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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee QR/8 on Quality Systems. It is the result of consensus among representatives on the Joint Committee to produce it as an Australian Standard.

The principal objective of this Standard is to provide assistance to the smaller businesses who are implementing or giving consideration to implementing an ISO 9000 quality system, by providing a phased approach to such a quality system. Provision is made for three phases of implementation.

To provide the necessary flexibility to suit a range of organizations who might consider a phased approach, the Clauses of AS/NZS ISO 9001:1994 have been distributed into three Modules. A Phase 1 quality system is achieved by implementation of any one of the Modules, a Phase 2 quality system, by implementation of any two and Phase 3 quality system by implementation of all three Modules. Thus Phase 3 is the full implementation of either an AS/NZS ISO 9001 or AS/NZS ISO 9002 quality system.

It is also an objective of this Standard to provide a basis of assurance for those purchasers who, while not needing the assurance provided by an AS/NZS ISO 9000 series quality system, nevertheless need some assurance from their supplier regarding their capabilities with respect to their quality system.

A further objective of this Standard is to provide a basis for endorsement against a phased approach, if there is a community need for such endorsement.

The Clauses of AS/NZS ISO 9001 have not been included, and reference will need to be made to that Standard for the specific requirements referenced in each Module.

The term ‘informative’ has been used in this Standard to define the application of the appendix to which it applies. An ‘informative’ appendix is only for information and guidance.

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