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processeur de langage*

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I have not yet revised sections 1 through 5.}

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{Note to reviewers: This is an early draft. In preparing the draft, I have followed a few typographical conventions. First, temporary notes that will be removed after drafting are enclosed in curly brackets, like this paragraph. Many of the **provisions** of this draft are copied from ISO/IEC guides; the sources of those **provisions** are enclosed in [square brackets]. Other **provisions** also have their source identified, e.g. [PB] for Phil Brashear. I have been very careful with terminology. Most of the terminology has been gathered from relevant ISO/IEC documents. Uses of the terms have been highlighted in **bold** face. Please try to use this terminology. [JM]}

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- I removed Clause 5, which stated some goals for the entire document. An empty clause 5 remains so that we may continue to use the same section numbering. The empty clause 5 may be removed and the sections renumbered whenever convenient.
- I stopped using boldfacing to call attention to terms defined in this standard. That practice was intended to acquaint us with the vocabulary. I think it has served its purpose and is now more trouble than it is worth. When we're finished with the standard, we can think about whether we want to go back and provide accurate bolding.
- This version was turned over to the ARG for its continued work.}

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Foreword

ISO (the International Organization for Standardisation) and IEC (the International Electrotechnical Commission) form the specialised system for worldwide standardisation. National bodies that are members of ISO or IEC participate in the development of International Standards through technical committees established by the respective organization to deal with particular fields of technical activity. ISO and IEC technical committees collaborate in fields of mutual interest. Other international organizations, governmental and non-governmental, in liaison with ISO and IEC, also take part in the work.

International Standards are drafted in accordance with the rules given in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 3.

In the field of information technology, ISO and IEC have established a joint technical committee, ISO/IEC JTC 1. Draft International Standards adopted by the joint technical committee are circulated to national bodies for voting. Publication as an International Standard requires approval by at least 75 % of the national bodies casting a vote.

This standard was prepared by Working Group 9 (Ada) of Subcommittee 22 (Programming Languages, their Environments and System Software Interfaces) of Joint Technical Committee 1 (Information Technology). The standard establishes requirements for assessing the conformity of Ada language processors to the provisions of the Ada language standard.

Portions of the standard are based upon U.S. Department of Defense procedures for Ada compiler "validation." The co-operation of the U.S. DoD in contributing the appropriate documents is gratefully acknowledged.

ISO, IEC, JTC1 and SC22 have already prepared a number of documents related to conformity assessment. Rather than make normative references to these documents, this standard incorporates appropriate excerpts of their text, in some cases paraphrasing the text, changing the normative strength, or adapting the provision to the specific circumstances. In each case, the original source of the provision is noted in brackets. Therefore, these documents are listed in Annex A, an informative bibliography, rather than in Clause 3, Normative References.

In order to better relate to the large body of existing work, particular attention has been paid to terminology. Throughout this international standard, terms defined either explicitly or by provision of the standard have been presented in bold typeface.

Introduction

The Ada language community has a strong tradition of “compiler validation,” meaning **conformity assessment**. Originally, the validation program was administered under the auspices of the United States Department of Defense, as the use of “validated” compilers was a condition of usage in defence programmes. Three key elements of this validation program were the conduct of testing by independent **testing laboratories**, resolution of any **test issues** by a single **authority** (the “Ada Validation Organization”), and world-wide acceptance of the “validation certificates” resulting from successful **conformity testing**. In 1998, the U.S. DoD elected to turn the responsibility for **conformity assessment** over to the private sector. This **international standard** provides the basis for private sector **conformity assessment**. It is the intent of this **international standard** to ratify existing practices for Ada **conformity assessment**.

In general terms, this **international standard** states that independent **Ada Conformity Assessment Laboratories (ACAL)** would perform the **conformity assessment**. The various **ACALs** would collaborate on the formation or designation of a single **Ada Conformity Assessment Authority (ACAA)**. The **ACAA** would manage and administer an **Ada Conformity Assessment Test Suite (ACATS)**. Each **ACAL** would perform **conformity assessments** by applying the **ACATS** in accordance with an **Ada Conformity Assessment Procedure (ACAP)**. Each **ACAL** would issue **certificates of conformity** known as **Ada Conformity Assessment Certificates (ACAC)**.

The **ACAA** would act in the role of the current de facto “Ada Validation Organization” and its “Fast Reaction Team” and would also participate in the work of ISO/IEC JTC1/SC22/WG9 in order to apprise that group of possible defects discovered in the language as a result of compiler **conformity testing**.

This **international standard** does not reuse an existing **test method** designed for any other language [as suggested by ISO/IEC Guide 2, 6.7.1] but instead describes a method that, although new to standardisation, has a long de facto tradition within the Ada community. This method is based upon a well established method that has already been in uniformly applied usage for 15 years. Continuity with this tradition is considered essential to the success of the current language **standard**.

This **standard** has the following goals:

- The **standard** should permit a smooth transition from the current de facto method of “Ada compiler validation” to the standardised method.
- Users of Ada **processor certifications** should gain the same degree of assurance as is gained with the current de facto **certification** mechanism.

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1 Scope

1.1 This **international standard** establishes requirements for certifying an assessment that an Ada language **processor** conforms to the **requirements** of the Ada Language **Standard**, ISO/IEC 8652. It places **requirements** on the **organization** that performs the assessment, the assessment procedures, and the **test suite** used in the assessment. Finally, it places **requirements** on the form for the **certificate of conformity**.

1.2 This **international standard** concerns only the **assessment of conformity** to the language **provisions** of ISO/IEC 8652. It does not concern the assessment of any other characteristics of a language **processor** or of the construction process used by the **manufacturer** of the language **processor**.

NOTE In the sense of [ISO/IEC Guide 23], the Ada Language Standard, ISO/IEC 8652, is to be regarded as a *standard for a specific property* rather than a *comprehensive product standard*.

1.3 This **international standard** is intended to be primarily suitable by a **third party authority** although portions of it may also be applied by a supplier (first party) or by a user or purchaser (second party).

1.4 An Ada language **processor** may be claimed to conform to the **provisions** of ISO/IEC 8652 regardless of the application of the current **international standard**. This **international standard** prescribes the method for obtaining a **certification** that a language **processor** conforms. Customers desiring to acquire a language **processor** certified in accordance with this **international standard** should explicitly require that **certification** by citing this **international standard**.

1.5 **Certification** should not be construed as guaranteeing that the certified product is free of **non-conformities** or defects; it only certifies that no evidence of **non-conformity** was found during the **certification** process.

2 Conformity

2.1 An Ada language **processor** is said to be **certified** as **conforming** if so assessed by the **Ada Conformity Assessment Authority (ACAA)**. In providing this **certification**, the **ACAA** shall consider the results of **testing** performed by an **Ada Conformity Assessment Laboratory (ACAL)**. The **ACAL testing** shall be performed in accordance with the **Ada Conformity Assessment Procedure (ACAP)** using the **Ada Conformity Assessment Test Suite (ACATS)**.

