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Introduction

This document specifies the components of typical interpreting equipment, which together with either permanent (ISO 2603) or mobile (ISO 4043) booths, form the interpreter's working environment.

Interpreting equipment, included until the 1998 version in ISO 2603, and referred to in ISO 4043, has now found its place in this document, together with other elements indispensable for the interpreter's working environment, like video displays and chairs.

Simultaneous interpreting — Equipment — Requirements

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for equipment used for simultaneous interpreting.

Accessibility requirements are defined in [Annex A](#).

Requirements for booths furniture are defined in [Annex B](#).

Requirements on the system operation are defined in [Annex C](#).

In conjunction with either ISO 2603 or ISO 4043, ISO 20108 and this document provide the relevant requirements both for the quality and transmission of sound and image provided to interpreters and for the equipment needed in the booths.

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 639-3, *Codes for the representation of names of languages — Part 3: Alpha-3 code for comprehensive coverage of languages*

ISO 9241-303, *Ergonomics of human-system interaction — Part 303: Requirements for electronic visual displays*

ISO 9241-410, *Ergonomics of human-system interaction — Part 410: Design criteria for physical input devices*

ISO 24503, *Ergonomics — Accessible design — Tactile dots and bars on consumer products*

IEC 60268-4, *Sound system equipment — Part 4: Microphones*

IEC 60268-7, *Sound system equipment — Part 7: Headphones and earphones*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

— IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

simultaneous interpreting

mode of interpreting performed while a speaker is still speaking or signing

Note 1 to entry: The activity requires specialized equipment.

3.2

interpreter console

individual workstation containing controls for listening and speaking that enables *simultaneous interpreting* (3.1)