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— the normative references have been updated and the dates removed;

— the references in Clause 5 have been updated;

— Bibliographic references have been updated.

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# Introduction

The objective of this document is to provide users of new and existing mechanical sampling systems for minerals with guidance on their operation and inspection.

An ‘informative’ annex is for information and guidance only.

# Hard coal and coke — Guidance to the inspection of mechanical sampling systems

## 1 Scope

This document sets out recommended practices for the inspection of mechanical sampling systems. It serves as a guide for conformance with applicable ISO/TC 27 standards.

This document covers general considerations including precision, mineral variability and bias, establishment of inspection systems and inspection procedure.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 13909 (all parts), *Hard coal and coke — Mechanical sampling*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

**3.1**
**audit**
<external> critical review of a mechanical sampling system, which measures its conformance with stipulated operating specifications, undertaken by a suitably qualified independent person who is not directly involved in the management of that system

**3.2**
**audit**
<internal> critical inspection and review of a mechanical sampling system, which measures its conformance with stipulated operation specifications, undertaken by a suitably qualified person who is not a day-to-day operator of that particular system

**3.3**
**operational inspection**
observations and inspections of operation conditions undertaken by the operator during sampling of a lot

Note 1 to entry: The operator is the person responsible for monitoring the sampling system on a shift-to-shift basis.

## 4 Safety

This document does not purport to address safety issues that can be associated with its use. It is the responsibility of the user of this document to establish appropriate safety and health practices in line with site safety regulations and relevant Occupational Health and Safety Acts. It is highly recommended that the auditor or inspector start by conducting a careful review of all safety rules and procedures regarding the sampling system to be inspected.



 