

**Leather - Requirements for the designation and description of leather in upholstery and automotive interior applications**

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Cuir - Exigences relatives à la désignation et à la description du cuir pour garniture et applications liées à l'intérieur des automobiles

Leder - Anforderungen an Bezeichnung und Beschreibung von Leder für Polsterungen und die Innenausstattung von Automobilen

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## **Introduction**

This European Standard 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 and automotive applications (Hong Kong, 30 March 2009).

In the absence of national regulations this document provides the furniture and car 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 European Standard specifies requirements for the designations and descriptions that should be used in public or commercial communications, labels or product descriptions when leather is used in upholstered furniture and automotive interior applications.

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

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

EN 15987:2011, *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 15987:2011 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### **seat or chair**

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

### 3.2

#### **suite**

combined pieces of upholstered furniture intended for sitting purposes comprising contact and non contact areas

### 3.3

#### **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

### 3.4

#### **contact area**

area of the seat or upholstered furniture, that comes into contact with the body including the horizontal sitting cover, arm rests and vertical seat back

### 3.5

#### **non-contact area**

area of a seat or upholstered furniture that is not intended for sitting purposes including areas on the outsides and backs of the seat or upholstered furniture

### 3.6

#### **automotive interior**

compartment in an automotive vehicle comprising at least seats, dashboard, panels, and centre console