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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 14486:2012), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- [definition 3.4](#) amended;
- provisions for tests with underlayment included;
- provisions for locking strength for herringbone installations added in [Table 2](#);
- additional technical requirements added (see [4.3](#));
- requirements for packaging added (see [5.2](#)).

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Introduction

To encourage the consumer to make an informed choice, this document includes a classification system (see ISO 10874) based on intensity of use, specifying the requirements floor coverings must fulfil in order to be deemed to give satisfactory service.

Laminate floor coverings are generally designed for floating installations for interior use and are considered for domestic and commercial levels of use, including domestic kitchens. This document does not specify requirements relating to the use in areas which are subjected to frequent wetting, such as bathrooms, laundry rooms or saunas. In general, laminate floor coverings can only be used in those areas when authorized by the manufacturer and under conditions described in the manufacturer's installation guidelines.

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