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# Preface

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee SF-001, Occupational Health and Safety Management to supersede both AS 4801:2000, *Occupational health and safety management systems—Specification with guidance for use* and NZS 4801(Int):1999, *Occupational health and safety management systems—Specification with guidance for use*.

The objective of this Standard is to set auditable criteria for an occupational health and safety management system. The Standard is a specification that aims to encompass the best elements of such systems already widely used in Australia and New Zealand. It includes guidance on how those criteria may be achieved. The Standard should not be relied upon to ensure compliance with all legal and other obligations.

The objective of this revision is to amalgamate AS 4801 and NZS 4801 as a Joint Standard.

As an amalgamation of current Australian and New Zealand Standards, elements of this Standard differ from both AS 4801:2000 and NZS 4801(Int):1999. Most notably the terms '*hazard/risk assessment*' and '*control of hazards/risks*' are used to accommodate the different terminology used in each country to describe similar elements of the systematic management of occupational health and safety.

Consequently, '*hazard/risk assessment*' refers to the processes of '*hazard assessment*' in New Zealand and '*risk assessment*' in Australia.

Similarly, '*control of hazards/risks*' refers to the processes of '*control of hazards*' in New Zealand and '*control of risks*' in Australia.

Other differences between this Standard and NZS 4801(Int):1999 were brought about in order that, except as outlined in this Preface, this Standard maintains identical wording with AS 4801.

This Standard is now a Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand document, and so, elements of this Standard differ from AS 4801:2000 and NZS 4801(Int):1999 to show this joint nature.

Other changes have been made in Appendices B and C to update references to AS/NZS ISO 9000 and AS/NZS ISO 9001.

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The term 'informative' has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. An 'informative' appendix is only for information and guidance.

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