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Introduction

Bamboo belongs to the subfamily *Bambusoidae* of the grass family (*Gramineae/Poaceae*). There are nearly 1 642 bamboo species, including 1 521 woody bamboos, distributed naturally in tropical and warm temperate areas. There are 3 tribes of bamboos, which are *Arundinarieae* (32 genus); *Bambuseae* tribe (69 genus); and herb-bamboo dominated by *Olyreae* tribe (22 genus)¹. Depending on the species and growing location, most bamboo species can grow rapidly up to 1,2 m per day².

The current utilization of bamboo worldwide is varying from construction to human's various necessities, i.e. handicraft, musical instruments, kitchen utensils, fibre-based products (i.e. textile, shoes, etc.), medicinal treatment, food, etc. Due to increasing bamboo utilization for daily life, harmonization of the terms used is required in order to minimize confusion or conflicts and attain universal understanding.

The terms and descriptions contained in this International Standard have been mainly constituted to represent internationally recognized terms applied to bamboo and bamboo products (semi/intermediate and final). The descriptions of the terms are created for general understanding by the bamboo experts, industry, consumers and other stakeholders.

The sources used during this International Standard development have been the most recent scientific documents and/or standards (international, regional or domestic), either published or under development. Descriptions sourced from standards are worded as closely as possible to that appearing in the standards. However, where necessary modifications have been made for several descriptions following review between standards, a note appears after the term expressing the adaptation of its description from the standards.

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