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0 INTRODUCTION

This International Standard is one of a series which deals essentially with the size designation of clothing, and is not directly concerned with sizing systems as such.

The primary aim of this and other International Standards in this series, is the establishment of a size designation system that indicates (in a simple, direct and meaningful manner) the body size of the person that a garment is intended to fit. Provided that the shape of the person's body has been accurately determined, this system will facilitate the choice of garments that fit.

The size designation system is based on body and not garment measurements. Choice of garment measurements is normally left to the designer and the manufacturer, who are concerned with style, cut and other fashion elements, and who must make due allowance for garments normally worn beneath a specific outer garment or accessory.

Definitions and body measurement procedure are prescribed in ISO 3635, which is applicable to all categories of clothing.

1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard establishes a system of designating the sizes of headwear.

2 REFERENCE

This International Standard should be read in conjunction with the following International Standard :

ISO 3635, *Size designation of clothes — Definitions and body measurement procedure.*

3 CONTROL DIMENSION

The control dimension for headwear shall be :

Head girth

4 SIZE DESIGNATION

4.1 The size designation shall comprise the control dimension (see clause 3), in centimetres, of the intended wearer. Where practicable, the standard pictogram, as given in ISO 3635, should be used as a means of indicating the size designation. Where it is not practicable to use the standard pictogram, the control measurement shall be given, together with the statement of that dimension.

NOTE — The above requirements shall not preclude the use, as specified by the national standards organization concerned, of size designations shown as a range by stating the minimum and maximum control measurements separated by an oblique stroke or a hyphen.

4.2 Measurements of headwear items shall not be incorporated in the size designation but, where considered of value, they may be indicated separately (see 5.3).

5 LABELLING

5.1 Method

The size designation of each headwear item shall be indicated clearly, conspicuously and in plainly legible form on a label, or on a swing ticket, or on both. Pictograms shall be large enough to ensure immediate understanding and numerals shall, in all cases, be readily discernible.

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