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Foreword

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The changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the normative references have been updated to include revised/newer editions;
- references to “ISAN International Agency” have been replaced with a more generic “Registration Authority (RA)” and a link to the RA listing in the ISO website has been added;
- the reference in [3.2](#) has been replaced with ISO/IEC 7064:2003;
- references to ISO 15706-2, IETF RFC 4246 XML, and Schema Part 1 and Part 2 have been added;
- normative references to the normative annexes have been added.

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Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at www.iso.org/members.html.

Introduction

The ISAN project was administered by the International Federation of Film Producers Associations (FIAPF) in association with the Association of International Collective Management of Audiovisual Works (AGICOA), and the International Confederation of Societies of Authors and Composers (CISAC).

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1 Scope

This document establishes and defines a voluntary standard numbering system for the unique and international identification of audiovisual works (as defined in [3.1](#)).

An International Standard Audiovisual Number (ISAN) identifies an audiovisual work throughout its life and is intended for use wherever precise and unique identification of an audiovisual work would be desirable. As an identifier, it can be used for various purposes, such as to assist allocation of royalties among right holders, to track the use of audiovisual works, for information retrieval and for anti-piracy purposes, such as verifying title registrations. The ISAN can also provide a basis for supplementary identification systems when version or product information is required (e.g. for applications such as broadcast automation and automated storage and retrieval systems).

An ISAN is applied to the audiovisual work itself. It is not related to the physical medium of such an audiovisual work, or the identification of that medium. [Annex A](#) specifies examples of audiovisual works for which an ISAN can be issued and examples of works for which ISAN are not issued.

The issuance of an ISAN is in no way related to any process of copyright registration, nor does the issuance of an ISAN provide evidence of the ownership of rights in an audiovisual work.

2 Normative reference

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/IEC 7064, *Information technology — Security techniques — Check character systems*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

audiovisual work

work consisting of a sequence of related images, with or without accompanying sound, which is intended to be made visible as a moving image through the use of devices, regardless of the medium of initial or subsequent fixation