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Foreword

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies dimensional, structural and environmental requirements for nets used to secure cargo on aircraft pallets meeting the requirements of ISO 4117 or ISO 4171.

This International Standard establishes six basic sizes of pallet nets, as given in table 1.

Table 1 — Sizes of pallet nets

Net size code (in accordance with ISO 8097 ¹⁾)	Size of corresponding pallet (see ISO 4117 and ISO 4171)	
	mm	in
A	2 235 × 3 175	88 × 125
B	2 235 × 2 743	88 × 108
K	1 534 × 1 562	60,4 × 61,5
L	1 534 × 3 175	60,4 × 125
M	2 438 × 3 175	96 × 125
R	2 438 × 4 978	96 × 196

1) ISO Committee Members are at present voting on adding size code R to ISO 8097:1993.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 4117:1993, *Air and air/land cargo pallets — Specification and testing*.

ISO 4171:1993, *Air cargo equipment — Interline pallets*.

ISO 7166: 1985, *Aircraft — Rail and stud configuration for passenger equipment and cargo restraint*.

ISO 8097:1993, *Aircraft — Minimum airworthiness requirements and test conditions for certified air cargo unit load devices*.

ISO/TR 8647:1990, *Environmental degradation of textiles used in air cargo restraint equipment*.

ISO 10046:—¹⁾, *Aircraft — Methodology of calculating cargo compartment volume*.

IATA, *Unit Load Devices (ULD) Technical Manual*, 8th edition²⁾.

3 Basic requirements

3.1 Configuration

The net assembly shall include netting, adjustment hardware and pallet attachment fittings. (See figure 1.)

3.2 Construction

3.2.1 Weatherproofing

Net construction shall be rugged and weather-resistant, thus minimizing maintenance and original cost.

3.2.2 Fittings and appurtenances

All fittings and appurtenances shall be within the maximum allowable contour appropriate to the aircraft installation. The thickness of the fittings and appurtenances between the heights of 150 mm and 760 mm above the top of the base shall not exceed 50 mm; elsewhere the thickness shall not exceed 25 mm.

NOTE 1 The IATA *ULD Technical Manual* may be referred to for specific contours.

1) To be published.

2) Available from International Air Transport Association, 2000 Peel Street, Montreal, Canada H3A 2R4 or Route de l'Aéroport 33, Case postale 672, 1215 Geneva 15, Switzerland.

3.2.3 Structural strength

Net construction shall have sufficient structural strength

- a) to withstand, without permanent detrimental deformation, the static loads and impact shock encountered in normal carrier service;
- b) in combination with the complementary pallet, to retain the gross weight at the limit load (two-thirds of ultimate load) condition for the design rating specified in 3.3;
- c) so that the permanent deformation is acceptable at the ultimate load.

3.2.4 Assembly construction

The net assembly shall be constructed so that it adequately encompasses the pallet load and attaches to fittings on all four edges of the pallet in accordance with ISO 8097.

3.2.5 Hardware

3.2.5.1 The net hardware shall be designed and constructed so that it can be easily operated in confined areas.

3.2.5.2 All hardware shall be securely attached to prevent it being lost.

3.2.5.3 Free ends that pass through adjusting buckles shall be equipped with stops.

3.2.5.4 Provision shall be made to enable the net to be tensioned evenly over the cargo. If a mechanical advantage facility is provided to achieve the tension, the release of the tensile force shall be achieved by an operating force not greater than 16 % of the tensioning force and it shall be possible to release the force using a gloved hand.

3.2.5.5 Pallet attachment fittings shall conform with ISO 7166.

3.2.6 Net mesh and configuration

3.2.6.1 The net design shall ensure a minimum installation time and shall be of a configuration such as to minimize the possibility of incorrect installation.

3.2.6.2 The net shall be constructed in such a manner that entanglement during installation and storage is minimized.

3.2.6.3 Nets shall be adequately treated to minimize shrinkage.

3.2.6.4 All netting ends shall be suitably prepared to prevent fraying.

3.2.6.5 The material used for netting shall meet the appropriate regulatory standards for polyamid or polyester and its treatment. If other materials are used, they shall meet equivalent standards for material and treatment.

3.2.6.6 If netting is made from polyamid, polyester or other textile material, consideration should be given to take account of strength degradation resulting from wear and exposure to ultraviolet radiation. See ISO/TR 8647.

3.2.6.7 Nets shall restrain load within the maximum allowable contours. See IATA *ULD Technical Manual*, 8th edition, specification 50/0, appendix D, or ISO 10046:—, figure 7.

3.2.6.8 The net mesh shall be capable of restraining boxes with dimensions of 250 mm × 300 mm × 300 mm (10 in × 12 in × 12 in).

3.2.7 Reefing adjustment

The net shall be constructed so as to provide adjustment in the vertical range from 610 mm (24 in) to a height of 3 m (118 in) or a height appropriate to the aircraft installation.

3.2.8 Colour

The colour of the net material and hardware shall be optional. However, contrasting colours may be used to distinguish net components for simplifying attachment of the net to the pallet.

3.2.9 Special marking

In addition to the marking requirements specified in clause 6, the net shall be clearly marked to facilitate rigging on the pallet. If the net operation is not omnidirectional, top and bottom, and inside and outside shall be indicated. Character markings or colour coding may be used to facilitate rapid attachment of net fittings to the pallet.

3.2.10 Weight limits

The tare weight of the net assembly shall be kept to a minimum consistent with the requirements and limits of sound design practices.