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- *Part 1: Quality requirements and quality assurance*
- *Part 2: General recommendations for test cases and quality assurance interface* [Technical report]

The following parts are under preparation:

- *Part 3: Recommendations for quality assured implementation of ISO 9613-2 in software according to ISO 17534-1* [Technical report]

Introduction

The general structure of the ISO 17534 series consisting of ISO 17534-1 and various Technical Reports is shown in [Figure 1](#). The series itself describes the measures necessary to assure a high quality calculation methods implemented in different software products with respect to correctness and precision. The requirements and specifications included are obviously independent from a specific calculation method, because they should be applied for all of them.

This Technical Report contains generally applicable recommendations to be taken into account in the formulation of such recommendations in the method-specific Technical Reports. Further, a set of test cases is presented that can be supplemented with method-specific parameters to be applied in these Technical Reports.

This Technical Report is a first step. Contents will be supplemented step by step, and or even withdrawn due to newer technical or scientific expertise.

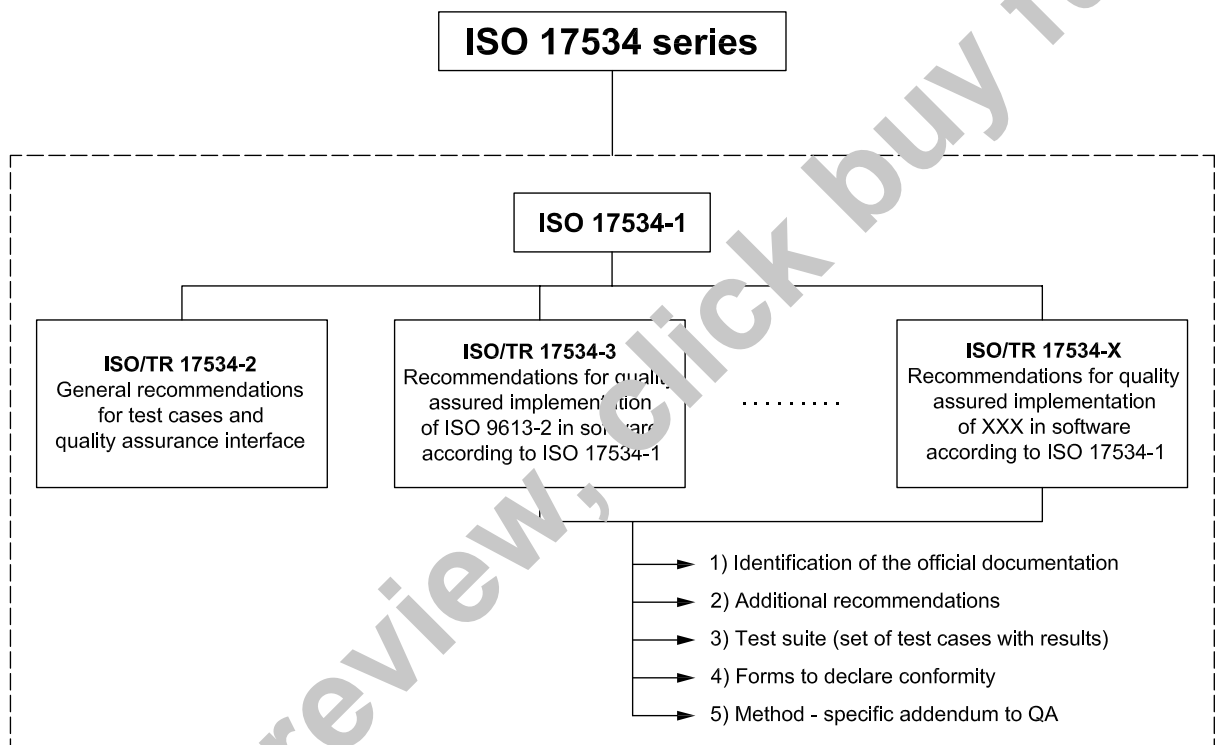


Figure 1 — Structure of the ISO 17534 series consisting of the main Part 1 and subordinated Technical Reports

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Part 2: General recommendations for test cases and quality assurance interface

1 Scope

This Technical Report contains general additional recommendations for the implementation of calculation methods in software, a general applicable set of test cases described geometrically, and a description of the QA (Quality Assurance Interface) that allows the exchange of data between software programs quality assured according to ISO 17534-1.

ISO 17534 series contains identification of the official documentation.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 17534-1:—, *Acoustics — Software for the calculation of sound outdoors — Part 1: Quality requirements and quality assurance*¹⁾

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 17534-1:— apply.

4 Additional recommendations

This chapter is only a placeholder, it shall be decided from time to time if due to experience with method specific recommendations. These shall be taken as a general recommendation and transferred to this Technical Report.

5 Test cases (T)

5.1 General

All aspects of a method shall be covered by test cases. It is to ensure that the test cases cover the main issues which can significantly affect results.

These test cases are described with exact geometry, but generally with respect to parameters that might be different with different calculation methods.

For the precisely defined test cases, according to A.2 in ISO 17534-1:—, these general parameter descriptions can be concretized and supplemented by step-by-step results.

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