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Introduction

This document describes the order of preference when applying standards and standard-like documents for defence products and services and considers the selection requirements of the Directive 2009/81/EC.

1 Scope

This European Standard applies to the provision, development, use, improvement and disposal of defence products and services in accordance with Chapter II of Directive 2009/81/EC. It also applies to measures intended to maintain the operational readiness of products. This document supports project managers in the selection and use of applicable standards and standard-like documents.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

Directive 2009/81/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of procedures for the award of certain works contracts, supply contracts and service contracts by contracting authorities or entities in the fields of defence and security, and amending Directives 2004/17/EC and 2004/18/EC

ISO/IEC Guide 2:2004, *Standardization and related activities — General vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in Directive 2009/81/EC and ISO/IEC Guide 2:2004 apply.

4 Order of preference

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4.2 Edition

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4.3 Preferences

If, for the specification of the capability of a defence product or a service, standards or standard-like documents of different domains or origin are available and deemed suitable by the Purchasing Authority, they shall be selected and used in the following order of preference:

- a) Standards and other standard-like documents, which are referenced in laws, ordinances and statutory provisions;
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