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ISO 830 was first published in 1981 alongside many of the international standards developed for the freight container and was revised in 1999 to reflect the development of freight containers and the introduction of new container types and terms.

Since the publication of the second edition of this document there has been an increase in the number of freight container types and variations and changes to length and height variations. Details of the development of the types, variations and terminology is shown in [Annex A](#)

Concurrently with the increase of container types and variations, regional and national containers have started to develop. These too carry freight and conform to the definition of a container as described in the International Convention for Container Safety (CSC Code) and therefore can be described as “freight containers” and appear to be similar to the “series 1 freight container”. Therefore, this document defines terms and definitions from all freight containers, and [Clause 3](#) identifies the various terms that are used to describe and differentiate the various types of container used internationally and regionally.

The term “freight container” or “shipping container” is used to differentiate it from other types of containers that cannot be used intermodally. Therefore, any structure that outwardly appears to be freight container whether it is able to transport freight or not, is referred to as a “freight container”.