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Introduction

The accessible design of packages is a worldwide matter of concern because it allows everybody to use them safely, comfortably, and with satisfaction, irrespective of age, perceptual and cognitive ability, level of physical functioning, language and culture. This International Standard is designed to serve as a guideline for increasing accessibility in designing packages and packaged products.

Our aging population goes beyond specific countries to be a global trend. This aging leads to a relative increase in those with reduced ability and function using packages. As a result, around the globe packaged products are used by increasingly frail individuals. Building a social infrastructure to provide rights to the disabled, which is adopted by the United Nations, is a worldwide issue^[1]. Further, this globalization results in the circulation of packages across borders, causing problems due to differences in language and culture.

This International Standard complies with ISO/IEC Guide 71^[2], and ISO/TR 22411^[3]. Following ISO/IEC Guide 71, this International Standard is designed to serve as a series of considerations to enhance accessibility of packaged products.

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