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## Foreword

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This corrected version of ISO 3581:2016 incorporates the following corrections:

- in Column A of [Table 3](#), the nominal composition corresponding the alloy symbol 2209 has been changed to "22 9 3 NL";
- Table 6B has been corrected.

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## Introduction

This International Standard provides a classification system for stainless steel, covered welding electrodes in terms of chemical composition of deposited weld metal and type of electrode covering. Other properties of the electrodes are specified by reference to tables.

This International Standard recognizes that there are two somewhat different approaches in the global market for classifying a given stainless steel, covered electrode, and allows for either or both to be used to suit a particular need. Application of either (or both) type(s) of classification designation identifies a product as classified according to this International Standard. It is important to note that the two systems are not exactly equivalent; therefore, each system must be used independent of the other, without combining designators in any way.

The classification according to ISO 3581, system A, is mainly based upon EN 1600 while the classification according to ISO 3581, system B, is mainly based upon standards used around the Pacific Rim.