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ISO 9004 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 176, *Quality management and quality assurance*, Subcommittee SC 2, *Quality systems*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 9004:2000), which has been technically revised.

Managing for the sustained success of an organization is a major change in focus for ISO 9004, leading to substantial changes to its structure and contents.

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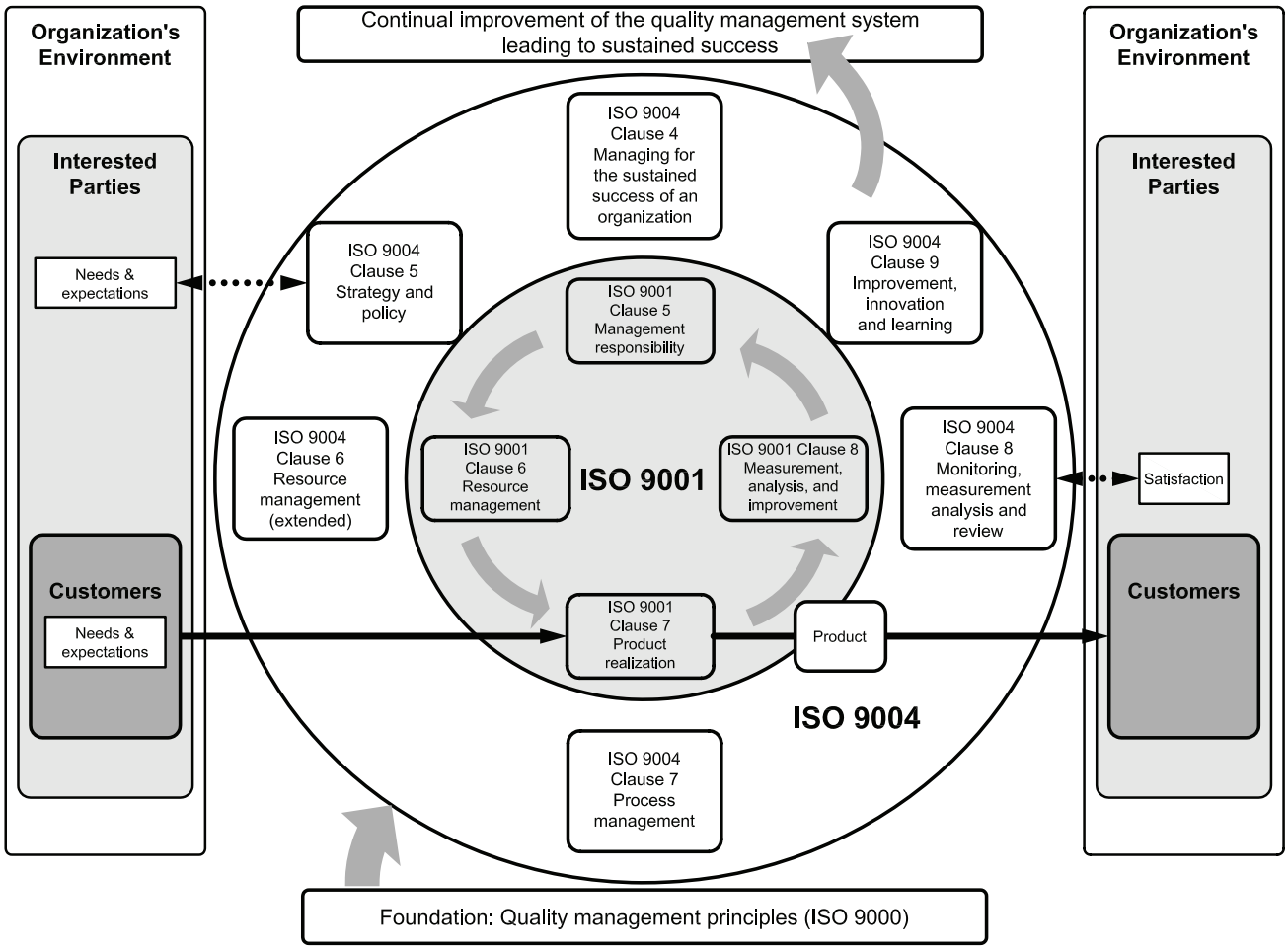
Introduction

This International Standard provides guidance to support the achievement of sustained success for any organization in a complex, demanding, and ever-changing environment, by a quality management approach.

The sustained success of an organization is achieved by its ability to meet the needs and expectations of its customers and other interested parties, over the long term and in a balanced way. Sustained success can be achieved by the effective management of the organization, through awareness of the organization's environment, by learning, and by the appropriate application of either improvements, or innovations, or both.

This International Standard promotes self-assessment as an important tool for the review of the maturity level of the organization, covering its leadership, strategy, management system, resources and processes, to identify areas of strength and weakness and opportunities for either improvements, or innovations, or both.

This International Standard provides a wider focus on quality management than ISO 9001; it addresses the needs and expectations of all relevant interested parties and provides guidance for the systematic and continual improvement of the organization's overall performance. An extended model of a process-based quality management system incorporating the elements of ISO 9001 and ISO 9004 is given in Figure 1.



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• • • • • ► Information flow

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Figure 1 — Extended model of a process-based quality management system

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This International Standard has been developed to maintain consistency with ISO 9001 and be compatible with other management system standards. Such standards complement each other, but can also be used independently.

Annex A provides a tool for organizations to self-assess their own strengths and weaknesses, to determine their level of maturity, and to identify opportunities for improvement and innovation.

Annex B provides a description of the quality management principles that are the basis of the quality management standards prepared by ISO/TC 176.

Annex C gives a clause by clause correspondence between ISO 9001:2008 and this International Standard.

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Managing for the sustained success of an organization — A quality management approach

1 Scope

This International Standard provides guidance to organizations to support the achievement of sustained success by a quality management approach. It is applicable to any organization, regardless of size, type and activity.

This International Standard is not intended for certification, regulatory or contractual use.

2 Normative references

The following referenced documents relate to the application 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*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 9000 and the following apply.

3.1
sustained success
⟨organization⟩ result of the ability of an organization to achieve and maintain its objectives in the long term

3.2
organization's environment
combination of internal and external factors and conditions that can affect the achievement of an organization's objectives and its behaviour towards its interested parties

4 Managing for the sustained success of an organization

4.1 General

To achieve sustained success, top management should adopt a quality management approach. The organization's quality management system should be based on the principles described in Annex B. These principles describe concepts that are the foundation of an effective quality management system. To achieve sustained success, top management should apply these principles to the organization's quality management system.

The organization should develop the organization's quality management system to ensure

— the efficient use of resources,

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