
Packaging — Vocabulary

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Foreword

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Introduction

This vocabulary was compiled from various sources, including the following:

- American National Standards Institute (ANSI)
- American Society for Testing & Materials (ASTM D 996)
- Australian Standards (AS 2400)
- British Standards Institution (BS 3130-1)
- Deutsches Institut für Normung (DIN 55405)
- European Packaging Federation (EPF)
- South African Bureau of Standards (SABS)
- NATO STANAG AAP-23

This International Standard is intended to be used as a source document within the global community. This inventory of terms will be useful in a multilingual thesaurus showing concept relationships as well as terms in other languages. Work on this proposed standard, begun in 1987, has been under convenorship of ANSI since 1995 as ISO/TC 122, Working Group 5, *Terminology and vocabulary*.

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies preferred terms and definitions related to packaging and materials handling, for use in international commerce.

For packaging designed for the transport of dangerous goods, terms and definitions are given in the United Nations Recommendations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods^[9].

2 Terms and definitions

2.1 Basic terms

2.1.1

packaging

⟨product⟩ any product to be used for the containment, protection, handling, delivery, storage, transport and presentation of goods, from raw materials to processed goods, from the producer to the user or consumer, including processor, assembler or other intermediary

2.1.2

packaging

⟨operation⟩ operations involved in the preparation of goods for containment, protection, handling, delivery, storage, transport and presentation of goods, from raw materials to processed goods, from the producer to the user or consumer

NOTE The term includes preservation, packing, marking and unitization.

2.1.3

pack, noun

package, noun

packaging (2.1.1) and its contents

2.1.4

pack, verb

package, verb

create a package (2.1.3)

2.2 General terms

2.2.1

container

shipping container

⟨for transport⟩ article of transport equipment strong enough to be suitable for repeated use and specially designed to facilitate the carriage of goods by one or more means of transport without breakage of load

NOTE 1 Adapted from RID/ADR regulations^{[7] [8]}.

NOTE 2 The phrase "without breakage of load" means that the container is handled as a single unit during transit.