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**Technical product documentation —  
Handling of computer-based technical  
information —**

**Part 5:**

Documentation in the conceptual design stage  
of the development phase

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- Part 1: Security requirements
- Part 2: Original documentation
- Part 3: Phases in the product design process
- Part 4: Document management and retrieval systems
- Part 5: Documentation in the conceptual design stage of the development phase
- Part 6: Rules for revision
- Part 7: Structuring CAD files from an administrative point of view
- Part 8: Data fields for title blocks, item lists and revision blocks
- Part 9: Terminology

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### Documentation in the conceptual design stage of the development phase

#### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 11442 gives guidelines for establishing internal company rules for documentation during the conceptual design stage. These rules apply to manual as well as computer-based design work.

#### 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through references in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO 11442. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of ISO 11442 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 11442-3:1993, *Technical product documentation — Handling of computer-based technical information — Part 3: Phases in the product design process.*

ISO 11442-9:—<sup>1)</sup>, *Technical product documentation — Handling of computer-based technical information — Part 9: Terminology.*

#### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO 11442, the terms and definitions given in ISO 11442-9 apply.

#### 4 General

The development phase (see ISO 11442-3) is the initial part of the product development process which results in technical documents for product definitions. See Figure 1.

The development phase consists of the conceptual design stage and the final design stage.

<sup>1)</sup> To be published.

Since the solutions made in the conceptual design stage are the preconditions for the following activities, they should be documented. The documentation in the conceptual design stage is normally simplified compared with the documentation in the following stages, where it is based on standards which render it unambiguous and rational. It is therefore preferable to use selected parts from these standards during the conceptual design stage.

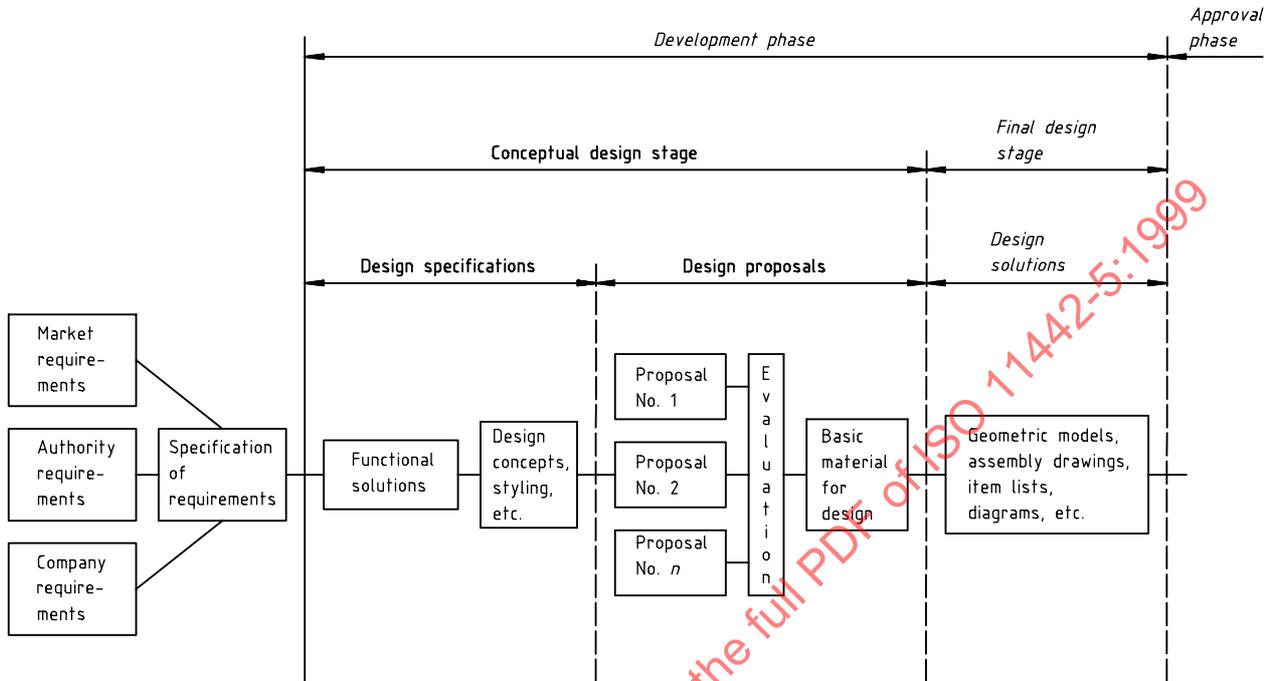


Figure 1

## 5 Documentation

### 5.1 General

The documentation in the conceptual design stage can be divided into:

- a) design specifications;
- b) design proposals.

The first task is to establish a specification based on the compilation and evaluation of the requirements from the market, authorities and the company itself.

*Market-related requirements* are for example the requirements for function, environments, service and price. The documentation of the market-related requirements shall ensure that the right product is produced at the right time.

*Authority-related requirements* are for example requirements for approval, safety, or recycling. The documentation of the authority-related requirements shall ensure that the product can be approved.

*Company-related requirements* are for example the company's requirements for strategy, design, production processes and costs. The documentation of the company-related requirements shall ensure that the product complies with the standards of the company, and be produced in a such a way that known and/or accepted manufacturing processes or methods are taken into account.