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Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies (ISO member bodies). The work of preparing International Standards is normally carried out through ISO technical committees. Each member body interested in a subject for which a technical committee has been established has the right to be represented on that committee. International organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO, also take part in the work. ISO collaborates closely with the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) on all matters of electrotechnical standardization.

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International Standard ISO 9003 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 176, *Quality management and quality assurance*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Quality systems*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 9003:1987), which has been technically revised.

Annex A of this International Standard is for information only.

Introduction

This International Standard is one of three International Standards dealing with quality system requirements that can be used for external quality assurance purposes. The quality assurance models, set out in the three International Standards listed below, represent three distinct forms of quality system requirements suitable for the purpose of a supplier demonstrating its capability, and for the assessment of the capability of a supplier by external parties.

- a) ISO 9001, *Quality systems — Model for quality assurance in design, development, production, installation and servicing*
 - for use when conformance to specified requirements is to be assured by the supplier during design, development, production, installation and servicing.
- b) ISO 9002, *Quality systems — Model for quality assurance in production, installation and servicing*
 - for use when conformance to specified requirements is to be assured by the supplier during production, installation and servicing.
- c) ISO 9003, *Quality systems — Model for quality assurance in final inspection and test*
 - for use when conformance to specified requirements is to be assured by the supplier solely at final inspection and test.

It is emphasized that the quality system requirements specified in this International Standard, ISO 9001 and ISO 9002 are complementary (not alternative) to the technical (product) specified requirements. They specify requirements which determine what elements quality systems have to encompass, but it is not the purpose of these International Standards to enforce uniformity of quality systems. They are generic and independent of any specific industry or economic sector. The design and implementation of a quality system will be influenced by the varying needs of an organization, its particular objectives, the products and services supplied, and the processes and specific practices employed.

It is intended that these International Standards will be adopted in their present form, but on occasions they may need to be tailored by adding or deleting certain quality system requirements for specific contractual situations. ISO 9000-1 provides guidance on such tailoring as well as on selection of the appropriate quality assurance model, viz. ISO 9001, ISO 9002 or ISO 9003.