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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Australian members of the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee QR-010, Conformity Assessment. After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian Standard rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

This Standard is identical with, and has been reproduced from, ISO/IEC 17030:2003, *Conformity assessment — General requirements for third-party marks of conformity*.

The objective of this Standard is to provide general requirements for third party marks of conformity, including their issue and use.

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INTRODUCTION

Marks of conformity take many forms and different uses. They can convey useful information about a product, or indicate particular characteristics of a product such as its safety, quality, performance, reliability or impact on the environment. They are found on products, certificates and publications denoting the conformity to specified requirements of a product, management system, service, process, person or an organization. Most important for all marks of conformity is to gain the confidence of the market, including consumers, in products and other objects of conformity assessment to which these marks have been applied.

The prime purpose of this International Standard is to enable a uniform approach to the use of third-party marks of conformity, to fill relevant gaps in existing ISO, IEC, ISO/IEC Standards and Guides, to address potential problems arising from different uses of third-party marks of conformity, to provide a clear and rational basis for their use, and to set out general requirements. This International Standard concentrates on third-party marks of conformity but may also be used as guidance for other applications of marks of conformity.

This International Standard is based on market feedback and demands from various users and issuers of marks of conformity assessment. It takes account of the ISO report on *Marks of conformity assessment,* published in May 1999. The use of this International Standard should lead to improved market confidence, international recognition and consumer acceptance of third-party marks of conformity.

AUSTRALIAN STANDARD

Conformity assessment—General requirements for third-party marks of conformity

1 Scope

This International Standard provides general requirements for third-party marks of conformity, including their issue and use.

NOTE This International Standard can also be used as guidance in using marks of conformity in other than third-party conformity assessment activity.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited apply. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO/IEC 17000, *Conformity assessment — General vocabulary*[1)]

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 17000 and the following apply.

3.1
third-party mark of conformity
protected mark issued by a body performing third-party conformity assessment, indicating that an object of conformity assessment (product, process, person, system or body) is in conformity with specified requirements

EXAMPLES Third-party marks of conformity can be: product certification marks, quality/environment management system certification marks, environmental conformity marks, etc.

NOTE 1 A protected mark is a mark legally protected against unauthorized use.

NOTE 2 The specified requirements are generally stated in “normative” documents such as International Standards, regional or national standards, regulations and specifications.

3.2
owner of a third-party mark of conformity
person or organization that has legal rights to a third-party mark of conformity

1) To be published.

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