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Foreword

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This first edition of ISO 23783-2, together with ISO 23783-1 and ISO 23783-3, cancels and replaces IWA 15:2015.

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Introduction

Globalization of laboratory operations requires standardized practices for operating automated liquid handling systems (ALHS), communicating test protocols, as well as analysing and reporting of performance parameters. IWA 15:2015 was developed to provide standardized terminology, test protocols, and analytical methods for reporting test results. The concepts developed for, and described in, IWA 15 form the foundation of the ISO 23783 series.

Specifically, this document addresses the needs of:

— users of ALHS, as a basis for calibration, verification, validation, optimization, and routine testing of trueness and precision;

— manufacturers of ALHS, as a basis for quality control, communication of acceptance test specifications and conditions, and issuance of manufacturer's declarations (where appropriate);

— test houses and other bodies, as a basis for certification, calibration, and testing.

The tests established in this document should be carried out by trained personnel.

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1 Scope

This document specifies procedures for the determination of volumetric performance of automated liquid handling systems (ALHS), including traceability and estimations of measurement uncertainty of measurement results.

This document is applicable to all ALHS with complete, installed liquid handling devices, including tips and other essential parts needed for delivering a specified volume, which perform liquid handling tasks without human intervention into labware.

NOTE For terminology and general requirements of automated liquid handling systems, see ISO 23783-1. Determination, specification, and reporting of volumetric performance of automated liquid handling systems is described in ISO 23783-3.

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 3696, *Water for analytical laboratory use — Specification and test methods*

ISO 8655-6, *Piston-operated volumetric apparatus – Part 6: Gravimetric reference measurement procedure for the determination of volume*

ISO 23783-1, *Automated liquid handling systems — Part 1: Terminology and general requirements*

ISO 23783-3, *Automated liquid handling systems — Part 3: Determination, specification, and reporting of volumetric performance*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 23783-1 apply.

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

— ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at https://www.electropedia.org/

4 Abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the abbreviated terms given in ISO 23783-1 apply.