
**Size designation of clothes —
Part 2: Primary and secondary
dimension indicators**

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Foreword

This Ethiopian Standard has been prepared under the direction of Technical Committee for Made-up-Textiles & Ready-Made Garments(TC 72) and published by the Ethiopian Standards Agency (ESA).

The standard is identical with ISO 8559-2:2017 *Size designation of clothes- Part 2: Primary and secondary dimension indicators*, published by the International Organization for Standardization(ISO).

For the purpose of this Ethiopian Standard , the adopted ISO text shall be modified as follows:

- The phrase “International Standard” shall be read as “Ethiopian Standard” and
- A full stop (.) shall substitute comma (,) as decimal maker.

Size designation of clothes —

Part 2:

Primary and secondary dimension indicators

1 Scope

This document specifies primary and secondary dimensions for specified types of garments to be used in combination with ISO 8559-1 (anthropometric definitions for body measurement).

The primary aim of this document is to establish a size designation system that can be used by manufacturers and retailers to indicate to consumers (in a simple, direct and meaningful manner) the body dimensions of the person that the garment is intended to fit. Provided that the size of the person's body (as indicated by the specified dimensions) has been determined in accordance with ISO 8559-1, this designation system will facilitate the choice of garments that fit. This information can be indicated by labelling, etc.

The size designation system is based on body measurements, not garment measurements. The choice of garment measurements is normally determined by the designer and the manufacturers who make appropriate allowances to accommodate the type and position of wear, style, cut and fashion elements of the garment.

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 8559-1, *Size designation of clothes — Anthropometric definitions for body measurement*

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:

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

3.1

primary dimension

body dimension, in centimetres, that is used to designate the size of a garment for the consumer

3.2

secondary dimension

body dimension, in centimetres (or in the case of pantyhose, body mass in kilograms), that can additionally be used to designate the size of a garment for the consumer

3.3

cup size

difference between the bust girth and the underbust girth

Note 1 to entry: See ISO 8559-1:2017, 5.7.7.

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