2.2 This **international standard** places requirements upon the **ACAL, ACAA, ACAP** and **ACATS**.

NOTE 1 **Conformity** of an “implementation” of the Ada **standard** is defined by Clause 1.1.3 of ISO/IEC 8652. The term “language **processor**” or “compiler” in this **international standard** is to be regarded as synonymous with the term “implementation” as used in ISO/IEC 8652. This **international standard** prescribes requirements for the assessment that a language **processor conforms** to the requirements of ISO/IEC 8652.

NOTE 2 An **international standard** on **test methods**, such as this one, does not imply any obligation to carry out any kind of **test**. It merely states the method by which the assessment, if required and referred to (for example, in the same or another **standard**, or in a **regulation**, or in contract documents), should be carried out. [ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2, Clause 6.5]

3 Normative reference(s)

The following **normative documents** contain **provisions** which, through reference in this text, constitute **provisions** of this **international standard**. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this **international standard** are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the **normative documents** indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the **normative document** referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid **international standards**.

ISO/IEC 8652, Information technology — Programming languages — Ada

4 Term(s) and definition(s)

For the purposes of this **international standard**, the following terms and definitions apply.

4.1 Standardisation

consensus

general agreement, characterised by the absence of sustained opposition to substantial issues by any important part of the concerned interests and by a process that involves seeking to take into account the views of all parties concerned and to reconcile any conflicting arguments

NOTE **Consensus** need not imply unanimity.

[ISO/IEC Guide 2, 1.7]

4.2 Aims of standardisation

fitness for purpose

ability of a product, process or service to serve a defined purpose under specific conditions [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 2.1]

4.3 Normative documents

document

any medium with information recorded on or in it [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 3.1]

normative document

document that provides rules, guidelines or characteristics for activities or their results

NOTES

1 The term “**normative document**” is a generic term that covers such **documents** as **standards**, **technical specifications**, **codes of practice** and **regulations**.

2 The terms for different kinds of **normative documents** are defined considering the **document** and its content as a single entity.

[ISO/IEC Guide 2, 3.1]

standard

document, established by **consensus** and approved by a recognised **body**, that provides, for common and repeated use, rules, guidelines or characteristics for activities or their results, aimed at the achievement of the optimum degree of order in a given context [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 3.2]

international standard

standard that is adopted by an **international standardising/standards organization** and made available to the public [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 3.2.1.1]

technical specification

document that prescribes technical **requirements** to be fulfilled by a product, process or service

NOTES

1 A **technical specification** would indicate, whenever appropriate, the procedure(s) by means of which it may be determined whether the requirements given are fulfilled.

2 A **technical specification** may be a **standard**, a part of a **standard** or independent of a **standard**.

[ISO/IEC Guide 2, 3.4]

regulation

document providing binding legislative rules, that is adopted by an **authority** [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 3.6]

4.4 Bodies responsible for standards and regulations

body

legal or administrative entity that has specific tasks and composition

NOTE Examples of **bodies** are **organizations**, **authorities**, companies and foundations.

[ISO/IEC Guide 2, 4.1]

organization

body that is based on the membership of other **bodies** or individuals and has an established constitution and its own administration [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 4.2]

international standardising organization

standardising **organization** whose membership is open to the relevant national **body** from every country [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 4.3.2]

authority

body that has legal powers and rights

NOTE An **authority** can be regional, national or local.

[ISO/IEC Guide 2, 4.5]

4.5 Type of standards

testing standard

standard that is concerned with **test methods**, sometimes supplemented with other **provisions** related to **testing**, such as sampling, use of statistical methods, sequence of **tests** [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 5.3]

product standard

standard that specifies **requirements** to be fulfilled by a product or a group of products, to establish its **fitness for purpose** [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 5.4]

4.6 Content of normative documents

provision

expression in the content of a **normative document**, that takes the form of a **statement**, an **instruction**, a **recommendation** or a **requirement**

NOTE These types of **provision** are distinguished by the form of wording they employ; e.g. **instructions** are expressed in the imperative mood, **recommendations** by the use of the auxiliary "should" and requirements by the use of the auxiliary "shall".

[ISO/IEC Guide 2, 7.1]

statement

provision that conveys information [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 7.2]

instruction

provision that conveys an action to be performed [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 7.3]

recommendation

provision that conveys advice or guidance [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 7.4]

requirement

provision that conveys criteria to be fulfilled [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 7.5]

exclusive requirement

requirement of a **normative document** that must necessarily be fulfilled in order to comply with that **document**

NOTE The term “mandatory requirement” should be used to mean only a requirement made compulsory by law or regulation.

[ISO/IEC Guide 2, 7.5.1]

optional requirement

requirement of a **normative document** that must be fulfilled in order to comply with a particular option permitted by that **document**

NOTE An **optional requirement** may be either

- (a) one of two or more alternative requirements; or
- (b) an additional requirement that must be fulfilled only if applicable and that may otherwise be disregarded.

[ISO/IEC Guide 2, 7.5.2]

deemed-to-satisfy provision

provision that indicates one or more means of compliance with a **requirement** of a **normative document** [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 7.6]

descriptive provision

provision for **fitness for purpose** that concerns the characteristics of a product, process or service

NOTE A **descriptive provision** usually conveys design, constructional details, etc. with dimensions and material composition.

[ISO/IEC Guide 2, 7.7]

4.7 Conformity assessment in general

conformity

fulfilment by a product, process or service of specified **requirements** [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 12.1]

conformity assessment

any activity concerned with determining directly or indirectly that relevant **requirements** are fulfilled

NOTE Typical examples of **conformity assessment** activities are sampling, **testing** and **inspection**; evaluation, **verification** and **assurance of conformity** (**supplier's declaration**, **certification**); **registration**, **accreditation** and **approval** as well as their combinations.

[ISO/IEC Guide 2, 12.2; ISO/IEC Guide 7, 3.1]

conformity assessment body

body that conducts **conformity assessment** [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 12.3]

conformity assessment system

system that has its own rules of procedure and management for carrying out **conformity assessment**

NOTES

- 1 **Conformity assessment systems** may be operated at, for example, national, regional or international level.
- 2 Typical examples of **conformity assessment systems** are **testing** systems, **inspection** systems, or **certification** systems.

[ISO/IEC Guide 2, 12.4]

conformity assessment scheme

conformity assessment system as related to specified products, processes or services to which the same particular **standards** and rules, and the same procedure, apply

NOTE The term “programme” is used in some countries to cover the same concept as “scheme”.

[ISO/IEC Guide 2, 12.5]

access to a conformity assessment system

opportunity for an applicant to obtain **conformity assessment** under the rules of the system [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 12.6]

participant in a conformity assessment system

conformity assessment body that operates under the rules of the system without having the opportunity to take part in the management of the system [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 12.7]

member of a conformity assessment system

conformity assessment body that operates under the rules of the system and has the opportunity to take part in the management of the system [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 12.8]

third party

person or **body** that is recognised as being independent of the parties involved, as concerns the issue in question

NOTE Parties involved are usually supplier (“first party”) and purchaser (“second party”) interests.

