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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Standards Australia Committee IT-012, Information Systems, Security and Identification Technology.

The objective of this Standard is to build upon the guidance in AS ISO/IEC 27002 to define guidelines supporting the implementation of information security controls in telecommunications organizations. The adoption of this Standard will allow telecommunications organizations to meet baseline information security management requirements of confidentiality, integrity, availability and any other relevant security property.

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## INTRODUCTION

This Recommendation | International Standard provides interpretation guidelines for the implementation and management of information security controls in telecommunications organizations based on ISO/IEC 27002.

Telecommunications organizations provide telecommunications services by facilitating the communications of customers through their infrastructure. In order to provide telecommunications services, telecommunications organizations need to interconnect and/or share their services and facilities and/or use the services and facilities of other telecommunications organizations. Furthermore, the site location, such as radio sites, antenna locations, ground cables and utility provision (power, water), may be accessed not only by the organization's staff, but also by contractors and providers external to the organization.

Therefore, the management of information security in telecommunications organizations is complex, potentially:

- depending on external parties;
- having to cover all areas of network infrastructure, services applications and other facilities;
- including a range of telecommunications technologies (e.g., wired, wireless or broadband),
- supporting a wide range of operational scales, service areas and service types.

In addition to the application of security objectives and controls described in ISO/IEC 27002, telecommunications organizations may need to implement extra controls to ensure confidentiality, integrity, availability and any other security property of telecommunications in order to manage security risk in an adequate fashion.

### 1) *Confidentiality*

Protecting confidentiality of information related to telecommunications from unauthorized disclosure. This implies non-disclosure of communications in terms of the existence, the content, the source, the destination and the date and time of communicated information.

It is critical that telecommunications organizations ensure that the non-disclosure of communications being handled by them is not breached. This includes ensuring that persons engaged by the telecommunications organization maintain the confidentiality of any information regarding others that may have come to be known during their work duties.

NOTE – The term "secrecy of communications" is used in some countries in the context of "non-disclosure of communications".

### 2) *Integrity*

Protecting the integrity of telecommunications information includes controlling the installation and use of telecommunications facilities to ensure the authenticity, accuracy and completeness of information transmitted, relayed or received by wire, radio or any other method.

### 3) *Availability*

Availability of telecommunications information includes ensuring that access to facilities and the medium used for the provision of communication services is authorized, regardless of whether communications is provided by wire, radio or any other method. Typically, telecommunications organizations give priority to essential communications in case of emergencies, managing unavailability of less important communications in compliance with regulatory requirements.

## Audience

The audience of this Recommendation | International Standard consists of telecommunications organizations and those responsible for information security; together with security vendors, auditors, telecommunications terminal vendors and application content providers. This Recommendation | International Standard provides a common set of general security control objectives based on ISO/IEC 27002, telecommunications sector-specific controls and information security management guidelines allowing for the selection and implementation of such controls.

## AUSTRALIAN STANDARD

**Information technology—Security techniques—Code of practice for information security controls based on ISO/IEC 27002 for telecommunications organizations****1 Scope**

The scope of this Recommendation | International Standard is to define guidelines supporting the implementation of information security controls in telecommunications organizations.

The adoption of this Recommendation | International Standard will allow telecommunications organizations to meet baseline information security management requirements of confidentiality, integrity, availability and any other relevant security property.

**2 Normative references**

The following Recommendations and International Standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Recommendation | International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All Recommendations and Standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this Recommendation | International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the Recommendations and Standards listed below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards. The Telecommunication Standardization Bureau of the ITU maintains a list of currently valid ITU-T Recommendations.

- ISO/IEC 27000, *Information technology – Security techniques – Information security management systems – Overview and vocabulary*.
- ISO/IEC 27002:2013, *Information technology – Security techniques – Code of practice for information security controls*.

**3 Definitions and abbreviations****3.1 Definitions**

For the purposes of this Recommendation | International Standard, the definitions given in ISO/IEC 27000 and the following apply:

**3.1.1 co-location:** Installation of telecommunications facilities on the premises of other telecommunications carriers.

**3.1.2 communication centre:** Building where facilities for providing telecommunications business are sited.

**3.1.3 essential communications:** Communications whose contents are necessary for the prevention of or relief from disasters and for the maintenance of public order in adverse conditions.

**3.1.4 non-disclosure of communications:** Requirement not to disclose the existence, the content, the source, the destination and the date and time of communicated information.

**3.1.5 priority call:** Telecommunications made by specific terminals in the event of emergencies, which should be handled with priority by restricting public calls.

**NOTE** – The specific terminals may span different services (voice over Internet protocol (VoIP), public switched telephone network (PSTN) voice, Internet protocol (IP) data traffic, etc.) for wired and wireless networks.

**3.1.6 telecommunications applications:** Applications such as Voice over IP (VoIP) that are consumed by end-users and built upon the network based services.

**3.1.7 telecommunications business:** Business to provide telecommunications services in order to meet the demand of others.

**3.1.8 telecommunications equipment room:** A secure location or room within a general building where equipment for providing telecommunications business are sited.

**3.1.9 telecommunications facilities:** Machines, equipment, wire and cables, physical buildings or other electrical facilities for the operation of telecommunications.