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CANCELLATION AREA

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BRIEF HISTORY

The ISO Recommendation R 415, *Enveloppes, Postcards and Similar Articles — Cancellation Area*, was drawn up by Technical Committee ISO/TC 6, *Paper*, the Secretariat of which is held by the Association Française de Normalisation (AFNOR).

Work on this question by the Technical Committee began in 1962 and led, in 1963, to the adoption of a Draft ISO Recommendation.

In June 1963, this Draft ISO Recommendation (No. 589) was circulated to all the ISO Member Bodies for enquiry. It was approved, subject to a few modifications of an editorial nature, by the following Member Bodies:

Belgium	India	Romania
Chile	Indonesia	Sweden
Colombia	Israel	Switzerland
Czechoslovakia	Morocco	Turkey
Denmark	Netherlands	U.A.R.
Finland	New Zealand	United Kingdom
France	Poland	U.S.A.
Germany	Republic of Korea	Yugoslavia

Six Member Bodies opposed the approval of the Draft.

Australia	Norway
Canada	Portugal
Italy	U.S.S.R.

The Draft ISO Recommendation was then submitted by correspondence to the ISO Council, which decided, in March 1965, to accept it as an ISO RECOMMENDATION.

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1. OBJECT AND SCOPE

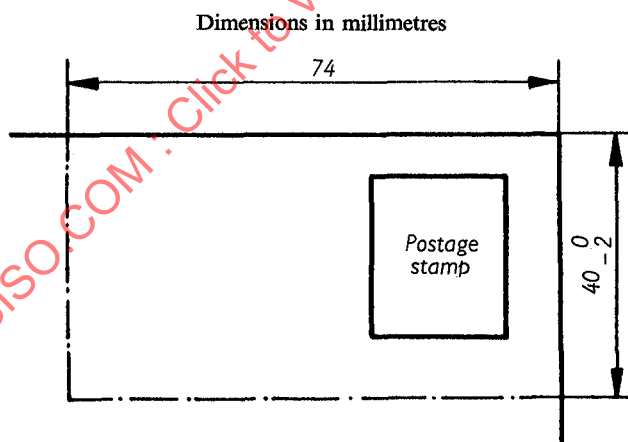
The object of this ISO Recommendation is to lay down the area on envelopes, postcards and similar articles, which is to be reserved for affixing the postage stamp(s) and the cancellation mark used by postal administrations.

2. SPECIFICATIONS

On envelopes, postcards and similar articles, the cancelling and despatch of which is entrusted to the postal services, it is recommended that an area should be reserved where the postage stamp(s) can be affixed and the cancellation mark can appear; this should be at the top right-hand corner of the face bearing the addressee's address (recto according to postal terminology).

This area should have the following characteristics (see figure below):

- height from the top edge $40 \begin{smallmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \end{smallmatrix}$ mm
- length from the right-hand edge, measured parallel to the top edge 74 mm



NOTE. — In principle, the cancellation mark obtained by a cancelling machine is composed of a date stamp and an obliteration mark reproducing one of the following:

- wavy lines,
- propaganda wording,
- propaganda pattern accompanied by a succinct text.