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PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee IT-015, Software and Systems Engineering.

The objective of this Standard is to provide Functional Size Method users with a guide as to how the 14143 series Standards and other functional size measurement Standards and Technical Reports relate to each other and how to use them.

This Standard is identical with, and has been reproduced from ISO/IEC 14143-6:2006, *Information technology—Software measurement—Functional size measurement*—Part 6: *Guide for use of ISO/IEC 14143 series and related International Standards*.

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19761	Software engineering—COSMIC-FFP—A functional size measurement method	19761	Software engineering— COSMIC-FFP—A functional size measurement method
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24570	Software engineering—NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1—Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis	24570	Software engineering—NESMA functional size measurement method version 2.1—Definitions and counting guidelines for the application of Function Point Analysis

The term ‘informative’ has been used in this Standard to define the application of the annex to which it applies. An ‘informative’ annex is only for information and guidance.

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INTRODUCTION

Functional Size Measurement (FSM) is a technique used to measure the size of software by quantifying the Functional User Requirements of the software. The first published method to embrace this concept was Function Point Analysis, developed by Allan J. Albrecht in the late 1970s. Since then, numerous extensions and variations of the original method have been developed. In the field of ISO/IEC International Standards, the following Functional Size Measurement-related International Standards and Technical Reports have been published:

— ISO/IEC 14143 series, parts 1 to 5,

— ISO/IEC 19761:2002,

— ISO/IEC 20926:2002,

— ISO/IEC 20968:2002, and

— ISO/IEC 24570:2004.

This part of ISO/IEC 14143 was established to provide FSM Method users and developers with a guide as to how these International Standards and Technical Reports relate to each other and how to use them.

The Functional Size (FS) obtained by measuring a piece of software contributes to a better understanding of the characteristics of the software, as well as the development, maintenance and support activities thereof. The three types of International Standards and Technical Reports related to the definition and use of FS and/or Functional Size Measurement (FSM) are:

a) Concept Standards: Describe concepts and provide definitions;

b) Supporting Standards: Supply information to assist in the evaluation of Functional Size Measurement Methods (FSMM) and examples of the software domains that they measure; and

c) Method Standards: Define instances of FSMMs.

Any FSMM, other than the Method Standards, can be used to measure FS as long as it conforms to ISO/IEC 14143-1. FSMMs can vary in their capability to measure software in different domains. Therefore, before deciding on which FSMM to use, it is advisable to assess the capability of the method to adequately size the software to be measured.

This part of ISO/IEC 14143 provides guidance on how to select a suitable FSMM using all FSM-related International Standards.

The FS results obtained from applying the selected FSMM can be used for a variety of purposes throughout the life cycle of the software. This part of ISO/IEC 14143 also provides illustrative examples of how to use FSM and functional size to manage aspects of software development and maintenance.

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Part 6:
Guide for use of ISO/IEC 14143 series and related International Standards

1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 14143 provides a summary of the FSM-related standards and the relationship between:

— the ISO/IEC 14143 series FSM framework International Standards that provide the definitions and concepts of FSM and conformance and verification of FSMMs, and

— the ISO/IEC standard FSMMs, i.e. ISO/IEC 19761, ISO/IEC 20926, ISO/IEC 20968 and ISO/IEC 24570.

This part of ISO/IEC 14143 also provides a process to assist users to select and develop an FSMM that meets their requirements as well as provides guidance on how to use FS. This part of ISO/IEC 14143 also gives guidance on how to use FS. FSMMs include, but are not limited to, ISO/IEC 19761, ISO/IEC 20926, ISO/IEC 20968 and ISO/IEC 24570.

NOTE An FSMM is a software sizing method that conforms to the mandatory requirements of ISO/IEC 14143-1. Recommending a specific FSMM is outside the scope of this part of ISO/IEC 14143.

The audiences of this part of ISO/IEC 14143 are:

— users and potential users of FSM; and

— developers of an FSMM.

2 Abbreviated terms

BFC Base Functional Component

FS Functional Size

FSM Functional Size Measurement

FSMM Functional Size Measurement Method

FUR Functional User Requirement

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