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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the baling styles and specifications for manipulated oriental leaf tobacco.

NOTE 1 For the purposes of this International Standard, the word "tobacco" refers specifically to oriental leaf tobacco.

2 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following definitions apply.

2.1 baling: Pressing and packaging of tobaccos of the same origin and grade by means of a suitable technique.

2.2 bale: A form of packaging which is most suitable for tobaccos during storage, fermentation and transportation. The usual form of bales used in the oriental producing areas is the tonga. The tonga bales are designated as big (2.2.1) or small (2.2.2) tonga bales according to the amount of tobacco contained.

2.2.1 big tonga bale: A tonga bale with a mass of between 31 kg and 55 kg.

2.2.2 small tonga bale: A tonga bale with a mass of between 20 kg and 30 kg.

2.3 wrapper: Material used to enclose the bale. The customary fabric used is burlap, hessian or any similar material which permits air and moisture transmission.

2.3.1 bottom wrapper: Wrapper which is used for the baling of tobacco to cover the lower, upper and back sides of the bale (see figure 1).

2.3.2 side wrapper: Wrapper which is used to cover the front, right and left sides of the bale which are not covered by the bottom wrapper (see figure 1).

2.4 tonga rope: A kind of rope made of hemp or any similar non-contaminating material. Tonga rope is used to tie firmly the lower and upper sides of the bottom wrapper to each other.

2.5 bale sewing thread: A kind of thread made of hemp or any similar non-contaminating material. The thread is used to sew the bottom and side wrappers to each other.

2.6 tonga baling box: A box used as a casing for the tonga bale. The box is rectangular in shape and may be made of wood, steel or any other non-contaminating material.

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3 Specifications

3.1 General

The dimensions and mass values specified for bales and their components in this International Standard are nominal values. All dimensions and mass values shall be within 5 % of the values specified in tables.

3.2 Tonga baling box

The inner dimensions of tonga baling boxes shall be as given in table 1.

Table 1

Dimensions in metres

Type of baling box	Width	Length	Height
For big bales	0,38	0,7	0,65 (min.)
For small bales	0,36	0,6	0,55 (min.)

3.3 Tonga bales

Tobacco is packed in big or small tonga bales. Specifications for the bales shall be as given in table 2. (For

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