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EXPRESSION OF THE PHYSICAL AND SUBJECTIVE MAGNITUDES
OF SOUND OR NOISE

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BRIEF HISTORY

The ISO Recommendation R 131, *Expression of the Physical and Subjective Magnitudes of Sound or Noise*, was drawn up by Technical Committee ISO/TC 43, *Acoustics*, the Secretariat of which is held by the British Standards Institution (B.S.I.).

The study of the principles contained in this ISO Recommendation had already commenced in 1937, during a conference held under the aegis of the former International Federation of the National Standards Associations (ISA), but that work was interrupted by the war.

During its first meeting, held in London, in October 1953, Technical Committee ISO/TC 43 decided to reactivate this study. The work of the Technical Committee was continued at the meetings which followed, held in Berne, in September 1955 and in Paris, in January 1957. A draft proposal developed during this latter meeting was submitted by correspondence to all the members of the Technical Committee and was adopted as a Draft ISO Recommendation.

On 17 January 1958, the Draft ISO Recommendation (No. 201) was distributed to all the ISO Member Bodies and was approved, subject to some modifications, by the following Member Bodies:

Australia	Hungary	Portugal
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France	New Zealand	U.S.A.
Germany	Poland	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 September 1959, to accept it as an ISO RECOMMENDATION.