[ISO/IEC Guide 2, 12.9]

registration

procedure by which a **body** indicates relevant characteristics of a product, process or service, or particulars of a **body** or person, in an appropriate, publicly available list [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 12.10]

accreditation

procedure by which an authoritative **body** gives formal recognition that a **body** or person is competent to carry out specific tasks [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 12.11]

reciprocity

bilateral relationship where both parties have the same rights and obligations towards each other [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 12.12]

equal treatment

treatment accorded to products, processes or services originating in other countries that is no less favourable than that accorded to like products, processes or services of national origin, in a comparable situation [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 12.13]

4.8 Determination of characteristics

test

technical operation that consists of the determination of one or more characteristics of a given product, process or service according to a specified procedure [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 13.1]

testing

action of carrying out one or more **tests** [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 13.1.1]

test method

specified technical procedure for performing a **test** [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 13.2]

test report

document that presents **test** results and other information relevant to a **test** [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 13.3]

test certificate

a **test report** issued under the procedures of a **third party certification** system

laboratory

body that calibrates and/or **tests** [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 3.1]

testing laboratory

laboratory that performs **tests**

NOTE The term “**testing laboratory**” can be used in the sense of a legal entity, a technical entity or both.

[ISO/IEC Guide 2, 13.4]

4.9 Conformity evaluation

conformity evaluation

systematic examination of the extent to which a product, process or service fulfils specified **requirements** [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 14.1]

inspection

conformity evaluation by observation and judgement accompanied as appropriate by measurement, **testing** or gauging [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 14.2]

inspection body

body that performs **inspection** [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 14.3]

verification

confirmation by examination and provision of evidence that specified **requirements** have been met [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 3.8]

conformity testing

conformity evaluation by means of **testing** [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 14.4]

type testing

conformity testing on the basis of one or more specimens of a product representative of the production [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 14.5]

4.10 Assurance of conformity

assurance of conformity

activity resulting in a **statement** giving confidence that a product, process or service fulfils specified **requirements**

NOTE For a product, the **statement** may be in the form of a **document**, a label or other equivalent means. It may also be printed in or applied on a communication, a catalogue, an invoice, a user **instructions** manual, etc. relating to the product.

[ISO/IEC Guide 2, 15.1]

supplier's declaration

procedure by which a supplier gives written assurance that a product, process or service conforms to specified **requirements**

NOTE In order to avoid any confusion, the expression "self-certification" should not be used.

[ISO/IEC Guide 2, 15.1.1]

certification

procedure by which a **third party** gives written assurance that a product, process or service conforms to specified **requirements** [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 15.1.2]

certification body

body that conducts **certification**

NOTE A **certification body** may operate its own **testing** and **inspection** activities or oversee these activities carried out on its behalf by other **bodies**.

[ISO/IEC Guide 2, 15.2]

certificate of conformity

a **document** issued under the procedures of a **third party certification** system and attesting that a product or service is in **conformity** with specific **standards** or other **technical specifications** [ISO/IEC Guide 23, 3.2; ISO/IEC Guide 2, 15.5]

mark of conformity

a legally registered **certification** mark applied by or issued under the procedures of a **third party certification** system for a product or service which is in **conformity** with specific **standards** or other **technical specifications** [ISO/IEC Guide 23, 3.1; superseding ISO/IEC Guide 2, 15.6]

4.11 Approval and recognition arrangements

approval

permission for a product, process or service to be marketed or used for stated purposes or under stated conditions [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 16.1]

type approval

approval based on **type testing** [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 16.1.1]

recognition arrangement

agreement that is based on the acceptance by one party of results, presented by another party, from the implementation of one or more designated functional elements of a **conformity assessment system**

NOTES

1 Typical examples of **recognition arrangements** are **testing** arrangements, **inspection** arrangements and **certification** arrangements.

2 **Recognition arrangements** may be established at national, regional or international level.

3 An agreement limited to declaration of equivalence of procedures without acceptance of results does not meet the above definition.

[ISO/IEC Guide 2, 16.2]

multilateral arrangement

recognition arrangement that covers the acceptance of each other's results by more than two parties [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 16.5]

4.12 Accreditation of conformity assessment bodies and persons

accreditation system

system that has its own rules of procedure and management for carrying out **accreditation**

NOTE **Accreditation of conformity assessment bodies** is normally awarded following successful assessment and is followed by appropriate surveillance.

[ISO/IEC Guide 2, 17.1]

accreditation body

body that conducts and administers an **accreditation system** and grants **accreditation** [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 17.2]

accredited body

body to which **accreditation** has been granted [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 17.3]

accreditation criteria

set of **requirements** that is used by an **accreditation body**, to be fulfilled by a **conformity assessment body** in order to be accredited [ISO/IEC Guide 2, 17.4]

4.13 Programming language processor test methods

configuration

host and target computers, any operating system(s) and software used to operate a **processor** [ISO TR 9547, 2.1]

extension

a facility in the implemented language that is not given in the language **standard** but that does not cause any ambiguity or contradiction when added to the language **standard** (although, in some languages, it may serve to lift a restriction) [ISO TR 9547, 2.2]

implementation defined

dependent on the **processor** but required by the language **standard** to be defined and documented by the implementer [ISO TR 9547, 2.3]

processor

a compiler, translator or interpreter working in combination with a **configuration** [ISO TR 9547, 2.4]

test program

a sequence of characters intended to be submitted to a **processor** in order to determine whether or not this **processor** exhibits a specific instance of a certain property [ISO TR 9547, 2.7]

test suite

a reference set of **test programs** that is designed to assess **conformity** of a **processor** with a language **standard** [ISO TR 9547, 2.9]

test tools

any additional means that can improve the efficiency, the reliability and the ease of use of the different phases of **testing** (e.g. implementation of the **test suite**, ensuring integrity, processing of the **test suite**, collecting **test** results, analysis of **test** results, producing a **test report**) [ISO TR 9547, 2.10]

required documents

the set of **documents** required by the programming language **standard** [ISO TR 9547, 2.11]

subset

a **subset** S of a programming language L is a programming language such that every program in S

- is also a program in L and
- has the same meaning in S as it has in L

[ISO TR 9547, 2.12]

4.14 Miscellaneous

quality manual

a **document** stating the quality policy, quality system and quality practices of an **organization**.

NOTE The **quality manual** may call up other documentation relating to the **organization's** quality arrangements.

NOTE The **quality manual** may be a distinct part of other documentation.

