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FOREWORD

This ISO Recommendation R 4 was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 46, the Secretariat of which is held by the Nederlands Instituut voor Documentatie en Registratuur (N.I.D.E.R.) on behalf of the Hoofdcommissie voor de Normalisatie in Nederland (H.C.N.N.).

From the time of its creation this Technical Committee has been engaged in the study of an international code for the abbreviation of titles of periodicals, taking into account ISA Bulletin No. 23, which was issued by the former International Federation of the National Standardizing Associations (ISA).

This question was examined during the first three plenary meetings of ISO/TC 46, held at the Hague in June 1948, at Ascona in April 1950 and at Rome in September 1951.

After lengthy discussions, the Technical Committee decided that the code in question should not contain standardized abbreviations but only rules for the abbreviation of titles of periodicals and that these rules should be regarded as a basis for more detailed study by National Bodies.

During its meeting in Rome (September 1951) the Technical Committee decided to adopt as a Draft ISO Recommendation the text prepared by a special Working Group during the Ascona meeting (April 1950).

This Draft ISO Recommendation (No. 9) was submitted on 7 March 1952 to all ISO Member Bodies, and received the approval of the majority.

At its fourth plenary meeting, held in Copenhagen in October 1952, the Technical Committee examined the comments submitted by various Member Bodies and decided to amend the Draft slightly. The revised text, which forms the present Recommendation, was circulated to all Member Bodies on 13 March 1953.

The following 20 Member Bodies approved Draft ISO Recommendation No. 9 in its revised form :

Australia	Ireland	Spain
Belgium	Italy	Sweden
Chile	Mexico	Switzerland
Denmark	Netherlands	Union of South Africa
France	New Zealand	United Kingdom
Germany	Pakistan	Yugoslavia
Hungary	Poland	

During its Meeting in Geneva from 7 to 10 July 1953, the ISO Council decided to accept the revised text as an ISO RECOMMENDATION (Resolution No. 14, Council 1953).