
**Technical product documentation —
Protection notices for restricting the use of
documents and products**

*Documentation technique de produits — Symboles et clauses de protection
utilisés pour les documents et produits dont l'usage est réservé*



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Introduction

The existence of document and product protection, as well as its extent, is primarily oriented towards fulfilling the requirements of industrial property rights and copyright law. In order to draw the attention of users to this legally provided protection, additional safeguards are recommended through the use of protection notices that forestall the improper use of documents and products.

Normally, full protection is afforded only by appropriate contractual agreements between the involved parties. The protection notices specified in this International Standard serve to warn and explain. They are designed to facilitate the furnishing of proof and offer additional safeguards to authors and holders of commercial protection rights.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the protection notices which serve to prevent the improper use of documents and products whose usage is restricted.

With the benefit of a uniform text, protection notices draw attention to the existence of an industrial property right or copyright. Furthermore, they clearly show that the owner of the right claims legal protection to the fullest extent and, in addition to this, they restrict the utilization of the documents or products concerned.

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WIPO Standard ST.16, *Standard code for the identification of different kinds of patent documents*.

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following terms and definitions apply.

3.1

document

any medium with information recorded on or in it.

[ISO/IEC Guide 2:1996, definition 3.1, note 2]^[1]

NOTE This definition covers paper documents, electronic data, software programmes, graphics, videos and recorded sounds.

3.2

product

a thing or substance produced by a natural or artificial process

[ISO 10303-1:1994]^[2]