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0 Introduction

0.1 These guidelines are valid for a third-party system of assessing and registering a supplier's Quality System, wherein :

- this third-party system is designed primarily for use on an industry sector basis or by individual companies, and is related to the products, processes or services being supplied;
- the supplier is capable of providing such quality assurance as specified in the relevant Quality System Standard (e.g. ISO 9001, ISO 9002 or ISO 9003) together with supplementary documentation as required.

0.2 The objective of this third-party system is to provide, by means of assessment and subsequent surveillance, an adequate level of confidence that the supplier's Quality System conforms to the identified requirements for that system.

0.3 This third-party system involves only the assessment of the supplier's Quality System and is not concerned with the certification of products, processes or services.

0.4 The identification of conformance to the appropriate Quality System Standard and any supplementary documentation will be in the form of a registration document.

0.5 A body operating the system shall conform to the applicable requirements of ISO/IEC Guide 40.

1 Scope and field of application

This guide sets forth criteria, the observance of which is intended to ensure that assessment bodies operate third-party assessment systems in a consistent and reliable manner, thereby facilitating their acceptance and recognition on a national or international basis.

While this document has been produced with a view to providing a basis for harmonizing third-party assessment systems, many of the provisions contained herein might be useful in second-party assessment procedures.

2 References

ISO 8402, *Quality — Vocabulary.*

ISO 9000, *Quality management and quality assurance standards — Guidelines for selection and use.*¹⁾

ISO 9001, *Quality systems — Model for quality assurance in design development, production, installation and servicing.*²⁾

ISO 9002, *Quality systems — Model for quality assurance in production and installation.*²⁾

ISO 9003, *Quality systems — Model for quality assurance in final inspection and test.*²⁾

ISO 9004, *Quality management and quality system elements — Guidelines.*²⁾

ISO/IEC Guide 2, *General terms and their definitions concerning standardization and related activities.*

ISO/IEC Guide 39, *General requirements for the acceptance of inspection bodies.*

ISO/IEC Guide 40, *General requirements for the acceptance of certification bodies.*

1) At present at the stage of draft.

2) To be published shortly.