[ISO/IEC Guide 25, 3.10]

Core Language

the provisions of clauses 1-13 and Annexes A, B, and J of ISO/IEC 8652

NOTE **Conformity** to the **Core Language** is required by any Ada language **processor**

[ISO/IEC 8652]

Specialised Needs Annexes

Annexes C through H of ISO/IEC 8652

NOTE An Ada language **processor** may conform to some or none of these Annexes

[ISO/IEC 8652]

4.15 Terms and definitions of this standard

Ada Conformity Assessment Process

the process by which **conformity** of Ada language **processors** to the language **standard** ISO/IEC 8652 is assessed

Ada Conformity Assessment Procedure (ACAP)

detailed **provisions, instructions, requirements** and descriptions of processes regarding all aspects of the **Ada Conformity Assessment Process** collected in a **document**

Ada Conformity Assessment Laboratory (ACAL)

an independent **testing laboratory** conducting **conformity assessment** tests in accordance with this **international standard**

Ada Conformity Assessment Authority (ACAA)

an **organization** that ensures world-wide commonality of the **Ada Conformity Assessment Process**

Ada Conformity Assessment Test Suite (ACATS)

the **test suite** used in the **Ada Conformity Assessment Process**

certification by derivation

registration of conforming **processors** obtained by adaptive and perfective maintenance from a **processor** for which **conformity** of the **processor** was successfully assessed by **witness-testing** on the same or a closely related **configuration**

certification by extension

registration of a conforming **processor** on **configurations** closely related to the **configuration** on which **conformity** of the **processor** was successfully assessed by **witness-testing**

client

an organization that obtains **conformity assessment** services from an **ACAL**

manufacturer

an organization responsible for the production and maintenance of a language **processor**

self-testing

the processing of an appropriately customised version of the **ACATS**, but not under the observation of an **ACAL**

test issue

any disagreement between an **ACAL** and its **client** over the conduct of the **conformity assessment** and, in particular, any disagreement over the **fitness for purpose** of any **test** in the **ACATS**

witness testing

the processing of an appropriately customised version of the **ACATS** under the observation of an **ACAL**

5 General

The **provisions** of this **international standard** create a framework in which **conformity assessment** of Ada language **processors** to the Ada language **standard**, ISO/IEC 8652, can be conducted world-wide, while ensuring complete uniformity in **test methods**, **assessment criteria**, and **test issue** resolution, thus facilitating international **recognition arrangements** of **test reports** and **certificates of conformity**.

6 Ada Conformity Assessment Laboratory (ACAL)

6.1 General requirements

In accordance with the **provisions** of [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 1.1], this subclause sets out the general **requirements** in accordance with which a **laboratory** has to demonstrate that it operates, if it is to be recognised as competent to carry out specific **tests**. In this subclause the **provisions** of [ISO/IEC Guide 25] have been tailored to **Ada Conformity Assessment Laboratories (ACAL)**. Additional **provisions** specific to **Ada Conformity Assessment** are given in subclause 6.2.

6.1.1 Organization and management

6.1.1.1 The **laboratory** shall be legally identifiable. It shall be organised and shall operate in such a way that its permanent, temporary and mobile facilities meet the **requirements** of this **international standard**. [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 4.1]

6.1.1.2 The **laboratory** shall

- a) have a managerial staff with the authority and resources needed to discharge their duties;
- b) have arrangements to ensure that its personnel are free from any commercial, financial and other pressures which might adversely affect the quality of their work;
- c) be organised in such a way that confidence in its independence of judgement and integrity is maintained at all times;
- d) have a technical manager (however named) who has overall responsibility for the technical operations;
- e) have a quality manager (however named) who has responsibility for the quality system and its implementation. The quality manager shall have direct access to the highest level of management at which decisions are taken on **laboratory** policy or resources, and to the technical manager. In some **laboratories**, the quality manager may also be the technical manager or deputy technical manager;
- f) where appropriate, participate in interlaboratory comparisons and proficiency testing programmes.

[ISO/IEC Guide 25, 4.2]

6.1.2 Quality system and review

6.1.2.1 The **laboratory** shall establish and maintain a quality system appropriate for the needs of **conformity testing** of **Ada language processors**. The elements of this system shall be documented. The quality documentation shall be available for use by the laboratory personnel. The **laboratory** shall define and document its policies and objectives for, and its commitment to, good laboratory practice and quality of **testing** services. The **laboratory** management shall ensure that these policies and objectives are documented in a **quality manual** and communicated to, understood, and implemented by all laboratory personnel concerned. The **quality manual** shall be maintained current under the responsibility of the quality manager. [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 5.1]

6.1.2.2 The **quality manual**, and related quality documentation, shall state the **laboratory's** policies and operational procedures established in order to meet the **requirements** of this **international standard**. The **quality manual** and related quality documentation shall also contain:

- a) a quality policy statement, including objectives and commitments, by top management;
- b) the **organization** and management structure of the **laboratory**, its place in any parent **organization** and relevant organisational charts;
- c) the relations between management, technical operations, support services and the quality system;
- d) procedures for controlled maintenance of documentation;
- e) job descriptions of key staff and reference to the job descriptions of other staff;
- f) identification of the **laboratory's** approved signatories (where this concept is appropriate);
- g) the **laboratory's** scope of **tests**;
- h) reference to the **test** procedures used;
- i) procedures to be followed for feedback and corrective action whenever **testing** discrepancies are detected, or departures from documented policies and procedures occur;
- j) procedures for dealing with complaints;
- k) procedures for protecting confidentiality and propriety rights;
- l) procedures for audit and review.

NOTE "Top management" refers to the highest level of management of the **laboratory**.

[ISO/IEC Guide 25, 5.2]

6.1.2.3 The quality system adopted to satisfy the **requirements** of this **international standard** shall be reviewed at least once a year by the management to ensure its continuing suitability and effectiveness and to introducing necessary changes or improvements. [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 5.4]

6.1.2.4 All review findings and any corrective actions that arise from them shall be documented. The person responsible for quality shall ensure that these actions are discharged within the agreed timescale. [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 5.5]

6.1.3 Personnel

6.1.3.1 The **laboratory** shall have sufficient personnel, having the necessary education, training, technical knowledge and experience for their assigned functions. [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 6.1]

6.1.3.2 The **laboratory** shall ensure that the training of its personnel is kept up-to-date. [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 6.2]

6.1.3.3 Records on the relevant qualifications, training, skills and experience of the technical personnel shall be maintained by the **laboratory**. [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 6.3]

6.1.4 Handling of test items

6.1.4.1 The **laboratory** shall have a documented system for uniquely identifying the Ada language **processors** to be tested, to ensure that there can be no confusion regarding the identity of such **processors** at any time. [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 11.1]

6.1.5 Records

6.1.5.1 The **laboratory** shall maintain a record system to suit its particular circumstances and comply with any applicable **regulations**. It shall retain on record all original observations, calculations and derived data, **test report** and **certificate of conformity** for an appropriate period. The records for each **test** shall contain sufficient information to permit its repetition. The records shall include the identity of personnel involved in **testing**. [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 12.1]

6.1.5.2 All records, certificates and reports shall be safely stored, held secure and in confidence to the **client**, unless specified otherwise by this **international standard**. [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 12.2]

6.1.6 Certificates and reports

6.1.6.1 The results of each **conformity testing** carried out by the **laboratory** shall be reported accurately, clearly, unambiguously and objectively, in accordance with the **instructions** of the **Ada Conformity Assessment Procedure (ACAP)**, see clause 9). The results shall be reported in a **test report** and should include all the information necessary for the interpretation of the **test** results and all information required by the method used. [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 13.1]

6.1.6.2 Each **test report** shall include at least the following information:

- a) a title, e.g. "Test report";
- b) name and address of **laboratory**, and location where the **testing** was carried out;
- c) unique identification of the **test report** (such as serial number) and of each page, and the total number of pages;
- d) name and address of **client**, where appropriate;
- e) unambiguous identification of the Ada language **processor** tested;
- f) name and address of the **manufacturer** of the Ada language **processor** (if different from **client**);
- g) **configuration** in which the Ada language **processor** was tested;
- h) option settings under which the Ada language **processor** was tested;
- i) date of **test**;
- j) unambiguous identification of the **test suite (ACATS)** version used in **testing**;
- k) identification of the **Specialised Needs Annexes** to which **conformity** was tested;
- l) any deviations from, additions to or exclusions from the **test method**, and any other information relevant to a specific **test**, such as test parameterization ;
- m) any failures identified;
- n) any additional information as specified by the **ACAP**;

- o) signature and title, or an equivalent identification of the person(s) accepting responsibility for the content of the **test report** and date of issue.

