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- References to ISO/IEC 19790:2012 have been corrected throughout;
- [6.2.3.2](#): AS02.15, AS02.16, AS02.17 and AS02.18 modified;
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- [6.3.4](#): AS03.19 modified;
- [6.4.1](#): AS04.02 modified;
- [6.4.2](#): AS04.05, AS04.06 and AS04.07 modified;
- [6.4.3.1](#): AS04.11, AS04.13 and AS04.14;
- [6.4.3.2](#) and AS04.20;
- [6.4.4](#): AS04.39, AS04.40 and AS04.42 modified;
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# Information technology — Security techniques — Test requirements for cryptographic modules

## 1 Scope

This document specifies the methods to be used by testing laboratories to test whether the cryptographic module conforms to the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 19790:2012. The methods are developed to provide a high degree of objectivity during the testing process and to ensure consistency across the testing laboratories.

This document also specifies the requirements for information that vendors provide to testing laboratories as supporting evidence to demonstrate their cryptographic modules' conformity to the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 19790:2012.

Vendors can use this document as guidance in trying to verify whether their cryptographic modules satisfy the requirements specified in ISO/IEC 19790:2012 before they apply to the testing laboratory for testing.

## 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/IEC 19790:2012, *Information technology — Security techniques — Security requirements for cryptographic modules*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 19790:2012 apply.

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- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

## 4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the symbols and abbreviated terms given in ISO/IEC 19790:2012 apply.

## 5 Document organization

### 5.1 General

[Clause 6](#) specifies the methods that shall be used by testing laboratories and the requirements for information that vendors shall provide to testing laboratories. [Clause 6](#), besides a general subclause, [6.1](#), includes eleven subclauses corresponding to the eleven areas of security requirements and six subclauses corresponding to the six annexes, Annex A to Annex F, of ISO/IEC 19790:2012.