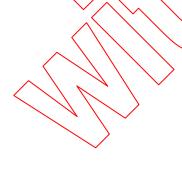




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### **Foreword**

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## General requirements for the acceptance of certification 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).

### 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 of 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.