[ISO/IEC Guide 25, 13.2]

6.1.6.3 Upon successful **conformity testing**, the test results should be summarised in a **certificate of conformity**, in accordance with the instructions in the **ACAP**. See also subclause 8.2.6.

6.1.6.4 Each **certificate of conformity** shall include at least the following information:

- a) a title, e.g. "Certificate of conformity";
- b) unique identification of the **certificate of conformity** (such as a serial number);
- c) unambiguous identification of the Ada language **processor** tested;
- d) name and address of the **manufacturer** of the Ada language **processor**;
- e) **configuration** in which the Ada language **processor** was tested;
- f) unambiguous identification of the **test suite (ACATS)** version used in **testing**;
- g) reference to the appropriate **standards**;
- h) name and address of the issuing **laboratory**;
- i) identification of any Specialised Needs Annexes to which **conformity** was tested;
- j) other summary information as specified by the **ACAP**;
- k) signature and title, or an equivalent identification of the person(s) accepting responsibility for the content of the certificate and date of issue.

[ISO/IEC Guide 23, 7.2]

6.1.6.5 Particular care and attention shall be paid to the arrangement of the **certificate of conformity** and of the **test report**, especially with regard to presentation of the **test data** and ease of assimilation by the reader. There shall be a standard format of the certificate and of the **test report** for all Ada **conformity tests**. [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 13.4]

6.1.6.6 Material amendments to a **test report** or **certificate of conformity** after issue shall be made only in the form of a further **document**, or data transfer including the statement "Supplement to **Test Report** or **Test Certificate**, serial number... [or as otherwise identified]", or equivalent form of wording. Such amendments shall meet all the relevant **requirements** of sub-clause 6.1.5 of this Guide. [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 13.5]

6.1.6.7 The **laboratory** shall ensure that, where **clients** require transmission of test results by telephone, telex, facsimile or other electronic or electromagnetic means, staff follows documented procedures that ensure that the **requirements** of this **international standard** are met and that confidentiality is preserved. [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 13.7]

6.1.7 Sub-contracting of testing

6.1.7.1 Where a **laboratory** sub-contracts any part of the **testing**, this work shall be placed with a **laboratory** complying with these **requirements**. The **laboratory** shall ensure and be able to demonstrate that its sub-contractor is competent to perform the activities in question and complies with the same criteria of competence as the **laboratory** in respect of the work being sub-contracted. The **laboratory** shall advise the **client** in writing of its intention to sub-contract any portion of the **testing** to another party. [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 14.1]

6.1.7.2 The **laboratory** shall record and retain details of its investigation of the competence and compliance of its sub-contractors and maintain a register of all sub-contracting. [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 14.2]

6.1.8 Outside support services and supplies

6.1.8.1 Where the **laboratory** procures outside services and supplies, other than those referred to in this **international standard**, in support of **test**, the **laboratory** shall use only those outside support services and supplies that are of adequate quality to sustain confidence in the **laboratory's** tests. [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 15.1]

6.1.8.2 Where no independent assurance of the quality of outside support services or supplies is available, the **laboratory** shall have procedures to ensure that purchased equipment, materials and services comply with specified **requirements**. The **laboratory** should, whenever possible, ensure that purchased equipment and consumable materials are not used until they have been **inspected** or otherwise **verified** as complying with any **standard** specifications relevant to the **tests** concerned. [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 15.2]

6.1.8.3 The **laboratory** shall maintain records of all suppliers from whom it obtains support services or supplies required for **tests**. [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 15.3]

6.1.9 Complaints

6.1.9.1 The **laboratory** shall have documented policy and procedures for the resolution of complaints received from **clients** or other parties about the **laboratory's** activities. A record shall be maintained of all complaints and of the actions taken by the **laboratory**. [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 16.1]

6.1.9.2 Where a complaint, or any other circumstance, raises doubt concerning the **laboratory's** compliance with the **laboratory's** policies or procedures, or with the **requirements** of this **international standard** or otherwise concerning the quality of the **laboratory's tests**, the **laboratory** shall ensure that those areas of activity and responsibility involved are promptly reviewed. [ISO/IEC Guide 25, 16.2]

6.1.9.3 In addition, the **laboratory** shall comply with the specific **requirements** set forth by this **international standard** on complaints relating to the **test method**.

6.2 Specific Requirements for Ada Conformity Assessment Laboratories (ACAL)

6.2.1 Each **ACAL** shall enter into a **bilateral arrangement** with the **ACAA** (see clause 7) and abide by the procedures maintained and rulings issued by the **ACAA**. The **ACAA** shall have the right to audit **conformity** of each **ACAL** to the procedures and rulings issued by the **ACAA**.

6.2.2 Each **ACAL** shall recognise and accept **certificates of conformity**, **test reports** and testing results produced by other **ACALs** in accordance with this **international standard**.

6.2.3 Each **ACAL** shall comply with the **Ada Conformity Assessment Process** set forth by this **international standard** and with the **Ada Conformity Assessment Procedure (ACAP)** formulated co-operatively by the **ACAA** and the **ACALs**.

6.2.4 Each **ACAL** shall be able to prove its conformance with the requirements imposed on **testing laboratories** by this **international standard**.

6.2.5 An **ACAL** or any of its sub-contractors shall not have organisational ties to a **manufacturer**, supplier, or vendor of an Ada language **processor**.

6.2.6 Each **ACAL** shall offer all services specified in subclause 8.2.

7 Ada Conformity Assessment Authority (ACAA)

7.1 General requirements

7.1.1 A single **Ada Conformity Assessment Authority (ACAA)** shall be designated by agreement of the various **ACALs**.

7.1.2 The **ACAA** shall be operated by a sponsor. An **organization** that produces Ada language **processors** for commercial gain shall not be the sponsor, but an association of such organizations may be the sponsor if it establishes procedures for operating the **ACAA** in a manner that does not favour suppliers of Ada language **processors**, either individually or as a group.

7.1.3 The **ACAA** shall establish procedures for its governance and shall execute those procedures.

7.1.4 The **ACAA** shall establish procedures for the designation, management and maintenance of the **Ada Conformity Assessment Test Suite (ACATS)**, see clauses 8 and 10) and shall ensure that those procedures are appropriately executed.

