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## National Foreword

This Singapore Standard was prepared by the Technical Committee on Additive Manufacturing under the direction of the Manufacturing Standards Committee.

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This first edition of ISO/ASTM 52900 cancels and replaces ASTM F2792.

## **Introduction**

Additive manufacturing is the general term for those technologies that based on a geometrical representation creates physical objects by successive addition of material. These technologies are presently used for various applications in engineering industry as well as other areas of society, such as medicine, education, architecture, cartography, toys and entertainment.

During the development of additive manufacturing technology there have been numerous different terms and definitions in use, often with reference to specific application areas and trademarks. This is often ambiguous and confusing which hampers communication and wider application of this technology.

It is the intention of this International Standard to provide a basic understanding of the fundamental principles for additive manufacturing processes, and based on this, to give clear definitions for terms and nomenclature associated with additive manufacturing technology. The objective of this standardization of terminology for additive manufacturing is to facilitate communication between people involved in this field of technology on a world-wide basis.

This International Standard has been developed by ISO/TC 261 and ASTM F42 in close cooperation on the basis of a partnership agreement between ISO and ASTM International with the aim to create a common set of ISO/ASTM standards on Additive Manufacturing.

## **Additive manufacturing – General principles – Terminology**

### **1 Scope**

This International Standard establishes and defines terms used in additive manufacturing (AM) technology, which applies the additive shaping principle and thereby builds physical 3D geometries by successive addition of material.

The terms have been classified into specific fields of application.

New terms emerging from the future work within ISO/TC 261 and ASTM F42 will be included in upcoming amendments and overviews of this International Standard.