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### Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 257, *Evaluation of energy savings*.

## Introduction

The purpose of this International Standard is to establish a set of general rules for measurement, calculation and verification of energy savings of projects. These general rules are considered universal and are applicable irrespective of the measurement and verification (M&V) methodology used. This International Standard is designed to be used by all the project stakeholders that aim to quantify the energy savings over a specific period in the new projects or retrofit projects. It could reduce the technical and financial barriers in the measurement, calculation and verification for energy saving projects.

This International Standard specifies the basic procedure of M&V of energy savings of M&V plan. A common understanding of M&V on project level is established by outlining how calculation methods for M&V could be selected under different project scenarios. It is intended as a set of principles, guidance and methods for M&V of energy savings that can be applied to a broad variety of projects.

There are numerous calculation methods and M&V methodologies available to quantify energy savings but credible determination of energy savings is considered essential for all the project stakeholders to have a clear and correct understanding of the energy performance of project.

In this International Standard, energy savings are determined by comparing measured, calculated or simulated energy consumption before and after and/or with and without implementation of a project and making suitable adjustments for changes in relevant variables (routine adjustment) or suitable adjustments for changes in static factors (non-routine adjustment) and therefore energy savings are the difference between the adjusted energy baseline and the reporting period energy consumption.

This International Standard can be used by any interested party in order to apply M&V to the reporting of energy savings results.





# General technical rules for measurement, calculation and verification of energy savings of projects

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the general technical rules for measurement, calculation and verification of energy savings in retrofits projects or new projects.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EVO 10000-1:2014, *International Performance Measurement and Verification Protocol, Core Concepts*

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

### 3.1

#### baseline period

specific period of time before the implementation of *energy performance improvement action* (3.8) selected for the comparison with the *reporting period* (3.19) and the calculation of *energy savings* (3.9)

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 13273-1:2015, 3.3.8.1, modified — “energy performance” replaced by “energy savings” and deleted “and of energy performance improvement action”]

### 3.2

#### boundary

physical or virtual limit around *energy using systems* (3.11) or facilities which are related to (an) *energy performance improvement action(s)* (3.8)

Note 1 to entry: Project boundary is a boundary around (an) *energy performance improvement action(s)* (3.8).

Note 2 to entry: M&V boundary is a boundary which is affected by (an) *energy performance improvement action(s)* (3.8).

### 3.3

#### energy

capacity of a system to produce external activity or to perform work

Note 1 to entry: Commonly the term energy is used for electricity, fuel, steam, heat, compressed air and other like media.

Note 2 to entry: Energy is commonly expressed as a scalar quantity.

Note 3 to entry: Work as used in this definition means external supplied or extracted energy to a system. In mechanical systems, forces in or against direction of movement; in thermal systems, heat supply or heat removal.

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 13273-1:2015, 3.1.1]