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It was circulated for voting to the national bodies of both ISO and IEC, and was approved by both organizations.

This first edition of ISO/IEC 17050-1, together with ISO/IEC 17050-2, cancels and replaces the second edition of ISO/IEC Guide 22:1996, *General criteria for supplier's declaration of conformity.*

ISO/IEC 17050 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Conformity assessment — Supplier's declaration of conformity*:

— *Part 1: General requirements*

— *Part 2: Supporting documentation*

This corrected version of ISO/IEC 17050-1:2004 incorporates the correction of the numbering of the list in 10.2, and an updated Bibliography.

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Introduction

This part of ISO/IEC 17050 has been developed with the objective of providing general requirements for a supplier's declaration of conformity.

It addresses one of the three types of attestation of conformity, namely attestation undertaken by the first party (e.g. the supplier of a product). Other types are second-party attestation (e.g. where a user issues an attestation for the product the user is using) or third-party attestation. Each of these three types is used in the market in order to increase confidence in the conformity of an object.

This part of ISO/IEC 17050 specifies requirements applicable when the individual or organization responsible for fulfilment of specified requirements (supplier) provides a declaration that a product (including service), process, management system, person or body is in conformity with specified requirements, which can include normative documents such as standards, guides, technical specifications, laws and regulations. Such a declaration of conformity can also make reference to the results of assessments by one or more first, second or third parties. Such references are not to be interpreted as reducing the responsibility of the supplier in any way.

These general requirements are applicable to all sectors. However, these requirements might need to be supplemented for specific purposes, for example for use in connection with regulations.

A supplier's declaration of conformity of a product (including service), process, management system, person or body to specified requirements can be substantiated by supporting documentation under the responsibility of the supplier. In cases where this is desirable, or necessary, reference is made to ISO/IEC 17050-2.

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Conformity assessment — Supplier's declaration of conformity —

Part 1: General requirements

1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 17050 specifies general requirements for a supplier's declaration of conformity in cases where it is desirable, or necessary, that conformity of an object to the specified requirements be attested, irrespective of the sector involved. For the purposes of this part of ISO/IEC 17050, the object of a declaration of conformity can be a product, process, management system, person or body.

This part of ISO/IEC 17050 does not define any particular object for the declaration of conformity.

Instead of "supplier's declaration of conformity", the term "declaration of conformity" can be used when appropriate.

2 Normative references

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

ISO/IEC 17000:2004, *Conformity assessment — Vocabulary and general principles*

3 Terms and definitions

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

NOTE 1 "Supplier's declaration of conformity" is a "declaration" as defined in ISO/IEC 17000, i.e. first-party attestation.

NOTE 2 To avoid any confusion with attestation by certification bodies, the term "self-certification" is deprecated and should not be used.

4 Purpose of the declaration of conformity

The purpose of the declaration is to give assurance of conformity of the identified object to specified requirements to which the declaration refers, and to make clear who is responsible for that conformity and declaration. A supplier's declaration of conformity may be used alone or in conjunction with another conformity assessment procedure for regulatory or non-regulatory purposes.

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