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Specification for

Size designation of children's and infants' wear

Spécification pour la désignation des tailles de vêtements pour enfants et bébés

Spezifikation für die Größenbezeichnung von Kinder- und Kleinkinderkleidung

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Foreword

This revision of this British Standard has been prepared under the direction of the Clothing Standards Committee. It supersedes the 1970 edition which is now withdrawn.

Information in this standard is taken from five international standards ISO 3636-1977, ISO 3637-1977, ISO 3638-1977, ISO 4415-1981 and ISO 4416-1981, published by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) and developed by ISO/TC 133, Sizing systems and designations for clothes. Details on height intervals (see clause 6) and recommendations on the inclusion of approximate age, which do not appear in the international standards, are included.

This is the third edition of this British Standard. For many years it has been agreed that body measurements should form the basis of a size labelling scheme, and such details were included in tabular form in both previous editions.

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When considering the present revision, however, the committee responsible chose not to retain the table of body measurements, first, because the measurements are known to be outdated and, secondly, because such detailed measurements are not required for size designation purposes.

In addition to body measurements the approximate age of the child was asked for on labels and so to help manufacturers this was included in the table of body measurements in the first two editions. Its retention in the present edition was strongly supported by the National Children's Wear Association because many garments are purchased without the children being present.

The details of men's and women's garments covered in the five international standards listed above are given in BS 6185 and BS 3666 respectively.

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