



GUIDE 21-2

Regional or national adoption of International Standards and other International Deliverables —

Part 2: Adoption of International Deliverables other than International Standards

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Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardization) and IEC (the International Electrotechnical Commission) form the specialized system for worldwide standardization. National bodies that are members of ISO or IEC participate in the development of International Standards through technical committees established by the respective organization to deal with particular fields of technical activity. ISO and IEC technical committees collaborate in fields of mutual interest. Other international organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO and IEC, also take part in the work.

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ISO/IEC Guide 21 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Regional or national adoption of International Standards and other International Deliverables*:

- *Part 1: Adoption of International Standards*
- *Part 2: Adoption of International Deliverables other than International Standards*

0 Introduction

0.1 This part of ISO/IEC Guide 21 provides the methods for adoption of International Deliverables other than International Standards as regional or national deliverables. Such deliverables, which are published by ISO and/or IEC, include Technical Specifications, Publicly Available Specifications and informative documents such as Technical Reports, Guides, documents resulting from workshops and other deliverables.

0.2 The identification of the degree of correspondence and the adoption methods described in ISO/IEC Guide 21-1 apply to International Standards as well as to other deliverables published by ISO and IEC. However, International Standards are only to be adopted as regional or national standards, that is as deliverables of the same type. International Deliverables other than International Standards should preferably be adopted as regional or national deliverables of the same or a similar type. However, it is also possible to adopt these deliverables as deliverables of another type (e.g. an ISO or IEC Technical Specification may be adopted as a national Technical Specification, but it could also be adopted as a national standard or another deliverable).

0.3 Some of the International Deliverables covered in this part of ISO/IEC Guide 21 may be withdrawn and/or replaced after a certain period of time according to specific rules defined by ISO and/or IEC. Standards bodies having adopted these deliverables regionally or nationally should be aware of these rules and should decide either generally or on a case-by-case basis whether they wish to take similar actions if the International Deliverable is withdrawn or replaced.

0.4 Attention is drawn to the Introduction of ISO/IEC Guide 21-1:2005, particularly in relation to the importance of International Standards within the framework of the WTO TBT Agreement. International Deliverables other than International Standards may perform similar functions in reducing technical barriers to trade and thereby facilitating trade.

0.5 Attention is drawn to the Introduction of ISO/IEC Guide 21-1:2005, and in particular 0.3. The principle that deviations are kept to a minimum is equally applicable to the adoption of deliverables other than standards.

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Part 2:

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1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC Guide 21 provides methods for the following:

- a) the adoption of International Deliverables other than International Standards as regional or national deliverables (Clause 5);
- b) numbering of regional or national deliverables that are adoptions of International Deliverables other than International Standards (Clause 7).

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/IEC Guide 2:2004, *Standardization and related activities — General vocabulary*

ISO/IEC Guide 21-1:2005, *Regional or national adoption of International Standards and other International Deliverables — Part 1: Adoption of International Standards*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC Guide 2 and the following apply.

3.1

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- there is doubt on whether consensus has been achieved,
- the subject matter is still under technical development, or
- there is another reason precluding immediate publication as an International Standard.