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## **Jewellery — Ring-sizes — Definition, measurement and designation**

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 8653:1986), which has been technically revised with the following changes:

- a) addition of a table with diameters and tolerances for the ring-size;
- b) description of the measuring method;
- c) addition of examples for measurement of rings with particular shapes;
- d) made editorial changes according to the current design rules.

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## Introduction

Jewellery products are submitted to quality control and, for the ring-size measurement, the control methods could vary among manufacturers, among principals (brands), and between manufacturers and principals, which could generate conflicts.

This International Standard intends to reduce conflicts and to avoid manufacturers having to set several control methods to satisfy each brand. This International Standard specifies methods to measure ring-sizes for the main shapes of rings found in the jewellery market. Characteristics of the tool used, a ring stick, are defined too.