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**Geographic information — Content  
components and encoding rules for  
imagery and gridded data —**

**Part 2:  
Implementation schema**

*Information géographique — Composantes de contenu et règles de  
codage pour l'imagerie et les données maillées —*

*Partie 2: Schéma d'implémentation*



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## Foreword

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## Introduction

Geographic imagery and gridded thematic data are widely used in the geospatial community and related fields. Over the past two decades, several standards of geographic images have been developed by ISO/TC 211. ISO 19123 defines a conceptual schema for the spatial characteristics of coverages and defines the relationship between the domain of coverages and an associated attribute range. Multiple types of coverages are defined in ISO 19123, including raster, triangulated irregular network, point, curve and polygon coverages.

Although ISO/TS 19163-1 specifies logical data structures and the rules for encoding the content components in the structures, it is not an implementation schema. Without a concrete implementation structure, the specified UML cannot be mapped to the encodings used in various data formats, such as JPEG2000, GeoTIFF, NetCDF, and GMLJP2.

This part of ISO 19163 proposes a GML-based implementation schema of ISO/TS 19163-1 as a binding between the content components and specific encoding formats.

This document conforms to the coverage structure defined in ISO 19123-2.



# Geographic information — Content components and encoding rules for imagery and gridded data —

## Part 2: Implementation schema

### 1 Scope

This document specifies an implementation schema based on the content models for geographic imagery and gridded thematic data defined in the ISO/TS 19163-1.

This document defines a structure that is suitable for binding content components and specific encoding formats. It also provides an implementation schema for binding a concrete, implementable, conformance-testable coverage structure as defined in ISO 19123-2.

### 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/TS 19163-1:2016, *Geographic information — Content components and encoding rules for imagery and gridded data — Part 1: Content model*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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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

##### **binding**

specification of a mapping relating the information defined in a content model (data and metadata) to the data format that carries that information

[SOURCE: ISO/TS 19163-1:2016, 4.2]

#### 3.2

##### **conversion rule**

rule for converting instances in the input data structure to instances in the output data structure

[SOURCE: ISO 19118:2011, 4.7]

#### 3.3

##### **document**

<XML> well-formed data object