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Foreword

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— commas added at the end of list items in 7.5.3 and 8.3.2;

— bibliography items [19] and [20] separated, which were merged in the original;

— font size adjusted in several places.

0 Introduction

0.1 General

This International Standard specifies requirements for setting up and managing an effective Business Continuity Management System (BCMS).

A BCMS emphasizes the importance of

— understanding the organization's needs and the necessity for establishing business continuity management policy and objectives,

— implementing and operating controls and measures for managing an organization's overall capability to manage disruptive incidents,

— monitoring and reviewing the performance and effectiveness of the BCMS, and

— continual improvement based on objective measurement.

A BCMS, like any other management system, has the following key components:

a) a policy;

b) people with defined responsibilities;

c) management processes relating to

   1) policy,

   2) planning,

   3) implementation and operation,

   4) performance assessment,

   5) management review, and

   6) improvement;

d) documentation providing auditable evidence; and

e) any business continuity management processes relevant to the organization.

Business continuity contributes to a more resilient society. The wider community and the impact of the organization's environment on the organization and therefore other organizations may need to be involved in the recovery process.

0.2 The Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA) model

This International Standard applies the "Plan-Do-Check-Act" (PDCA) model to planning, establishing, implementing, operating, monitoring, reviewing, maintaining and continually improving the effectiveness of an organization's BCMS.

This ensures a degree of consistency with other management systems standards, such as ISO 9001 *Quality management systems*, ISO 14001, *Environmental management systems*, ISO/IEC 27001, *Information security management systems*, ISO/IEC 20000-1, *Information technology — Service management*, and ISO 28000, *Specification for security management systems for the supply chain*, thereby supporting consistent and integrated implementation and operation with related management systems.

Figure 1 illustrates how a BCMS takes as inputs interested parties, requirements for continuity management and, through the necessary actions and processes, produces continuity outcomes (i.e. managed business continuity) that meet those requirements.