
**Paper — Untrimmed sizes —
Designation and tolerances for
primary and supplementary ranges,
and indication of machine direction**

Papier — Formats bruts — Désignation et tolérances pour la série principale et la série auxiliaire, et désignation du sens machine

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Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 217:2008), of which it constitutes a minor revision with the following changes:

in Clause 1, deletion of the references to ISO-A series and retention of references to ISO 216.

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Paper — Untrimmed sizes — Designation and tolerances for primary and supplementary ranges, and indication of machine direction

1 Scope

This International Standard specifies a primary range and a supplementary range of untrimmed sizes of paper in sheets which are to be trimmed to sizes as given in ISO 216 and establishes a system of designation of untrimmed sizes.

This International Standard also specifies the method for the indication of machine direction of untrimmed sizes.

2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 187, *Paper, board and pulps — Standard atmosphere for conditioning and testing and procedure for monitoring the atmosphere and conditioning of samples*

ISO 216, *Writing paper and certain classes of printed matter — Trimmed sizes — A and B series, and indication of machine direction*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

cross direction

CD

direction in the plane of a paper perpendicular to the machine direction

3.2

machine direction

MD

direction in the plane of a paper parallel to the machine direction

3.3

trimmed size

final dimensions of a sheet of paper in accordance with those given in ISO 216

3.4

untrimmed size

dimensions of a sheet of paper, sufficiently large to allow a trimmed size to be obtained from it as required

3.5

primary range

untrimmed sheets which are intended to be trimmed to sizes given in ISO 216 and which will be submitted only to simple conversion operations