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Foreword

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This first edition of ISO 9186-1, together with ISO 9186-2, cancels and replaces ISO 9186:2001, which has been technically revised.

ISO 9186 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Graphical symbols — Test methods*:

⎯ *Part 1: Methods for testing comprehensibility*

⎯ *Part 2: Method for testing perceptual quality*

Introduction

The reason for the publication of this International Standard is the increasing use of non-verbal presentation of information in buildings and other places, and for services to the public.

Continued growth of international travel, tourism and trade requires graphical symbols to be understood. This part of ISO 9186 specifies methods for assessing the comprehensibility of graphical symbols.

ISO 9186-1 is intended to be used by all Technical Committees within ISO charged with developing specific graphical symbols for their industry, to ensure that there is only one symbol for each meaning. It is also intended to be used by any other organization concerned with establishing the comprehensibility of graphical symbols.