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## STRETCHERS, STRETCHER CARRIERS AND HOSPITAL TROLLEYS DIMENSIONS

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## BRIEF HISTORY

The ISO Recommendation R 168, Stretchers, Stretcher Carriers and Hospital Trolleys. Dimensions, was drawn up by Technical Committee ISO/TC 75, Stretchers and Stretcher Carriers, the Secretariat of which is held by the British Standards Institution (B.S.I.).

This Technical Committee was set up in 1950, following a proposal from the British Standards Institution to undertake the "standardization of those dimensions of stretchers and of stretcher carriers in ambulances, essential to secure interchangeability".

In October 1950, the ISO/TC 75 Secretariat submitted to the Members of the Technical Committee a draft proposal, which was later, in April 1952, distributed to all the ISO Member Bodies as a first Draft ISO Recommendation (No. 11).

The numerous observations sent in during this first consultation led to extensive correspondence among the Members of the Technical Committee and reached a conclusion with the drawing up of a revised text which was discussed at the first plenary meeting of Technical Committee ISO/TC 75, held in London, in October 1957.

This revised text was thereafter circulated to the Members of the Technical Committee in March 1958, and was duly approved by postal ballot as the second Draft ISO Recommendation (No. 11).

On 22 May 1959, the Second Draft ISO Recommendation (No. 11) was distributed to all the ISO Member Bodies and was approved by the following Member Bodies:

Burma	Ireland	Portugal
Chile	Israel	Spain
France	Italy	United Kingdom
Germany	Japan	Yugoslavia
Greece	Netherlands	
India	New Zealand	

No Member Body opposed the approval of the Draft.

The Draft ISO Recommendation was then submitted by correspondence to the ISO Council, which decided, in December 1960, to accept it as an ISO RECOMMENDATION.