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Unprocessed writing and printing paper — Method of expression of dimensions and direction of manufacture

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FOREWORD

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Prior to 1972, the results of the work of the Technical Committees were published as ISO Recommendations; these documents are now in the process of being transformed into International Standards. As part of this process, Technical Committee ISO/TC 6 has reviewed ISO Recommendation R 217 and found it suitable for transformation. International Standard ISO 217 therefore replaces ISO Recommendation R 217-1961.

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The Member Bodies of the following countries have subsequently approved this Recommendation :

Finland
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No Member Body expressed disapproval of the Recommendation.

The Member Bodies of the following countries disapproved the transformation of ISO/R 217 into an International Standard :

Canada
Norway

Unprocessed writing and printing paper – Method of expression of dimensions and direction of manufacture

1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies the method of expression of dimensions and direction of manufacture of unprocessed (not written upon, not ruled and not punched) writing and printing paper.

2 EXPRESSION OF DIMENSIONS

The size shall be designated by its two dimensions, width and length, indicating the width (smaller dimension) first.

3 DIRECTION OF MANUFACTURE

Where it is necessary, the machine direction¹⁾ shall be indicated as follows:

3.1 On written documents, orders, invoices, etc. by the letter "M" placed after the dimension parallel to the machine direction;

3.2 On packets, reams or packages by one of the following methods:

- by the letter "M" placed after the dimension parallel to the machine direction;
- by an arrow parallel to the machine direction;
- by a combination of both the above methods.

1) See definitions Nos. 10 and 11 of ISO/R 66, *Paper vocabulary – First series of terms*.