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### Part 2: Coldset offset lithographic printing

*Technologie graphique — Couleur et transparence des gammes d'encre d'impression en quadrichromie —*

*Partie 2: Impression lithographique offset rotatif coldset*



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## Foreword

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ISO 2846-2 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 130, *Graphic technology*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 2846-2:2000), of which Clauses 4 and 5 have been technically revised and the colorimetric properties of the inks were adjusted to be compatible with actual commercial requirements and to the process standard ISO 12647-3<sup>[1]</sup>. Details for test print preparation, which are now specified in ISO 2834-1, have been deleted.

ISO 2846 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Graphic technology — Colour and transparency of printing ink sets for four-colour printing*:

- *Part 1: Sheet-fed and heat-set web offset lithographic printing*
- *Part 2: Coldset offset lithographic printing*
- *Part 3: Publication gravure printing*
- *Part 4: Screen printing*
- *Part 5: Flexographic printing*

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## Introduction

The initial draft of ISO 2846-2 was prepared by ISO/TC 130 for materials and process control. They examined the colorimetric properties of commercial coldset web offset inks from around the world and found that a single set of colour coordinates could adequately represent these, within reasonable tolerances. Since the initial publication of this part of ISO 2846, additional coordination between the various national bodies participating in ISO/TC 130 has suggested that some minor refinements of the colorimetric aims would make them more compatible with actual commercial printing requirements and to the process standard ISO 12647-3 [1].

This part of ISO 2846 will allow printers to obtain sets of process inks from various sources which will produce a similar colour when printed on the reference substrate at the appropriate film thickness. This will allow colour separations for coldset web offset printing to be based on known colour standards. The colorimetric characteristics specified in this part of ISO 2846 may only be obtained when the inks are printed on the reference substrate. However, similarity of two inks on the reference substrate will ensure similarity on another substrate.