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## PREFACE

This standard was prepared by the Association's Committee on Quality Control as a replacement for AS 1057—1982, Terms Used in Quality Control.

AS 1057 was originally prepared as a result of a need expressed by many organizations for an Australian standard which would enable improved communications both within and between organizations concerned with quality control. It was the committee's intention that the standard should also serve an educational purpose and consequently many of the definitions have been prepared from this point of view.

The original 1971 edition contained only 97 terms covering a limited range of quality control areas. In this standard the scope of the glossary has been expanded to nearly three hundred terms to enable a more comprehensive coverage extending into areas such as management, certification, reliability, maintainability, statistics and software quality assurance.

Appendix A also includes symbols for relevant terms used in quality assurance and quality control while Appendix B lists commonly used acronyms. Appendix C provides reference to terms related to quality assurance and quality control which can be found in other standards.

A list of defined terms in alphabetical order is given in the Index.

During the preparation of this standard, cognizance was taken of a number of British, American and International standards, but particularly of BS 4778, Glossary of Terms used in Quality Assurance (Including Reliability and Maintainability Terms); ANSI/ASQC A1, Definitions, Symbols, Formulae and Tables for Control Charts; ANSI/ASQC A2, Terms, Symbols and Definitions for Acceptance Sampling; ANSI/ASQC A3, Quality Systems Terminology; ANSI N45.2.10 Quality Assurance Terms and Vocabulary, and ISO 3534 Statistics—Vocabulary and Symbols. Reference was also made to Telecom Specification 1233, Terms Used in the Control of Quality.

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