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Foreword

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International Standard ISO 31-11 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 12, *Quantities, units, symbols, conversion factors*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 31-11:1978). The major technical changes from the first edition are the following:

- a new clause on coordinate systems has been added;
- some new items have been added in the old clauses.

The scope of Technical Committee ISO/TC 12 is standardization of units and symbols for quantities and units (and mathematical symbols) used within the different fields of science and technology, giving, where necessary, definitions of the quantities and units. Standard conversion factors for converting between the various units also come under the scope of the TC. In fulfilment of this responsibility, ISO/TC 12 has prepared ISO 31.

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