7.1.5 The **ACAA** shall manage the evolution of the **ACATS** in response to technical issues arising from its use.

7.1.6 The **ACAA** shall manage the evolution of the **ACATS** in response to revisions of the Ada language standard ISO/IEC 8652.

7.1.7 The **ACAA** shall review the **test reports** produced by any **ACAL** in the execution of the **Ada Conformity Assessment Process** and shall authorise each **certificate of conformity**.

7.1.8 The **ACAA** shall ensure the public availability of test reports and certificates of conformity for successful conformity assessments.

7.1.9 The **ACAA** shall manage the resolution of technical and procedural issues arising from the execution of the **Ada Conformity Assessment Process** by any **ACAL**.

7.1.10 The **ACAA** shall establish liaison arrangements with appropriate **standards organizations** to provide defect reports arising from **conformity testing** activities.

7.1.11 The **ACAA** shall maintain a publicly available list of Ada language **processors** that have been assessed as conforming by an **ACAL** in accordance with this **international standard**.

7.1.12 The **ACAA** shall produce and maintain the **Ada Conformity Assessment Procedure (ACAP)** in collaboration with the **ACALs**.

7.1.13 The **ACAA** shall establish an expiration policy for **certificates of conformity** and shall document this policy in the **ACAP**.

8 Ada Conformity Assessment Process

The process of assessing **conformity** applies the **test method** to Ada language **processors**. This clause specifies the **requirements** on this process when it is performed by an **ACAL** that documents the results in a **test report** and possibly a **certificate of conformity**. This clause also specifies **requirements** on the process to certify the **conformity of processors** that are closely related to **processors** tested by an **ACAL**.

The **test method** of ascertaining **conformity** of an Ada language **processor** consists of

- a) a **test suite (ACATS)** of correct and incorrect Ada programs to be submitted to the **processor** for analysis and execution, where appropriate;

- b) documentation of the **test suite**, describing test classes, test objectives for each individual **test**, applicability of individual **tests** to certain classes of **configurations** for which the Ada language **processor** is intended, instructions on how to run the **test suite**, and the expected results of running the individual **tests** on a conforming **processor**;
- c) the **Ada Conformity Assessment Procedure (ACAP)** to be established and documented cooperatively by the **ACAA** and the **ACALs**, detailing the **Ada Conformity Assessment Process** within the framework set by this **international standard**. In particular, the **ACAP** includes unambiguous **instructions** on the interpretation of the results to be obtained by running the **test suite** on a conforming **processor**.

8.1 General requirements

8.1.1 The Ada language **processor** to be tested, including selected options, and the **configuration** relevant to the **testing** shall be fully specified. [ISO TR 9547, 3.1]

8.1.2 A single copy of the Ada language **processor** shall be tested on a single **configuration**, using a uniform setting of its options. [ISO TR 9547, 3.2]

NOTE But note subclause 8.2.7.

8.1.3 The information given in the **required documents** should be **inspected** for **conformity** to the language **standard** and should be compared with the results of **testing**. [ISO TR 9547, 4.3.1]

8.1.4 The output from the Ada language **processor** that has been tested with the **test suite** shall be analysed in accordance with clearly defined rules set forth in the **ACAP**. These rules shall give criteria for objective evaluation of all possible outputs, which may include no output at all, for each **test program** in the **test suite**. [ISO TR 9547, 4.3.1]

8.1.5 The results of **testing conformity** to the **standard** shall be analysed and compiled in a **test report**. The report shall provide and summarise all the information pertaining to the **testing of conformity** to the language **standard** (set up of **testing**, actual **testing**, major events during **testing**). The **test report** shall report on the outcome of all **tests** in the applicable **test suite**. [ISO TR 9547, 4.3.1]

8.1.6 There should be no exclusivity or intellectual property rights affecting the use of the **test suite**, **test tools**, or **test method**. [ISO TR 9547, 8.1(5)]

8.1.7 The **test method** shall be flexible enough to allow for all **configurations** on which **processors** may be tested. In any case, **conformity** shall be determined solely on the basis of the **test suite** and should not be dependent on the ability to utilise any particular tool. [ISO TR 9547, 8.1(6)]

8.1.8 The **provisions** made in this **international standard** and the **ACAP** for dealing with questions concerning defects in the **test suite** and interpretations of the **standard** shall be followed. [ISO TR 9547, 8.1(9)]

8.2 Conduct of the testing

8.2.1 General requirements

8.2.1.1 Clause 1.1.3 of ISO/IEC 8652 identifies a **Core Language**, to which any Ada language **processor** must conform, and several **Specialised Needs Annexes**, to which a **processor** may conform individually. Correspondingly, Ada **conformity testing** shall assess **conformity** of any **processor** to the Core Language, and **conformity** to individual Specialised Needs Annexes only for those **processors**, for which such **conformity** has been declared by the **manufacturer** of the **processor**.

8.2.1.2 **Conformity testing** shall be performed by an **ACAL** in accordance with the **ACAP** and under the terms of a formal agreement with a **client**. The **client** will normally, but need not, be the **manufacturer** of the Ada language **processor** to be tested.

8.2.1.3 **Conformity testing** shall include the following steps, described in subsequent subclauses:

- a) obtaining a customised **test suite** and **self-testing**
- b) optional evaluation of **self-test results** by the **ACAL**
- c) **witness testing**
- d) documentation of the results of **testing**
- e) issuing the **certificate of conformity**, if applicable

8.2.2 Obtaining a customised test suite and self-testing

8.2.2.1 The **ACAL** shall prepare a customisation of the **ACATS** suitable for use with the **processor** under test, using information provided by the **client**.

8.2.2.2 The **client** shall perform a **self-testing** of the **processor** by running the customised copy of the **ACATS** on it.

8.2.3 Evaluation of self-test results

8.2.3.1 The **client** may submit the results of the **self-testing** to the **ACAL** for evaluation. The format of the submitted results shall be specified by the **ACAL**.

8.2.3.2 An **ACAL** may require the submission of **self-test** results for evaluation prior to **witness testing**.

8.2.3.3 The **client** shall provide sufficient information with submitted **self-test** results to permit the **ACAL** to identify the **processor** under test, along with the expected circumstances and results of **witness testing**.

8.2.3.4 The **ACAL** shall evaluate the submitted results of the **self-testing** and notify the **client** of the result of the evaluation.

8.2.3.5 The **ACAL** shall facilitate the identification, submission to the **ACAA**, and resolution of any **test issues** arising before or during the evaluation of **self-test** results. The **ACAP** shall specify the types of issues that may be resolved by the **ACAL** without submitting them to the **ACAA**. Issues whose resolution depends on interpretation of ISO/IEC 8652 shall be resolved only by the **ACAA**.

8.2.4 Witness testing

The process by which an **ACAL** assesses **conformity** of an Ada language **processor** is termed **witness testing**. **Witness testing** is a required step of **conformity testing**. This subclause specifies the related requirements.

