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Introduction

The use of simultaneous interpreting delivery platforms is a relatively new field of activities for interpreters. Parameters and conditions for using these services in settings where the interpreters are, or are not, in the same room as participants and speakers are still under development. Meanwhile, developers, providers and users need information about basic requirements and recommendations relating to these platforms.

Equipment and facilities for simultaneous interpreting are also covered in ISO 2603, ISO 4043, ISO 20108 and ISO 20109.

For certain settings and specializations, such as multilingual conference interpreting, additional specific provisions are applicable.

This document has been developed as a Publicly Available Specification, prior to the development of an International Standard on simultaneous interpreting delivery platforms. It is likely that the content of this document will form the basis of an ISO standard in due course.

Simultaneous interpreting delivery platforms — Requirements and recommendations

1 Scope

This document specifies requirements and recommendations for using simultaneous interpreting delivery platforms in settings where the interpreters are, or are not, in the same room as participants and speakers at a communicative event.

In conjunction with ISO 20108, this document provides the relevant requirements and recommendations for the quality and transmission of sound and image to interpreters and from interpreters to participants, and for the configuration of the interpreter's working environment.

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 639-3, *Codes for the representation of names of languages — Part 3: Alpha-3 code for comprehensive coverage of languages*

ISO 2603:2016, *Simultaneous interpreting — Permanent booths — Requirements*

ISO 4043:2016, *Simultaneous interpreting — Mobile booths — Requirements*

ISO 9241-410, *Ergonomics of human-system interaction — Part 410: Design criteria for physical input devices*

ISO 20108:2017, *Simultaneous interpreting — Quality and transmission of sound and image input — Requirements*

ISO 20109:2016, *Simultaneous interpreting — Equipment — Requirements*

IEC 60268-4, *Sound system equipment — Part 4: Microphones*

IEC 60268-7, *Sound system equipment — Part 7: Headphones and earphones*

3 Terms and definitions

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

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

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interpret

render spoken or signed information from a source language to a target language in oral or signed form, conveying both the register and meaning of the source language content

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