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layouts for text and office systems —**

**Part 2:
Alphanumeric section**

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ISO/IEC 9995 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology — Keyboard layouts for text and office systems*:

- *Part 1: General principles governing keyboard layouts*
- *Part 2: Alphanumeric section*
- *Part 3: Complementary layouts of the alphanumeric zone of the alphanumeric section*
- *Part 4: Numeric section*
- *Part 5: Editing section*
- *Part 6: Function section*
- *Part 7: Symbols used to represent functions*
- *Part 8: Allocation of letters to the keys of a numeric keypad*

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Part 2: Alphanumeric section

1 Scope

Within the general scope described in part 1 of ISO/IEC 9995, this part of ISO/IEC 9995 specifies the alphanumeric section of a keyboard and the division of that section into zones, the arrangement, the number, and the location of the keys in the alphanumeric zone Z_{AO} of the alphanumeric section as well as the layout and allocation of several control functions to the keys in the function zones of the alphanumeric section.

2 Conformance

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3 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO/IEC 9995. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this part of ISO/IEC 9995 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

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

ISO/IEC 9995-1:1994, *Information technology — Keyboard layouts for text and office systems — Part 1: General principles governing keyboard layouts*

ISO/IEC 10646-1:2000, *Information technology — Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set (UCS) — Part 1: Architecture and Basic Multilingual Plane* and its Amendment 1 (to be published)

4 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this part of ISO/IEC 9995, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 9995-1 apply.

5 Arrangement and location

The alphanumeric section is located to the right of and below a part of the function section and to the left of the editing and the numeric sections, see ISO/IEC 9995-1; its extent is from column 99 to column 15.