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Introduction

Conformity assessment involves evaluating products, processes, or services to determine the extent to which assurance may be given that they fulfil specified requirements. Conformity assessment includes activities which may result in first-party, second-party or third-party assurance that products, processes or services conform to requirements set out in specifications such as international, regional, or national standards. Conformity assessment also includes the recognition of the competence of conformity assessment bodies.

Adoption of this Code is voluntary and intended to ensure openness and transparency, together with an optimum degree of order, coherence and effectiveness in worldwide conformity assessment processes. Provisions which are intended to be of a binding nature are in this Code preceded by "shall" and the particular requirements are given in other guides or standards.

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ISO/IEC Code of good practice for conformity assessment

1 General provisions

1.1 For the purposes of this Code, the definitions given in annex A shall apply.

1.2 This Code, which is intended to promote equal rights of access to conformity assessment services worldwide, is presented in a form suitable for use by conformity assessment bodies, whether governmental or non-governmental, at international, regional, national or sub-national level.

1.3 This Code is intended to be used in conjunction with, or when preparing, ISO/IEC standards or guides relating to conformity assessment activities.

1.4 Although this Code has been prepared primarily with third-party conformity assessment in mind, its provisions may be used as appropriate for first-party or second-party activities.

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