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## Introduction

The organization of this document is as follows:

- 1) [Clause 1, “Scope”](#), specifies the scope of this document.
- 2) [Clause 2, “Normative references”](#), identifies additional standards that, through reference in this document, constitute provisions of this document.
- 3) [Clause 3, “Terms and definitions”](#), defines the terms and definitions used in this document.
- 4) [Clause 4, “Concepts”](#), presents concepts used in the definition of the Call-Level Interface.
- 5) [Clause 5, “Lexical elements”](#), defines the lexical elements of the language.
- 6) [Clause 6, “Call-Level Interface specifications”](#), defines facilities for using SQL through a Call-Level Interface.
- 7) [Clause 7, “SQL/CLI routines”](#), defines each of the routines that comprise the Call-Level Interface.
- 8) [Clause 8, “Additional data manipulation rules”](#), defines additional rules for data manipulation.
- 9) [Clause 9, “Dynamic SQL”](#), defines the SQL dynamic statements.
- 10) [Clause 10, “Status codes”](#), defines values that identify the status of the execution of SQL-statements and the mechanisms by which those values are returned.
- 11) [Clause 11, “Conformance”](#), defines the criteria for conformance to this document.
- 12) [Annex A, “SQL conformance summary”](#), is an informative Annex. It summarizes the conformance requirements of the SQL language.
- 13) [Annex B, “Implementation-defined elements”](#), is an informative Annex. It lists those features for which the body of this document states that the syntax, the meaning, the returned results, the effect on SQL-data and/or schemas, or other aspect is partly or wholly implementation-defined.
- 14) [Annex C, “Implementation-dependent elements”](#), is an informative Annex. It lists those features for which the body of this document states that the syntax, the meaning, the returned results, the effect on SQL-data and/or schemas, or other aspect is partly or wholly implementation-dependent.
- 15) [Annex D, “SQL optional feature taxonomy”](#), is an informative Annex. It identifies the optional features of the SQL language specified in this document by an identifier and a short descriptive name. This taxonomy is used to specify conformance.
- 16) [Annex E, “Deprecated features”](#), is an informative Annex. It lists features that the responsible Technical Committee intends not to include in a future edition of this document.
- 17) [Annex F, “Incompatibilities with ISO/IEC 9075:2016”](#), is an informative Annex. It lists incompatibilities with the previous edition of this document.
- 18) [Annex G, “Defect Reports not addressed in this edition of this document”](#), is an informative Annex. It describes the Defect Reports that were known at the time of publication of this document. Each of these problems is a problem carried forward from the previous edition of document. No new problems have been created in the drafting of this edition of this document.
- 19) [Annex H, “Example header files”](#), is an informative Annex. It provides examples of typical definition files for application programs using the SQL Call-Level Interface.
- 20) [Annex I, “Example C programs”](#), is an informative Annex. It provides examples of using the SQL Call-Level Interface in the C programming language.

In the text of this document, Clauses and Annexes begin new odd-numbered pages, and in [Clause 6, “Call-Level Interface specifications”](#), through [Clause 11, “Conformance”](#), Subclauses begin new pages. Any resulting blank space is not significant.

## **Information technology — Database language SQL —**

Part 3:

### **Call-Level Interface (SQL/CLI)**

#### **1 Scope**

This document defines the structures and procedures that can be used to execute statements of the database language SQL from within an application written in a programming language in such a way that procedures used are independent of the SQL statements to be executed.