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### **Introduction**

This document has been developed with the objective of promoting confidence in biobanking. It contains requirements to enable biobanks to demonstrate competent biobank operation and the ability to provide biological material and associated data of appropriate quality for research and development.

This is intended to be achieved by the planning and implementation of policies, processes and procedures covering the life cycle of biological materials and their associated data. The use of this document facilitates cooperation, fosters exchange, and assists in the harmonization of practices among biobanks, researchers and other parties.

In this document, the following verbal forms are used:

- “shall” indicates a requirement;
- “should” indicates a recommendation;
- “may” indicates a permission;
- “can” indicates a possibility or a capability.

Further details can be found in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

# Biotechnology — Biobanking — General requirements for biobanking

## 1 Scope

This document specifies general requirements for the competence, impartiality and consistent operation of biobanks including quality control requirements to ensure biological material and data collections of appropriate quality.

This document is applicable to all organizations performing biobanking, including biobanking of biological material from multicellular organisms (e.g. human, animal, fungus and plant) and microorganisms for research and development.

Biobank users, regulatory authorities, organizations and schemes using peer-assessment, accreditation bodies, and others can also use this document in confirming or recognizing the competence of biobanks.

This document does not apply to biological material intended for food/feed production, laboratories undertaking analysis for food/feed production, and/or therapeutic use.

NOTE 1 International, national or regional regulations or requirements can also apply to specific topics covered in this document.

NOTE 2 For entities handling human materials procured and used for diagnostic and treatment purposes ISO 15189 and other clinical standards are intended to apply first and foremost.

## 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 8601, *Data elements and interchange formats — Information interchange — Representation of dates and times*

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### 3.1

#### **accessioning logging**

documenting the addition of a new biological material and/or associated data to a biobank

### 3.2

#### **acquisition**

act of obtaining possession and/or custody of biological material and/or associated data

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