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## PREFACE

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This Handbook has undergone the transparency and consensus process of Combined Procedure public comment and postal ballot.

The objective of this Handbook is to provide guidelines for a third-party product certification system for determining the conformity of a product with specified requirements through—

- (a) initial testing of samples of the product;
- (b) assessment and surveillance of the involved quality system; and
- (c) surveillance by testing of product samples taken from the factory, open market or both.

This system corresponds to system 5 product certification as described in ISO/IEC Guide 67.

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