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- EN 16223:2012, *Leather - Requirements for the designation and description of leather in upholstery and automotive interior applications* has been split into two parts:
 - *Part 1 - Upholstery applications* (this document);
 - *Part 2 - Automotive interior application*.
- Clause 3: modification of some definitions.
- Modifications in Clause 4 “General principles” and Clause 5 “Requirements”.
- Editorial updates.

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Introduction

This document is based on the Code of Practice of the International Council of Tanners (ICT) – Code of Practice on the appropriate designation of leather used in upholstery (Hong Kong, 30 March 2009).

In the absence of national regulations this document provides the furniture industries with a standard on which to base their commercial communications to customers and the general public when leather is used in their products.

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1 Scope

This document specifies requirements for the designations and descriptions used in the exchange of goods when exhibiting, promoting (e.g., advertising and labelling), and placing on the market when leather is used in upholstered furniture.

Parts of furniture with appearance that does not correspond to leather (e. g. wood, metal) and parts of purely decorative nature are not covered by this document.

The designation and/or description of leather in footwear, leather goods and leather clothing including gloves are not covered by this document.

The designation and/or description of leather in automotive interior applications is covered in EN 16223-2.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 15987, *Leather - Terminology - Key definitions for the leather trade*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in EN 15987 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

seating

independent piece of upholstered furniture intended for sitting purposes comprising contact and non-contact areas

3.2

upholstered furniture

furniture intended for sitting purposes comprising a frame, cushioning material and a covering, excluding loose cushions and free coverings, unless they are an integral part of the furniture

3.3

contact area

area of upholstered furniture or seating, that comes into contact with the body including the horizontal seat cover, arm rests, vertical seat back, and head/neck rest and excluding areas for occasional use for sleeping (e.g. extendable sofa beds)

3.4

non-contact area

area of upholstered furniture or seating, that is not intended for sitting purposes including areas on the outsides, backs and underside

3.5

underside

floor facing side of the furniture, covered or not