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Introduction This Japanese Industrial Standard shows the attestation of conformity with Japanese Industrial Standard of the industrial and mineral products (hereinafter referred to as "products") performed by a manufacturer, a processor, an importer or a dealer (hereinafter referred to as "supplier").

This Standard was established in order to ensure reliability in the case where the supplier declares the conformity with Japanese Industrial Standard on the products or their packages, containers, or invoices.

The general requirements of this Standard are applicable to all the fields of Japanese Industrial Standard. However, for example, for the specific objectives such as the use of them in connection with laws and regulations, it may be necessary to supplement these requirements.

The supplier's declaration of conformity (hereinafter referred to as "self-declaration of conformity") is a form of attestation of conformity to meet demands from the consumer, the purchaser and regulators who wish to ensure reliability. The acceptance of self-declaration of conformity could be enhanced by clarifying the conformity with Japanese Industrial Standard and the responsibility of self-declaration of conformity.

1 Scope This Standard specifies the general requirements for self-declaration of conformity in the case where the supplier certifies the conformity with Japanese Industrial Standard (hereinafter referred to as "JIS"). This Standard covers JIS of the product standard which aims to assess conformity.

2 Normative references The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Standard. The most recent editions (including amendments) of these standards shall be applied.

JIS Q 1001 *Conformity assessment—Conformity assessment for Japanese Industrial Standards—General guidance on a third-party certification system for products*

JIS Q 9001 *Quality management systems—Requirements*

JIS Q 17000 *Conformity assessment—Vocabulary and general principles*

JIS Q 17020 *General criteria for the operation of various types of bodies performing inspection*

JIS Q 17025 *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*

3 Definitions For the purpose of this Standard, the definitions given in **JIS Q 17000** and the following definition applies.

Remarks 1 "Self-declaration of conformity" is a "declaration" as defined in **JIS Q 17000**, i.e. first-party attestation.

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

a) **product standard** a standard which specifies the requirements which shall be satisfied in order that a product may surely achieve the predetermined objective under specific conditions

It is a standard which specifies only a part of requirements including, for example, a standard which specifies only dimension, material or structure.

4 Purpose of self-declaration of conformity The purpose of self-declaration of conformity is to give assurance of conformity of the product, which is going to make self-declaration of conformity, with **JIS** to which the written self-declaration of conformity refers, and to make clear who is responsible for that conformity and self-declaration of conformity.

5 General requirements The issuer (issuing organization or person) of self-declaration of conformity shall be responsible for issuing, maintaining, extending, limiting, suspending or withdrawing self-declaration of conformity, and the conformity of the object with the specified requirements.

The self-declaration of conformity shall be based on results of an appropriate type of conformity assessment activity (e.g. testing, measurement, audit, inspection or examination) carried out by one or more first, second or third parties. The first, second or third party, when applicable, should refer to **JIS** such as **JIS Q 9001**, **JIS Q 17020**, **JIS Q 17025**, and other standard documents.

When the self-declaration of conformity is for a group of products of a similar type, it shall cover each individual product of the group. Where the self-declaration of conformity is for similar products delivered over a period of time, it shall cover each product as delivered or accepted.

In order to perform conformity assessment properly, the person reviewing the conformity assessment results should be different from the signatory representing the issuer of self-declaration of conformity.

Remarks 1 The first party refers to the supplier, the second party refers to the user or the purchaser, and the third party refers to the neutral agency.

2 For ensuring conformity after the time of delivery or receipt, see 6.1 i) when necessary.