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Foreword

This translation has been made based on the original Japanese Industrial Standard revised by the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, through deliberations at the Japanese Industrial Standards Committee as the result of proposal for revision of Japanese Industrial Standard submitted by Japanese Standards Association (JSA) with the draft being attached, based on the provision of Article 12 Clause 1 of the Industrial Standardization Law applicable to the case of revision by the provision of Article 14.

Consequently **JIS Q 14050:2003** is replaced with this Standard.

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Introduction

This Japanese Industrial Standard has been prepared based on the third edition of **ISO 14050** published in 2009 without any modifications of technical contents.

The portions with dotted underlines are the matters not given in the corresponding International Standard.

This Standard contains concepts and their definitions as used in the **JIS Q 14000** series of Standards issued related to environmental management.

Communication is important in the implementation and operation of environmental management systems. This communication will be most effective if there is a common understanding of the terms used.

Many environmental terms and definitions are the result of recently developed concepts. The gradual evolution of these environmental concepts inevitably means that environmental terminology will continue to develop. The purpose of this Standard is to convey an understanding of the terms used in the **JIS Q 14000** series of Standards issued.

This Standard is intended above all to provide standards users with a compilation of the terms and definitions in use in the field of environmental management. It is expected, however, that the document will also be of use to standards developers, particularly those involved with translation, as an aid to maintaining consistency.

The terms and definitions in this Standard are derived from the standards on environmental management given in the Bibliography.

Other concepts which may be encountered in the environmental management field are not defined in this Standard. However, to aid users of the **JIS Q 14000** series of Standards on environmental management, some of these additional concepts are included with bibliographic references in Annex A.

Users should be aware that the application and description of these concepts vary throughout the international environmental community. Their presence in Annex A is not intended to promote or endorse the use of these concepts.

1 Scope

This Standard defines terms of fundamental concepts related to environmental management, published in the **JIS Q 14000** series of Standards.

NOTE 1 The notes appended to certain definitions offer clarification or examples to facilitate understanding of the concepts described.

NOTE 2 The terms and definitions are laid out in a systematic order, with an alphabetical index. A term in a definition or note that is defined in another entry is indicated by bold-face followed by its entry number in parentheses. Such terms may be replaced by their complete definition.

NOTE 3 The International Standard corresponding to this Standard and the symbol of degree of correspondence are as follows.