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The main changes are as follows:

- addition of [Annex B](#);

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Introduction

Different sizing systems in different companies mean that different size designations can fit people with identical or very similar body measurements.

The primary aim of this document is to establish a size designation system that can be used by manufacturers and retailers to indicate to consumers (in a simple, direct and meaningful manner) the body dimensions of the person that the garment is intended to fit. Provided that the size of the person's body (as indicated by the specified dimensions) has been determined in accordance with ISO 8559-1, this designation system will facilitate the choice of garments that fit. This information can be indicated by labelling, etc.

The size designation system is based on body measurements, not garment measurements. The choice of garment measurements is normally determined by the designer and the manufacturers who make appropriate allowances to accommodate the type and position of wear, style, cut and fashion elements of the garment.

This document can be used as a reference document for an international size designation system for different types of garments.

This document has been developed within the context of UN Goal n°12 Responsible consumption and production. For example, to ensure size designation information remains accessible from one user to the next.

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