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1. This instrument may be cited as the Standard Specification (Quality management systems –Guidelines for performance improvements (ISO 9004:2000)) Declaration,2000.

2. (1) The Specification set forth in the schedule to this declaration is hereby declared to be the standard specification for Quality management systems - Guidelines for performance improvements (ISO 9004:2000). The Schedule comprises the text of EN ISO 9004:2000.

(2) The said standard specification may be cited as Irish Standard EN ISO 9004:2000 or as I.S. EN ISO 9004:2000.

3. (1) The Standard Specification (Quality Management and Quality System Elements – Part 1: Guidelines (ISO 9004-1:1994) ) Declaration, 1994, is hereby revoked.

(2) Reference in any other standard specification to the Instrument hereby revoked and to Irish Standard EN ISO 9004-1:1994 thereby prescribed, shall be construed respectively, as references to this Instrument and to Irish Standard EN ISO 9004:2000



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## Foreword

The text of the International Standard ISO 9004:2000 has been prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 176 "Quality management and quality assurance", Subcommittee 2, "Quality systems", in collaboration with the CEN Management Centre (CMC).

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In comparison to previous editions, ISO 9001 and ISO 9004 now form a consistent pair of standards on quality management. ISO 9001 aims to give quality assurance of product and to enhance customer satisfaction, while ISO 9004 uses a broader perspective of quality management to give guidance for performance improvement.

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