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## **Packaging — Sacks — Description and method of measurement — Part 1: Empty paper sacks**

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## Foreword

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# Packaging — Sacks — Description and method of measurement — Part 1 : Empty paper sacks

## 1 Scope and field of application

This part of ISO 6591 fixes the description and the dimensional designation of empty paper sacks and specifies the method of measuring those dimensions. It is primarily intended for application to paper sacks as specified in ISO 6590/1.

## 2 References

ISO 6590/1, *Packaging — Sacks — Vocabulary and types — Part 1 : Paper sacks*.

ISO 6599/1, *Packaging — Sacks — Conditioning for testing — Part 1 : Paper sacks*.

ISO 7023, *Packaging — Sacks — Method of sampling empty sacks for testing*.

## 3 Definitions

NOTE — Unless otherwise stated, all dimensions in this clause are external. They shall be expressed in millimetres, to the nearest 1 mm.

For the purpose of this International Standard the following symbols and definitions apply.

**3.1 length of sack,  $a$**  : Distance between the transverse edges of the flat sack, measured at the centre, perpendicular to the bottom.

**3.2 width of sack,  $b$**  : Distance between the longitudinal edges of the flat sack, measured at the centre, parallel to the bottom.

**3.3 width of gusset,  $e$**  : Distance between the external creases of the opened out gusset.

**3.4 width of end,  $c$**  : Distance between the two bottom edge-folds, measured at the centre, parallel to the sack length.

**3.5 width of valve,  $g$**  : Internal dimension of the valve between the valve edge-folds or, in the case of a sewn sack, between the valve edge-fold and the adjacent stitch line.

**3.6 length of valve,  $f$** , for

**3.6.1 sewn sack** : Distance between the outermost edge of the sack and the innermost edge of the valve/sleeve, measured parallel to the bottom.

**3.6.2 pasted hexagonal bottom sack** : Distance between the outermost edge of the sack and the innermost edge of the valve/sleeve minus half of bottom width, measured at the centre parallel to the bottom.

**3.7 length of valve sleeve,  $i$**  : Longitudinal dimension of internal or external sleeve, parallel to the bottom.

**3.8 width of valve sleeve,  $v$**  : Inner measurement of the sleeve across the bottom, or in the case of a sewn sack between the inner edge of the sleeve and the adjacent stitch line.

**3.9 sewing line distance,  $n$**  : Distance of the sewn closure from the sack edge, measured perpendicular to the closure.

**3.10 length of closure turn over,  $p$**  : Length of the open flap on a turn over bottom sack, measured at the centre, perpendicular to closure.

## 4 Description and dimensional designation

Sacks are described by an indication of their type (open-mouth sewn flat sack, valved sewn flat sack, etc.), followed by the dimensions as indicated in 4.1 and 4.2.

NOTE — All figures shown in 4.1 and 4.2 are of completed sacks with the manufacturer's closure.