8.2.4.1 **Witness testing** shall take place in the physical presence of qualified **ACAL** personnel and under its constant supervision.

8.2.4.2 The **ACAL** shall verify the identification of the **configuration**.

8.2.4.3 The **ACAL** shall verify the identification of the **processor**.

8.2.4.4 The **ACAL** shall observe the loading of its customisation of the **ACATS** onto the host system of the **configuration** under test.

8.2.4.5 The customised **ACATS** used in **witness testing** shall include only **tests** that examine **conformity** to the Core Language and to Specialised Needs Annexes of ISO/IEC 8652, to which the **client** has claimed **conformity** of the Ada language **processor**.

8.2.4.6 The entire customised **ACATS** shall be run on a single copy of the Ada language **processor** on a single **configuration**, applying a single set of option settings of the Ada language **processor**.

8.2.4.7 The **ACAL** shall monitor all activities needed for running the customised **ACATS** on the **processor** on both the host and target system of its **configuration**.

8.2.4.8 The **ACAL** shall evaluate the results of running the customised **ACATS** on the **processor** under test. The **witness testing** shall be successful only if the evaluation of all **tests** shows **conformity**.

8.2.4.9 The **client** shall provide a written **Declaration of Conformity**, signed by an authorised officer of the **manufacturer** of the Ada language **processor**, stating that the **manufacturer** has no knowledge of an intentional deviation from the standard in the Ada language **processor** under test.

8.2.5 Documentation of test results

8.2.5.1 The **ACAL** shall prepare a draft **test report** on the outcome of the **witness testing**.

8.2.5.2 The **test report** shall conform to the **requirements** of subclause 6.1.6, Certificates and reports.

8.2.5.3 The **ACAL** shall provide the **client** with the opportunity to review the draft **test report**.

8.2.5.4 The **ACAL** shall update the draft **test report** to account for **client** comments as appropriate.

8.2.5.5 If the **ACAL** determines that **witness testing** is successfully completed, then it shall present the revised **test report** for **ACAA** review and agreement.

8.2.5.6 If the **ACAL** determines that the results of **witness testing** reveal **non-conformity**, the **ACAL** shall document the (unsatisfactory) results of **testing** in the **test report** and shall deliver a copy to the **client** only.

8.2.5.7 By default, the **test report** of a successful assessment and the associated **certificate of conformity**, if issued, shall be publicly available. A written request for confidentiality by a **client** or **manufacturer** to the **testing ACAL** shall, however, be honoured by the **ACAL** and **ACAA** by suppressing all public information about the assessment.

8.2.6 Issuing the Certificate of Conformity

8.2.6.1 Each **ACAL** shall establish a policy of whether it will issue **certificates of conformity**. If an **ACAL** does elect to issue **certificates**, the **provisions** of this subclause apply.

NOTE It is recognised that a requirement to provide a **certificate of conformity** would not be implementable by all ISO and IEC member **bodies** because of national, legal or other **provisions**. [ISO/IEC Guide 23, 8]

8.2.6.2 Upon determination that the **processor** under test has successfully completed **witness testing**, as specified in all applicable procedures documents and the **ACATS** documentation, the **ACAL** shall produce and sign a **certificate of conformity** and present it to the **ACAA** for its concurrence and signature.

8.2.6.3 A **certificate of conformity** shall not be issued for any **processor** for which a test result indicates a **non-conformity** to the Core Language, unless otherwise determined by the **ACAA test issue** resolution process.

8.2.6.4 The **ACAL** shall deliver the **certificate of conformity** and a signed copy of the **test report** to the **client**.

8.2.7 Certification of closely related processors

It is recognised that **witness testing** is an expensive process, that language **processors** are subjected to on-going perfective and adaptive maintenance, and that **testing** can not possibly be conducted on all **configurations**, on which the **processor** can be reasonably expected to show identical behaviour. Therefore a process is established that allows conveying the status of a conforming, **witness-tested** Ada language **processor** to closely related **processors** operating on a range of compatible **configurations**. This subclause specifies the primary **requirements** for this process.

8.2.7.1 The **ACAP** shall specify the requirements and means of extending the certified status of an **ACAL**-tested **processor** for a given **configuration** to the same **processor** operating on closely related **configurations**. This **Certification By Extension** shall require:

- that the **manufacturer** file a **Declaration of Conformity** with the respective **ACAL**, specifying the range of **configurations**;

- that the target instruction set architecture and target operating system of the additional **configurations** be the same as or a superset of those of the **ACAL**-tested **processor**;
- that the receiving **ACAL** and the **ACAA** do not find the claim of compatible **configurations** unreasonable by applying the general perception of the computer market rather than an in-depth analysis.

8.2.7.2 The **ACAP** shall specify the requirements and means of extending the certified status of an **ACAL**-tested **processor** to another, closely related (“derived”) **processor**, obtained by perfective or adaptive maintenance, on the same or closely related **configurations**. This **Certification By Derivation** shall require:

- that the **manufacturer** file a **Declaration of Conformity** with the respective **ACAL**, specifying the range of **configurations**;
- that the **processor** be derived from the tested **processor** by performing maintenance activities, including adaptations to different host **configurations**;
- that the **client** certify that it has tested the derived **processor** on one **configuration** and that the **test results** are equivalent to those obtained by the **ACAL** when **witness-testing** the **processor** from which this **processor** is derived, and substantiate this claim as requested by the **ACAL**;
- that the target instruction set architecture and target operating system of any additional **configurations** be the same as or a superset of those of the tested **processor**;
- that the receiving **ACAL** and the **ACAA** do not find the claim of compatible **configurations** unreasonable by applying the general perception of the computer market rather than an in-depth analysis.

8.2.7.3 The **ACAP** shall define equivalent test results in such a way as to require:

- that the **testing** of the derived **processor** uses the same customised **ACATS** as the **ACAL** used for **witness-testing** of the tested **processor**, with limited modifications defined in the **ACAP**;
- that every **test** passed by the **ACAL**-tested **processor** is also passed by the derived **processor**.

8.3 Test issue management

8.3.1 The **ACAA** shall arbitrate procedural issues brought to it by an **ACAL** and a **client** in a timely manner.

8.3.2 The **ACAA** shall analyse technical **test issues**, submit them to advisory groups as needed, and issue resolutions of the issues in a timely manner. [ISO TR 9547, 8.1(9)]

8.3.3 **ACAA test issue** resolutions shall include, but not be limited to, the following categories:

- rejection: the **test** must be processed satisfactorily according to the applicable documents and procedures;
- test withdrawal: the **test** is found to be flawed and is no longer to be used for **conformity testing** (a corrected version may be reintroduced at some later time);
- modification: the **test** code, processing, or evaluation is modified.

8.3.4 The **ACAA** shall maintain public lists of withdrawn and modified **tests**. Whenever the **ACAA** resolves a **test issue** that results in the withdrawal or modification of a **test**, it shall add the **test** to the appropriate one of these lists. Each entry on the list of modified **tests** shall specify an effective date. As of the effective date, all **conformity assessments** must respect the change denoted by that entry. The effective date shall be chosen to minimise the negative impact on **conformity assessments** in progress. In general, the effective date should be no less than three months after publication.

