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## **Foreword**

This document (EN ISO 15194:2009) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 140 "In vitro diagnostic medical devices", the secretariat of which is held by DIN, in collaboration with Technical Committee ISO/TC 212 "Clinical laboratory testing and in vitro diagnostic test systems".

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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 15194:2002), which has been technically revised.

## Introduction

Reference measurement systems are needed to produce useful and reliable measurement results, whether in science, technology or routine service, so as to be comparable and ultimately metrologically traceable to measurement standards and/or measurement procedures of the highest metrological level.

Substances or devices that are used to obtain this metrological traceability, through time, distances and different measurement procedures, are reference materials. Certified reference materials are needed at the higher metrological levels of a calibration hierarchy.

A given certified reference material is supported by documentation containing sources of material, descriptions, measurement results, metrological traceability, instructions for use, stability data and storage conditions, as well as health and safety warnings. This International Standard specifies the quality requirements for such materials and the content of their supporting documentation.

Reference materials are used for one of three main purposes:

- a) calibration of quantity values indicated by a measuring system or assigned to another reference material;
- b) validation or control of trueness of measured values in a given laboratory, or in a group of laboratories;

NOTE In ISO terminology “trueness” is related to “bias”, “systematic effect” and “systematic error”, whereas “accuracy” is related both to “trueness” (with its relations) and “precision”, where the latter is related to “standard deviation”, “coefficient of variation”, “random effect” and “random error”.

- c) evaluation of the performance of a new measurement procedure.

The maximum acceptable measurement uncertainty of the assigned value of a reference material depends on the requirements of the measured quantity values obtained by a measurement procedure involving the reference material.

As the proper use of a reference material depends on its description, it is important to apply rules for the documentation of reference materials.

The advantages of having standards available are listed in ISO/IEC Guide 15.

In Clause 3 of this International Standard, concepts are indicated by *italicized text*.

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## **1 Scope**

This International Standard specifies requirements for certified reference materials and the content of their supporting documentation, in order for them to be considered of higher metrological order in accordance with ISO 17511. It is applicable to certified reference materials classifiable as primary measurement standards, secondary measurement standards and international conventional calibrators that function either as calibrators or trueness control materials. This International Standard also provides requirements on how to collect data for value determination and how to present the assigned value and its measurement uncertainty.

This International Standard applies to certified reference materials with assigned values of differential or rational quantities. Annex A provides information on nominal properties and ordinal quantities.

This International Standard does not apply to reference materials that are parts of an *in vitro* diagnostic measuring system, although it is possible that many elements are helpful.

## **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 31 (all parts)<sup>1)</sup>, *Quantities and units*

ISO 5725-2, *Accuracy (trueness and precision) of measurement methods and results — Part 2: Basic method for the determination of repeatability and reproducibility of a standard measurement method*

ISO 17511:2003, *In vitro diagnostic medical devices — Measurement of quantities in biological samples — Metrological traceability of values assigned to calibrators and control materials*

ISO 18153, *In vitro diagnostic medical devices — Measurement of quantities in biological samples — Metrological traceability of values for catalytic concentration of enzymes assigned calibrators and control materials*

ISO Guide 31, *Reference materials — Contents of certificates and labels*

ISO Guide 34, *General requirements for the competence of reference material producers*

ISO Guide 35, *Reference materials — General and statistical principles for certification*

ISO/IEC Guide 98-3:2008, *Guide to the expression of uncertainty in measurement (GUM:1995)*

ISO/IEC Guide 99:2007, *International vocabulary of metrology — Basic and general concepts and associated terms (VIM)*

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