



GUIDE 28

Conformity assessment — Guidance on a third-party certification system for products

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Foreword

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ISO/IEC Guide 28 was prepared by the ISO *Committee on conformity assessment* (CASCO).

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/IEC Guide 28:1982), which has been technically revised.

Introduction

This Guide serves to provide a model for a third-party certification system for products, but does not exclude the existence of other useful models for third-party conformity assessment systems. There are many types of possible systems depending on the type of product requiring certification.

The usefulness of ISO/IEC Guide 28:1982 as a model third-party certification system for products has been well recognized. This revision confirms the status of this Guide as an authoritative and reliable, though not exclusive, model of a product certification system.