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MICROCOPIES
SCALE OF 35 mm MICROFILMS FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE

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BRIEF HISTORY

The ISO Recommendation R 218, *Microcopies — Scale of 35 mm Microfilms for International Exchange*, was drawn up by Technical Committee ISO/TC 46, *Documentation*, the Secretariat of which is held by the Nederlands Instituut voor Documentatie en Registratuur (N.I.D.E.R.) on behalf of the Stichting Nederlands Normalisatie-instituut (NNI).

Work on this question by the Technical Committee began in 1956 and led, in 1959, to the adoption of a Draft ISO Recommendation entitled “Microcopies. Reduction Ratio of 35 mm Microfilms for International Exchange (Microcopies. Taux de réduction des microfilms de 35 mm destinés aux échanges internationaux) ”.

In May 1960, this Draft ISO Recommendation (No. 370) was submitted to all the ISO Member Bodies for enquiry. It was approved by the following Member Bodies:

Australia	France	Norway
Austria	Germany	Republic of South Africa
Belgium	Greece	Romania
Brazil	Hungary	Spain
Canada	India	Sweden
Chile	Israel	Switzerland
Czechoslovakia	Italy	United Kingdom
Denmark	New Zealand	U.S.S.R.

No Member Body opposed the approval of the Draft.

The Draft ISO Recommendation was then submitted by correspondence to the ISO Council, which decided, in November 1961, to accept it as an ISO RECOMMENDATION.

During the final procedure, it became apparent that the use of the words “Reduction Ratio ” in English in parallel to the words “Taux de réduction ” in French might cause some misunderstanding, since their ordinary meanings do not coincide in the two languages. In a supplementary consultation of Sub-Committee ISO/TC 46/SC 1, *Documentary Reproduction*, unanimous agreement was found to exist in favour of having the final wording of this ISO Recommendation use exclusively the word “scale ”, defined in ISO Recommendation R ..., dealing with terminology of microcopies and their bases (at present in course of preparation).