



Conformity Assessment in the Information Technology Sector

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Conformity Assessment

"demonstration that specified requirements relating to a product, process, system, person, or body are fulfilled"

- ISO/IEC 17000

Information Technology Conformity Assessment

The Parties – who done it?

First Party – seller or manufacturer

Second Party – purchaser or user

Third Party – independent entity

Government

Types of Conformity Assessment

- Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (SDoC)
- Inspection
- Testing
- Certification
- Registration
- Accreditation

- ISO/IEC 17050 parts 1 and 2
- ISO/IEC 17020
- ISO/IEC 17025
- ISO/IEC Guide 65
- ISO/IEC 17021
- ISO/IEC 17011

Supplier's Declaration of Conformity (SDoC)

1st Party 2nd Party 3rd Party

Characteristics

Examples

- Used when low product risk
- Penalties for noncompliant products
- Effective recall system





- ISO/IEC 17050

Certification

1st Party 2nd Party 3rd Party

Characteristics

- Used when moderate – high product risk
- More expensive
- Surveillance
- ISO/IEC GUIDE 65



Examples





Accreditation

1st Party 2nd Party 3rd Party

Characteristics

Examples

 Confidence in Competence





- ISO/IEC 17011

Conformity Assessment Hierarchy

Accreditor
ISO/IEC 17011

Lab/Certifier
ISO/IEC 17025/ISO/IEC Guide 65

IT System or Component

Technical Requirement

IT System Attribute in Need of Confidence

- Function IPV 6, E Health Records…
- Interoperability WiFi, E Health Records…
- Portability Cloud Services…
- Security SmartGrid, E Health Records, Cloud Services…
- Other Attributes?

Research Needs to Support Confidence

- Standards and Requirements
- Test Methods and Tools
- Conformity Assessment Approaches

and an Effective Business Case

Thank You

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