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0 Introduction

This International Standard is intended to reduce the innumerable dimensions of cotton bales. Standardization of the dimensions of bales of man-made fibres might be the subject of a future International Standard.

The dimensions specified in this International Standard are founded on technological and transportation requirements, which include the following considerations:

- the specified density of the bale represents a good compromise between compact storage and reliable and regular opening and mixing of the bales;
- the height of the unbanded bale should not be specified, since the height it assumes is governed by fibre characteristics, moisture and density;
- the box dimensions of the baling press should be decided by the baling press manufacturers;
- stacking of the bales on end, to avoid compression and distortion;
- optimum container utilization for transportation;
- minimum energy cost for bale pressing.

For stable stacking, bales should be stacked with their height H horizontal.

For cross-wise piling, a length-to-height or a length-to-width ratio of 2:1 is ideal.

This International Standard should be considered for all new installations of bale presses.

1 Scope and field of application

This International Standard lays down the nominal overall dimensions and the bale density of banded cotton bales. It applies to the shaping and forming, the transport and the opening of the bales. It does not apply to wrapping, to banding, and to the marking of bales.

2 Reference

ISO 668, *Series 1 freight containers — Classification, external dimensions and ratings*.