

ISO 20417-2026 VERSUS ISO 20417 2021

Overall Gap Conclusion

ISO 20417:2026 remains broadly aligned with ISO 20417:2021, with many clauses restated or only editorially clarified. Core principles of **traceability, transparency, and usability** are preserved. However, the 2026 edition introduces **expanded labeling, packaging, and graphical communication requirements**, which create notable gaps in documentation, risk management, and design history file (DHF) updates.

- **Information Elements (Clause 5)** Numeric values must now be paired with **graphical symbols and pictograms** drawn from ISO/IEC standards, with mandatory explanatory notes. This expands beyond the 2021 focus on SI units alone, requiring DHF updates to include symbol legends and compliance verification.

