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Foreword

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Introduction

Due to the recognized role of savings in international climate and energy policy, e.g. expressed by International Energy Agency,^[9] there is a need for harmonized methods at the international level. In addition, many countries that have formulated policies and targets have a need for evaluating the energy savings achieved, or the impact of implemented policies, and need these calculation methods as well.

This International Standard concerns savings at the level of countries, regions, and cities. The practical application can be different due to specific restrictions, such as the availability of data at lower levels.

This International Standard is meant to calculate both realized savings (ex-post evaluation) as well as expected savings (ex-ante evaluation). The latter is only possible if detailed data on future energy developments is available.

This International Standard can be used by any stakeholder (decision makers, companies, NGO, etc.) that wants to quantify the energy savings over a specific period.

This International Standard is part of a set of International Standards developed in TC 257 (see [Figure 1](#)) and builds on the general principles outlined in ISO 17743, including reporting and system boundaries.

International Standard	Objective	Intention	Methodology of quantifying energy savings
ISO 17743	General	Principle for selecting suitable methodology ↓	Common methodology ↓
ISO 17742	Countries Regions Cities	Calculation of energy savings and policy effect(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indicator based calculation Policy measure based calculation
ISO 17747 ISO 50015	Organizations	Determination of energy savings from energy performance improvement actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total consumption based calculation Measure based calculation
ISO 17741 ISO 50015	Projects		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total consumption based calculation Measure based calculation

Figure 1 — Work programme of ISO/TC 257

This International Standard covers both indicator-based and measure-based calculation methods. The indicator method is based on energy indicators (e.g. mean gas consumption per dwelling) which are

often calculated from statistical data. The measure-based method considers the saving effect of policy measures or measures taken by other stakeholders to enhance energy efficiency.

The indicator-based and measure-based calculation methods are presented as two separate calculation methods. Using a combination of indicator-based and measure-based methods is not part of this International Standard. However, the differences and application of both methods are highlighted.

This International Standard provides a general framework for calculating energy savings. For the indicator-based methods, examples of specific calculations per indicator are presented separately in [Annex A](#).

When applying this International Standard, the user can choose between different variants of the indicator- or measure-based method. In order to be transparent on the way results have been obtained, the user of this International Standard has to specify the variant used when presenting the results.

In order to ensure the credibility of the results, all savings calculations have to be documented to the point of allowing them to be duplicated or reproduced by an independent analyst. The requirements are specified in detail when this International Standard is elaborated for concrete calculation applications (see also ISO 17743).

The energy-saving types to be calculated, and the characteristics of the indicator-based and measure-based methods, are presented in [Clause 3](#). The standard on the indicator-based calculation method is described in [Clause 4](#) and that on the measure-based calculation methods in [Clause 5](#). [Annex A](#) provides some example indicators that can be used in indicator-based calculations. [Annex B](#) shows the levels of detail at which measure-based methods can be applied.

Energy efficiency and savings calculation for countries, regions and cities

1 Scope

This International Standard provides a general approach for energy efficiency and energy savings calculations with indicator-based and measure-based methods for the geographical entities countries, regions, and cities.

This International Standard considers all end-use sectors, such as households, industry, tertiary (services, etc.), agriculture, and transport. It does not incorporate calculation of energy efficiency and energy savings in energy supply sectors, such as power plants, refineries, and coal mines.

Energy consumption does not include feedstock energy, such as oil products for the production of plastics.

This International Standard is not intended to be used for calculating energy savings of individual households, organizations, companies, or other end users.

Energy from renewable energy sources “behind-the-meter” (e.g. from solar water heating panels) decreases the amount of supplied energy and can be part of the calculated energy savings. Users of this International Standard should be aware that this energy from renewable energy sources behind-the-meter can also be claimed as part of the total energy from renewable sources.

2 Terms and definitions

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

2.1 adjustment factor

quantifiable parameter affecting energy consumption

Note 1 to entry: In this International Standard, adjustment factors for indicator-based methods are restricted to corrections for variations in weather conditions.

Note 2 to entry: In this International Standard, adjustment factors for measure-based methods include production throughput, weather conditions, working hours, behaviour related parameters (e.g. indoor temperature and light level), etc.

Note 3 to entry: Factors at high aggregation level that affect the savings attributed to policies or programs (e.g. free rider effect or rebound effect) are not part of the adjustment factors.

[SOURCE: ISO 17743, modified — with notes instead of examples.]

2.2 city

geographical area under control of a municipal administration

Note 1 to entry: The municipal administration is subject to provincial and national governance.

2.3 country

geographical area under control of a national government

Note 1 to entry: According to the definition of the UN Statistical Office.