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## Foreword

This document (EN 12323:2005) has been prepared by Technical Committee CEN/TC 225 "AIDC Technologies", the secretariat of which is held by NEN.

This European Standard shall be given the status of a national standard, either by publication of an identical text or by endorsement, at the latest by November 2005, and conflicting national standards shall be withdrawn at the latest by November 2005.

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## Introduction

The technology of bar coding is based on the recognition of patterns encoded in bars and spaces of defined dimensions. There are a number of methods of encoding information in bar code form, known as symbologies, and the rules defining the translation of characters into bar and space patterns and other essential features are known as the symbology specifications. "Code 16K" is one such symbology.

Previously, symbology specifications have been developed and published by a number of different private organisations, resulting in certain instances in conflicting requirements for certain symbologies.

Manufacturers of bar code equipment and users of bar code technology require publicly available standard symbology specifications to which they can refer when developing equipment and application standards.

## 1 Scope

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## 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 1556:1998, *Bar coding — Terminology*

EN ISO/IEC 15416, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture techniques — Bar code print quality test specification — Linear symbols (ISO/IEC 15416:2000)*

ISO/IEC 646:1991, *Information technology — ISO 7-bit coded character set for information interchange*

ISO/IEC 8859-1:1998, *Information technology — 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets — Part 1: Latin alphabet No. 1*

ISO/IEC 15424, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture techniques — Data Carrier Identifiers (including Symbology Identifiers)*

EAN•UCC *General Specifications (EAN International, Brussels)*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this European Standard, the terms and definitions given in EN 1556:1998 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### **guard bar**

additional bar used to separate the trailing space of a start character from the leading space of the first symbol character in a row

### 3.2

#### **mode character**

symbol character in the first position after the start character in the first row of a symbol, used to define the initial code set and any implied special characters

### 3.3

#### **separator bar**

horizontal bar separating two rows of a symbol or abutting the top or bottom of the first or last row respectively