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## Foreword

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## Introduction

This document defines a conformance testing methodology for ISO/IEC 19784-1. It specifies three conformance testing models that enable conformance testing of each of the following BioAPI components: an application, a framework, or a BSP. It also specifies an assertion language that is used for the definition of test assertions. Actual test assertions for each of the BioAPI components are defined in the subsequent parts of the ISO/IEC 24709 series.

This document also contains informative guidelines regarding general concepts related to establishing and administering a BioAPI conformance assessment and certification program. These informative guidelines identify the types of activities, responsibilities, services, and documentation recommended for conducting conformity assessment and certification of BioAPI-conformant implementations. Further, this document provides informative guidelines for establishing a complete conformity assessment methodology for BioAPI specification.

[Clause 6](#) describes the general test method and conformance testing models for BioAPI.

[Clause 7](#) defines the assertion language, based on XML, used for definition of conformance test assertion.

[Clause 8](#) defines the elements of the assertion language.

[Clause 9](#) specifies the use of the standard BioAPI interface functions of BioAPI in conformance testing.

[Clause 10](#) defines the built-in variables of the assertion language.

[Clause 11](#) defines the test log using XML syntax.

[Clause 12](#) defines the test report using XML syntax.

[Clause 13](#) describes the general concept and structure of a BioAPI conformance test suite.

[Annex A](#) defines the XML schema of the assertion language.

[Annex B](#) defines the ASN.1 schema of the assertion language.

[Annex C](#) defines the XML schema for the test log.

[Annex D](#) describes a primer of a BioAPI test method implementation, including elements of the conformance test process and description of the test categories.

[Annex E](#) provides the relationship diagrams for the assertion language.

The Bibliography references a number of standards organizations, including ISO, IEC, NIST, IEEE and other organizations, that have published a number of documents and white papers related to conformity assessment in general and conformance testing in particular.

**NOTE** Rather than make normative references to these documents, this document incorporates appropriate excerpts of their text, in some cases paraphrasing the text or adapting the provisions to the specific circumstances. Therefore, these documents are listed in the Bibliography or are referred in the body text explicitly as appropriate.

# Information technology — Conformance testing for the biometric application programming interface (BioAPI) —

## Part 1: Methods and procedures

### 1 Scope

This document specifies the concepts, framework, test methods, and criteria required to test conformity of biometric products claiming conformance to BioAPI (see ISO/IEC 19784-1). Guidelines for specifying BioAPI conformance test suites, writing test assertions, and defining procedures to be followed during the conformance testing are provided.

This document is concerned with conformance testing of biometric products claiming conformance to BioAPI (see ISO/IEC 19784-1). It is not concerned with testing other characteristics of biometric products or other types of testing of biometric products (i.e. acceptance, performance, robustness, security, etc.) Testing by means of test methods, which are specific to particular biometric products, are not the subject of this document.

This document is applicable to the development and use of conformance test method specifications, BioAPI conformance test suites, and conformance testing programs for BioAPI-conformant products. It is intended primarily for use by testing organizations, but can be applied by developers and users of test assertions and test method implementations.

### 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 8601, *Data elements and interchange formats — Information interchange — Representation of dates and times*

ISO/IEC 19784-1, *Information technology — Biometric application program interface — Part 1: BioAPI specification*