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**Stainless steels for general purposes —**  
**Part 3:**  
**Wire**

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*Partie 3: Fil*



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## Foreword

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ISO 16143 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Stainless steels for general purposes*:

- *Part 1: Flat products*
- *Part 2: Semi-finished products, bars, rods and sections*
- *Part 3: Wire*

# Stainless steels for general purposes —

## Part 3: Wire

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 16143 specifies requirements for stainless steel wire for common use for which no product standard exists. It includes round, flat and shaped wire (such as square, hexagonal or rectangular wire), made of the most commonly used types of stainless steels for general corrosion resistance and high-temperature service. The wire may be supplied in coils or in straightened and cut lengths.

NOTE Steel wire made of corrosion resistant stainless steel is manufactured from steels mentioned in ISO 16143-2, and steel wire intended for high-temperature purposes is manufactured from steels mentioned in ISO 4955.

Excluded from this part of ISO 16143 are

- wire for cold heading;
- welding wire, and
- any wire for which a specific product standard exists.

### 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 404:1992, *Steel and steel products — General technical delivery requirements*

ISO/TS 4949:2003, *Steel names based on letter symbols*

ISO 4955:2005, *Heat-resistant steels*

ISO 6892:1998, *Metallic materials — Tensile testing at ambient temperature*

ISO/TR 9769:1991, *Steel and iron — Review of available methods of analysis*

ISO 10474:1991, *Steel and steel products — Inspection documents*

ISO 14284:1996, *Steel and iron — Sampling and preparation of samples for the determination of chemical composition*

ISO 16143-2:2004, *Stainless steels for general purposes — Part 2: Semi-finished products, bars, rods and sections*