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## **Foreword**

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## Introduction

This International Standard arises from work originally undertaken through the Open Geospatial Consortium's Sensor Web Enablement (SWE) activity. SWE is concerned with establishing interfaces and protocols that will enable a "Sensor Web" through which applications and services will be able to access sensors of all types, and observations generated by them, over the Web. SWE has defined, prototyped and tested several components needed for a Sensor Web, namely:

- Sensor Model Language (SensorML).
- Observations & Measurements (O&M).
- Sensor Observation Service (SOS).
- Sensor Planning Service (SPS).
- Sensor Alert Service (SAS).

This International Standard specifies the Observations and Measurements schema, including a schema for sampling features.

The content presented here derives from an earlier version published by Open Geospatial Consortium as OGC 07-022r1, *Observations and Measurements — Part 1 — Observation schema* and OGC 07-002r3, *Observations and Measurements — Part 2 — Sampling Features*. A technical note describing the changes from the earlier version is available from the Open Geospatial Consortium (see <http://www.opengeospatial.org/standards/om>).



# Geographic information — Observations and measurements

## 1 Scope

This International Standard defines a conceptual schema for observations, and for features involved in sampling when making observations. These provide models for the exchange of information describing observation acts and their results, both within and between different scientific and technical communities.

Observations commonly involve sampling of an ultimate feature-of-interest. This International Standard defines a common set of sampling feature types classified primarily by topological dimension, as well as samples for ex-situ observations. The schema includes relationships between sampling features (sub-sampling, derived samples).

This International Standard concerns only externally visible interfaces and places no restriction on the underlying implementations other than what is needed to satisfy the interface specifications in the actual situation.

## 2 Conformance

### 2.1 Overview

Clauses 7 to 11 of this International Standard use the Unified Modeling Language (UML) to present conceptual schemas for describing Observations. These schemas define conceptual classes that

- a) may be considered to comprise a cross-domain application schema, or
- b) may be used in application schemas, profiles and implementation specifications.

This flexibility is controlled by a set of UML types that can be implemented in a variety of manners. Use of alternative names that are more familiar in a particular application is acceptable, provided that there is a one-to-one mapping to classes and properties in this International Standard.

The UML model in this International Standard defines conceptual classes; various software systems define implementation classes or data structures. All of these reference the same information content. The same name may be used in implementations as in the model, so that types defined in the UML model may be used directly in application schemas.

Annex A defines a set of conformance tests that will support applications whose requirements range from the minimum necessary to define data structures to full object implementation.

### 2.2 Conformance classes related to Application Schemas including Observations and Measurements

The conformance rules for Application Schemas in general are described in ISO 19109:2005. Application Schemas also claiming conformance to this International Standard shall also conform to the rules specified in Clauses 7 to 11 and pass all relevant test cases of the Abstract Test Suite in Annex A.

Depending on the characteristics of an Application Schema, 18 conformance classes are distinguished. Table 1 lists these classes and the corresponding subclause of the Abstract Test Suite.

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