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Foreword

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This sixth edition cancels and replaces the fifth edition (ISO 1496-2:2008) which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- an easy reference for containers dimensions has been included in [Table 1](#);
- the $-18\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}/+38\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ cooling capacity test has been reinstated;
- the $50\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ambient functionality test has been added;
- energy consumption tests have been added;
- an airflow requirement has been added;
- integrated front containers has been added;
- a clip on MRU units has been removed;
- a floor height and load line requirement has been added;
- design temperatures have been changed to reflect modern MRU's;
- tests described in ISO 1496-1 have been removed and referenced;
- new Annexes H and I have been added;
- the old annex D has been removed and referenced to ISO 668;
- the test procedure for heat leakage has been revised;

— the heat-leakage rate for 1CCC has been included in [Table 2](#).

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Part 2: Thermal containers

1 Scope

This document gives the basic specifications and testing requirements for ISO series 1 thermal containers for international exchange and for conveyance of goods by road, rail and sea, including interchange between these forms of transport.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 668, *Series 1 freight containers — Classification, dimensions and ratings*

ISO 1496-1, *Series 1 freight containers — Specification and testing*

ISO 1161, *Series 1 freight containers — Corner fittings — Specification*

ISO 6346, *Freight containers — Coding, identification and marking*

ISO Guide 51, *Safety aspects — Guidelines for their inclusion in standards*

IEC 60309-2, *Plugs, socket-outlets and couplers for industrial purposes — Part 2: Dimensional interchangeability requirements for pin and contact-tube accessories*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this standard, the terms and definitions given in ISO Guide 51, ISO 668, ISO 1161, ISO 6346, ISO 1496-1, IEC-60309-2 and the following apply.

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1

thermal container **insulated container**

freight container having insulating walls, doors, floor and roof designed to delay the rate of heat transmission between the inside and the outside of the container

3.2

refrigeration container

<expandable refrigerant> thermal container served by a unit using a means of cooling such as liquefied gases, with or without evaporation control (ERU)