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# Leather — Sampling — Number of items for a gross sample

## 1 SCOPE AND FIELD OF APPLICATION

This International Standard specifies a method for the drawing, from a lot, of whole pieces of leather to form a gross sample.

This method is applicable to all kinds of leather of any type of tannage.

NOTE — This International Standard does not cover marking and storage of the gross sample.

## 2 REFERENCE

ISO/R 645, *Statistical vocabulary and symbols — First series of terms and symbols — Part 1: Statistical vocabulary.*

## 3 DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this International Standard the following definitions apply. With the exception of 3.4 they are consistent with the definitions given in ISO/R 645.

**3.1 consignment:** A quantity of some commodity delivered at one time. The consignment may consist of one or more lots or parts of lots.

**3.2 lot:** A definite quantity of some commodity manufactured or produced under conditions which are presumed uniform.

**3.3 gross sample:** A sample as collected from a lot.

**3.4 item:** A whole piece of leather which belongs to the gross sample.

## 4 METHOD OF SAMPLING

**4.1** In the absence of any other agreement on sampling procedure between the interested parties, the procedure described in 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 is recommended.

**4.2** The gross sample shall be calculated according to the formula

$$n = 0,5\sqrt{N}$$

where

$n$  is the number of items in the gross sample;

$N$  is the number of pieces in the lot.

**4.3** However, the number of items taken shall in no case be less than 3.

**4.4** The selection of pieces from the lot to form items of the gross sample shall be done in a manner ensuring truly random sampling, preferably by numbering the pieces in order and then choosing the pieces by number, using a table of random numbers.

## 5 SAMPLING REPORT

The sampling report shall include the following information:

- a) reference to this International Standard;
- b) any unusual features noted during the sampling operation;
- c) any operation carried out which is not laid down in this International Standard, and details of any alternative procedure used;
- d) identification of the lot or lots;
- e) the size of each sampled lot (i.e. number of pieces);
- f) the number of pieces that have been drawn from each lot.

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