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## Introduction

Certification of the Quality Management System (QMS) of an organization supplying products and services Important To Nuclear Safety (ITNS) is one means of providing assurance that the organization has implemented a system for the management of quality in line with its policy.

Supplementing ISO/IEC 17021-1 requirements, this document has been developed for the nuclear sector to assist in the conformity assessment and certification according to ISO 19443.

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# Nuclear sector — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of quality management systems for organizations supplying products and services important to nuclear safety (ITNS)

## 1 Scope

This document complements the existing requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-1 for bodies providing audit and certification of quality management systems against ISO 19443.

NOTE This document is recommended for use as a criteria document for accreditation, peer assessment or other audit processes.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 9000, *Quality management systems — Fundamentals and vocabulary*

ISO/IEC 17000, *Conformity assessment — Vocabulary and general principles*

ISO/IEC 17021-1, *Conformity assessment — Requirements for bodies providing audit and certification of management systems — Part 1: Requirements*

ISO 19443, *Quality management systems — Specific requirements for the application of ISO 9001:2015 by organizations in the supply chain of the nuclear energy sector supplying products and services important to nuclear safety (ITNS)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 9000, ISO/IEC 17000, ISO/IEC 17021-1 and ISO 19443 apply.

## 4 Principles

The principles of ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, Clause 4, apply.

## 5 General requirements

### 5.1 Legal and contractual matters

The requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, 5.1, apply.

### 5.2 Management of impartiality

The requirements of ISO/IEC 17021-1:2015, 5.2, apply.