
Packaging — Vocabulary —

**Part 1:
General terms**

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Foreword

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 122, *Packaging*.

This first edition of ISO 21067-1, together with ISO 21067-2, cancels and replaces ISO 21067:2007, which has been technically revised and bifurcated into two sections.

ISO 21067 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Packaging — Vocabulary*:

- *Part 1: General terms*
- *Part 2: Packaging and the environment terms*

Introduction

This part of ISO 21067 was compiled from various sources, including the following:

- American National Standards Institute (ANSI);
- ASTM International (ASTM D 996);
- Australian Standards (AS 2400);
- British Standards Institution (BS 3130-1);
- Deutsches Institut für Normung (DIN 55405);
- European Packaging Federation (EPF);
- South African Bureau of Standards (SABS);
- NATO STANAG 4279 (AAP-23);
- UN/ECE Recommendation No. 21.

This part of ISO 21067 is intended to be used as a source document within the global community. This inventory of terms will be useful in a multilingual thesaurus showing concept relationships as well as terms in other languages. Work on this proposed standard began in 1987 and has been under the convenorship of ANSI since 1995 as ISO/TC 122.

This part of ISO 21067 does not cover environmental statements referring to packaging, which are covered by ISO 14021.

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Part 1: General terms

1 Scope

This part of ISO 21067 specifies preferred terms and definitions related to packaging and materials handling, for use in international commerce, except for dangerous goods packaging where terms and definitions are given in the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods [39].

This part of ISO 21067 is augmented by the following packaging-specific standards:

- ISO 6590-1;
- ISO 6590-2;
- ISO 15867.

2 Terms and definitions

2.1 Basic terms

2.1.1

packaging

<product> product to be used for the containment, protection, handling, delivery, storage, transport and presentation of goods, from raw materials to processed goods, from the producer to the user or consumer, including processor, assembler or other intermediary

2.1.2

packaging

<operation> operations involved in the preparation of goods for containment, protection, handling, delivery, storage, transport and presentation of goods, from raw materials to processed goods, from the producer to the user or consumer

Note 1 to entry: The term includes preservation, packing, marking and unitization.

2.1.3

pack, noun

package, noun

product package

packaging (2.1.1) and its contents

2.1.4

pack, verb

package, verb

create a *package* (2.1.3)

2.1.5

article

item or commodity