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Foreword

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The following major changes have been made compared with ISO/IEC Guide 67:2004:

— a new Clause 6 has been added, providing guidelines on setting up and operating a product certification scheme;

— some of the text originally in the main body of ISO/IEC Guide 67 has been moved to the Introduction;

— the functional approach to conformity assessment has been emphasised;

— Table 1 has been extended to reflect the functional approach;

— explicit provision has been made for type and batch certification schemes;

— references to ISO/IEC 17065:2012 have replaced references to ISO/IEC Guide 65:1996;

— the text has been made more concise in places.

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