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GEOTEXTILES AND GEOTEXTILE-RELATED PRODUCTS — DETERMINATION OF THE CHARACTERISTIC OPENING SIZE (WET SIEVING)

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NATIONAL FOREWORD

(*Formal clauses will be added later*)

This Indian Standard intended to be adopted is identical with ISO 12956 : 2019 'Geotextiles and geotextile-related products — Determination of the characteristic opening size (wet sieving)' issued by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

The conditioning temperature of (20 ± 2) °C as specified in International Standard is not suitable for tropical countries like India where the atmospheric temperature is normally much higher than 20 °C. It is almost impossible to maintain this temperature specially during summer when the atmospheric temperature rises even up to 50 °C. In view of the above, IS 6359 : 2023 'Method for conditioning of textiles (first revision)' which specifies a temperature of (27 ± 2) °C for conditioning of the test specimens for the tropical countries like India shall be referred.

The text of ISO Standard has been approved as suitable for publication as an Indian Standard without deviations. Certain conventions are, however, not identical to those used in Indian Standards. Attention is particularly drawn to the following:

a) Wherever the words 'International Standard' appear referring to this standard, they should be read as 'Indian Standard'.
b) Comma (,) has been used as a decimal marker while in Indian Standards, the current practice is to use a point (.) as the decimal marker.

In the standard intended to be adopted, reference appears to certain International Standards for which Indian Standards also exist. The corresponding Indian Standards which are to be substituted in their respective places are listed below along with their degree of equivalence for the editions indicated:

International Standard	*Corresponding Indian Standard*	*Degree of Equivalence*
ISO 9862, Geosynthetics — Sampling and preparation of test specimens	IS 14706 : 2024 Geosynthetics — Sampling and preparation of test specimens (*first revision*)	Identical
ISO 10320, Geotextiles and geotextile-related products — Identification on site	IS 17421 : 2020 Geosynthetics — Identification on site	Identical

In reporting the result of a test or analysis made in accordance with this standard, if the final value, observed or calculated, is to be rounded off, it shall be done in accordance with IS 2 : 2022 'Rules for rounding off numerical values (*second revision*)'.

EXTRACT OF ISO 12956 : 2019 GEOTEXTILES AND GEOTEXTILE-RELATED PRODUCTS — DETERMINATION OF THE CHARACTERISTIC OPENING SIZE (WET SIEVING)

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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 221, *Geosynthetics*.

This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 12956:2010), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- the average used in order to select the number of specimens is modified (25 % to 15 %);
- explanations are given for the preparation of knitted tubular geotextiles.

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1 Scope

This document specifies a method for the determination of the characteristic size of the openings of a single layer of a geotextile or geotextile-related product using the wet-sieving principle.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

- ISO 9862, *Geosynthetics — Sampling and preparation of test specimens*
- ISO 10320, *Geosynthetics — Identification on site*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at https://www.iso.org/obp
- IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

3.1
d_n

particle size for which *n* % mass fraction is smaller than the mass of measured particles

3.2

O_{90}

size of opening which is equal to the particle of size d_{90} of the granular material which passes through the geotextile or geotextile-related product, expressed in µm

3.3

C_u

coefficient of uniformity, defined as d_{60}/d_{10}

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