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## National foreword

This Publicly Available Specification is identical with **ISO/PAS 17005:2008**, *Conformity assessment – Use of management systems – Principles and requirements*. It was adopted by the Mauritius Standards Bureau on the recommendation of **Conformity Assessment Standards Committee** and approved by the **Standards Council** on 17 December 2015. It was notified in the Government Gazette on **20 February 2016\***.

The following Mauritian Standard is identical to the International Standard, which is referenced in the adopted standard:

| <b>International Standard</b> | <b>Corresponding Mauritian Standard</b>  |
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| <b>ISO/IEC 17000</b>          | <b>MS ISO/IEC 17000</b> , <i>Conformity assessment – Vocabulary and general principles</i> |

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## Foreword

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International Standards are drafted in accordance with the rules given in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

The main task of technical committees is to prepare International Standards. Draft International Standards adopted by the technical committees are circulated to the member bodies for voting. Publication as an International Standard requires approval by at least 75 % of the member bodies casting a vote.

In other circumstances, particularly when there is an urgent market requirement for such documents, a technical committee may decide to publish other types of document:

- an ISO Publicly Available Specification (ISO/PAS) represents an agreement between technical experts in an ISO working group and is accepted for publication if it is approved by more than 50 % of the members of the parent committee casting a vote;
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An ISO/PAS or ISO/TS is reviewed after three years in order to decide whether it will be confirmed for a further three years, revised to become an International Standard, or withdrawn. If the ISO/PAS or ISO/TS is confirmed, it is reviewed again after a further three years, at which time it must either be transformed into an International Standard or be withdrawn.

Attention is drawn to the possibility that some of the elements of this document may be the subject of patent rights. ISO shall not be held responsible for identifying any or all such patent rights.

ISO/PAS 17005 was prepared by the ISO *Committee on conformity assessment* (CASCO).

## Introduction

In 2001, the ISO Council asked its policy committee on conformity assessment (CASCO) to study and prepare a group of common elements for application in future ISO documents on conformity assessment. Subsequent to this request, ISO/CASCO approved the formation of Working Group 23, *Common elements in ISO/IEC Standards for conformity assessment activities*, to undertake this task.

The working group has identified several common elements, including among others

- impartiality (ISO/PAS 17001),
- confidentiality (ISO/PAS 17002),
- complaints and appeals (ISO/PAS 17003),
- disclosure of information (ISO/PAS 17004), and
- management systems (ISO/PAS 17005).

This Publicly Available Specification addresses the “management systems” element that occurs in many of the ISO/IEC Guides and International Standards on conformity assessment.

This Publicly Available Specification covers the agreed principles on the inclusion of management system requirements, and also provides requirements clauses intended to be included in future International Standards on conformity assessment.

This Publicly Available Specification is intended to apply to the drafting of documents on conformity assessment by ISO/CASCO.

Clause 4 contains statements that are intended to orientate ISO/CASCO working groups in their task of creating requirements to address management systems in their documents.

The requirements to be inserted into future ISO/CASCO documents that cover the common element of “management systems” are detailed in Clause 5. ISO/CASCO has adopted a common structure for presentation of requirements. Requirements should be grouped under one or more of the following headings:

- a) General requirements;
- b) Structural requirements;
- c) Resource requirements;
- d) Process requirements;
- e) Management system requirements.

As such, each of the common elements will have requirements related to it grouped under one or more of the headings given in a) to e).

This Publicly Available Specification is not intended to become a future International Standard. At the end of three years after the date of publication, it is expected this Publicly Available Specification will be withdrawn and its contents incorporated as appropriate in relevant ISO/CASCO normative and guidance documents.

PREVIEW

# Conformity assessment — Use of management systems — Principles and requirements

## 1 Scope

This Publicly Available Specification specifies principles and requirements for the element of management systems as it relates to standards for conformity assessment.

It is an internal tool for use in the ISO standards development process by ISO/CASCO working groups when considering the element of management systems in preparation of their documents.

This Publicly Available Specification is not intended to be used directly in conformity assessment activities.

## 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 17000, *Conformity assessment — Vocabulary and general principles*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 17000 apply.

NOTE The use of the term “body” in this Publicly Available Specification means either an accreditation body or a conformity assessment body as defined in ISO/IEC 17000.

## 4 Background and principles for writing management system requirements in CASCO documents

### 4.1 General

**4.1.1** Management systems are a recognized tool to support the consistent fulfilment of requirements for bodies and their activities.

**4.1.2** It is recognized that “management system” is a broad term, and can be characterized as being a system to establish policy and objectives and to achieve those objectives (as defined in ISO 9000). A management system can be orientated to cover different needs that are not limited to quality.

**4.1.3** Within CASCO documents, management system requirements may cover any of these needs depending on the scope of the document being developed.

**4.1.4** However, when drafting such requirements, CASCO working groups shall apply the ISO/IEC Directives and the contents of this Publicly Available Specification.