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## Foreword

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International Standard ISO 5127 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 46, *Information and documentation*, Subcommittee SC 3, *Terminology of information and documentation*.

It cancels and replaces ISO 5127-1:1983, ISO 5127-2:1983, ISO 5127-3:1988, ISO 5127-3a:1981, ISO 5127-6:1983, ISO 5127-11:1987 of which it constitutes a technical revision. It also replaces ISO/DIS 5127-1:1996, ISO/DIS 5127-2:1998, ISO/DIS 5127-4:1983, ISO/DIS 5127-5:1997, ISO/DIS 5127-7:1998, ISO/DIS 5127-8:1984, ISO/DIS 5127-9:1997, ISO/DIS 5127-10:1998, ISO/DIS 5127-12:1998 and ISO/DIS 5127-14:1996.

## Introduction

The available parts of the ISO 5127 series were published in the 1980s. Since then, developments in the field of information and documentation have been so extensive that a revision of the ISO 5127 series was felt to have become necessary. Consequently, ISO/TC 46/SC 3 resolved, in May 1994 at its 26th meeting, to revise ISO 5127.

This International Standard (the revision) has the following structure:

- 1 Basic and framework terms
- 2 Documents, data media and their parts
- 3 Documentation institutions and their holdings
- 4 Documentation process
  - 4.1 Collection planning, development and acquisition
  - 4.2 Analysis, representation and content description
  - 4.3 Storage, search and retrieval
- 5 Use of information and documents
- 6 Preservation of documents
- 7 Legal aspects of information and documentation

This International Standard is published in English only but gives French equivalents for the English terms.

## Information and documentation — Vocabulary

### Scope

This International Standard is intended to facilitate international communication in the field of information and documentation. It presents terms and definitions of selected concepts relevant to the field and identifies relations between the entries.

The scope of this International Standard corresponds to that of ISO/TC 46, *Standardization of practices relating to libraries, documentation and information centres, indexing and abstracting services, archives, information science and publishing*.

### Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 704:1987, *Principles and methods of terminology*

ISO 1087-1:2000, *Terminology work — Vocabulary — Part 1: Theory and application*

ISO 1087-2:2000, *Terminology work — Vocabulary — Part 2: Computer applications*

ISO 10241:1992, *International terminology standards — Preparation and layout*

### Principles and rules followed

#### Entries

This International Standard comprises a number of entries; the term entry is to be understood as follows: "Set of elements consisting of an index number, a preferred term, admitted synonyms and a definition. In addition, a set may include examples and notes to facilitate the understanding of the concept or to refer to other terminological use in other fields". Terms dealing with terminology work are used with the meanings defined in ISO 1087.

#### Organization of an entry

The entries are organized according to ISO 10241.

#### Classification of an entry

Each entry is numbered according to the logical structure given in the introduction.