8.4 Marks of conformity

This **international standard** does not deal with **marks of conformity**. Adoption of such marks is left to the individual **ACAL**. It is recommended, however, that, if **marks of conformity** are issued for conforming Ada language **processors**, such marks be issued to **processors certified by extension or derivation** as well.

9 Ada Conformity Assessment Procedure (ACAP)

Throughout this **international standard** reference is made to and **requirements** are imposed on the **ACAP**. The **ACAP** is described in a **document** developed cooperatively by the **ACAA** and the **ACALs**. It provides detailed **provisions, instructions, requirements** and descriptions of processes regarding all aspects of the **Ada Conformity Assessment Process**. It is intended to ensure utmost commonality of the **Ada Conformity Assessment Process**, regardless of which **ACAL** performs the assessment. The **ACAP** is a framework on which the operating procedures of each **ACAL** shall be based.

9.1 General requirements

9.1.1 The **ACAP** shall contain sufficient detail to ensure that all aspects of the **Ada Conformity Assessment Process** that may impact the result of the assessment are handled identically regardless of which **ACAL** performs the process.

9.1.2 The **ACAP** shall be publicly available.

9.1.3 The **ACAP** shall be reviewed periodically and adjusted as needed to cover previously unforeseen issues.

10 Ada Conformity Assessment Test Suite (ACATS)

10.1 General requirements

10.1.1 A single **test suite** shall be maintained by the **ACAA** and used by each **ACAL** in performing its work. The initial **test suite** shall be the current version of the **test suite** known as the “Ada Compiler Validation Capability (ACVC)” **test suite** that has been in use for assessing **conformity** of Ada **processors** since 1983 and is in general **conformity** with the **provisions** of this clause.

10.1.2 Revisions of the **test suite** should be undertaken as deemed necessary by the **ACALs** and upon any revision of the Ada language **standard**. [ISO TR 9547, 8.1.(8)]

10.1.3 The **test suite** shall be designed to test **conformity** of **processors** by submitting **test programs** to them. Each **test** shall exercise some rules of the language **standard** and their interaction. The **test suite** shall be designed for **conformity testing** and not for assessing other aspects of the Ada language **processor**. [ISO TR 9547, 4.1]

10.1.4 The **test suite** should cover all aspects of the language **standard** and should investigate implementation issues only as far as **conformity** is concerned. [ISO TR 9547, 4.1]

10.1.5 The **test suite** should not be too large; the economical aspects should be taken into account (e.g. relative costs of **conformity** versus development cost of an implementation.) [ISO TR 9547, 4.1]

10.1.6 The **test suite** shall be written in such a way that it can be readily maintained under version control and subject to a review procedure. [ISO TR 9547, 4.1]

10.1.7 The **test suite** shall be designed so as to take into account the separable **conformity** to Specialised Needs Annexes of ISO/IEC 8652. Thus the **test suite** shall be modular. [ISO TR 9547, 4.1]

10.1.8 The **test suite** shall contain **test programs** that are in accordance with the rules of the language **standard**. It shall also contain **test programs** that are not in accordance with the rules of the language **standard**,

in those situations where the language **standard** specifies syntactic or semantic properties that must be rejected. **Test programs** to be rejected should clearly identify the offending constructs. **Test programs** that must not be rejected shall be made as far as possible self-checking and hence report the success or failure by a message. [ISO TR 9547, 4.1]

10.1.9 The execution of the **test programs** shall be practical. The execution of the **test suite** should not take too much time, should not use excessive system resources, and should not cost too much to run. [ISO TR 9547, 8.1(4).]

10.1.10 The **test programs** shall, as far as possible, be independent of each other, and their sequence of execution shall not influence each other's results. [ISO TR 9547, 4.1]

10.1.11 Each **test program** should have a single objective related to the standard's requirements.

10.1.12 Each **test program** shall have a unique identifier.

10.2 Design of test suite

10.2.1 Each **test program** should be written in such a way that its understanding is facilitated by the use of clear **documentation** in it that includes:

- comments that are clear, concise;
- reference to clauses of the language **standard**;
- clear statements of assumptions made in **test suite** design. [ISO TR 9547, 5.2]

10.2.2 The **test suite** should be written in such a way that its understanding is facilitated by the use of clear coding style.

10.2.3 The **test suite** should be written in such a way that it is very easily adapted to technical aspects specified in the language **standard** that are **implementation defined**, for example:

- implementation parameters (for example, use of the largest integer supported);
- maximum and minimum parameter values with a reasonable selection in between (for instance, measure of depth nesting);
- use of features that are optional;
- numeric precision;
- use of files and external data;
- input and output facilities. [ISO TR 9547, 5.2]

10.2.4 The **test suite** should be written in such a way as to minimise the use of features which could be restricted by **configuration** or implementation characteristics. Where such features are used in the **test suite** for assessing other aspects of **conformity**, reasonableness should be exercised with regard to capacity limitations (e.g., numerical values, size of arrays). [ISO TR 9547, 5.2]

10.2.5 The **test suite** should be also designed to use a minimum set of simple constructs of the language to establish a context in which to test advanced features. The latter should only be used where specifically needed in a particular **testing** purpose. Test programs that do not conform to the language **standard** should deviate from it only as necessary in order to satisfy specific **testing** objectives. [ISO TR 9547, 5.2]

10.2.6 The **test suite** should be portable to different **configurations**. A small **configuration** should not be penalised. Thus, each single program should be able to run on a small **configuration**, as well as on a large one. The result of **testing** (i.e., pass or fail) should not be influenced by the program's size. [ISO TR 9547, 5.6]

10.2.7 The **ACATS** documentation and internal test documentation shall clearly specify the criteria for determining the result of each **test**. The result of applying these criteria shall indicate that the **test** is passed, failed, or not applicable to the **processor** under test. The interpretation of these results as pertains to **conformity** may be determined by **ACAA** issue resolutions and other conditions specified in the **ACAP**.

10.2.8 Where features of the language are not covered by the **test suite**, the **test suite documentation** should include a statement (or list) to this effect. [ISO TR 9547, 5.4]

10.2.9 Special care should be taken to document the **extension testing** strategy (if any) in the **test suite**. [ISO TR 9547, 5.4]

10.3 Maintenance and revision of the test suite

10.3.1 Provisions shall be made by the **ACAA** for maintenance and revision of the **ACATS** through a public review and according to a published timetable. [ISO TR 9547, 6]

10.3.2 For substantive additions to the **ACATS** there shall be a public review period of at least six months.

10.3.3 There shall be a clearly defined date by which substantive additions or modifications to the **ACATS** are applied in **conformity testing**.

10.4 Availability of the test suite

10.4.1 The **ACATS** and tools shall be available in one or more formats that are generally used within the industry. Consideration should be given to the use of ISO **standards**. [ISO TR 9547, 7]

10.4.2 The **ACATS** and its documentation shall be made available to the general public for a cost not to exceed the cost of reproduction and shipment.

Annex A (informative)

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