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## Foreword

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ISO 139 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 38, *Textiles*, Subcommittee SC 24, *Conditioning atmospheres and physical tests for textile fabrics*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 139:1973), which has been technically revised, specifically by including the allowances for the uncertainty of the measurement in the overall tolerances for temperature and relative humidity.

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## Introduction

The tolerances for temperature and relative humidity given in ISO 139:1973 were the tolerances for the temperature and relative humidity measured in the laboratory, and without any consideration for the uncertainty of measurement of the measuring devices being used.

With the increased understanding since 1973 and the existence now of standards covering these issues (e.g. ISO 14253-1), it is now necessary to allow for the uncertainty of measurement when setting appropriate tolerances.

This second edition of ISO 139 includes the allowance for uncertainty of measurement in the overall tolerances for temperature and relative humidity.

This means that although the tolerances for temperature and relative humidity appear more lenient than in ISO 139:1973, in practice, the laboratory must still be controlled (measured temperature and humidity) to essentially the same level as stated in ISO 139:1973.

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