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### Part 4: General purpose containers (ISO 1496-1:2013, MOD)

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## PREFACE

This Standard was prepared by the Joint Standards Australia/Standards New Zealand Committee ME-068, Freight Containers, to supersede AS/NZS 3711.4:1993, *Freight containers, Part 4: General purpose containers*. After consultation with stakeholders in both countries, Standards Australia and Standards New Zealand decided to develop this Standard as an Australian Standard rather than an Australian/New Zealand Standard.

The objective of this Standard is to provide the basic specifications and testing requirements for freight containers of the totally enclosed general purpose types and certain specific purpose types which are suitable for international exchange and for conveyance of goods by road, rail and sea, including interchange between these forms of transport.

The objective of this revision is to adopt the latest edition of the corresponding International Standard.

This Standard is an adoption with national modifications and has been reproduced from ISO 1496-1:2013, *Series 1 freight containers—Specification and testing, Part 1: General purpose containers for general purposes*. Appendix ZZ lists the variations to ISO 1496-1:2013 for the application of this Standard in Australia.

Additional Appendix ZA has been added to specify the dimensions of straddle lifting areas.

This Standard is Part 4 of the AS(/NZS) 3711 series. The series comprises the following:

## AS

- 3711 Freight containers
- 3711.1 Part 1: Classification, dimensions and ratings (ISO 668:2013, MOD)
- 3711.2 Part 2: Terminology (ISO 830:1999, MOD)
- 3711.3 Part 3: Corner fittings (ISO 1161:1984, MOD)
- 3711.4 Part 4: General purpose containers (ISO 1496-1:2013, MOD) (this Standard)
- 3711.5 Part 5: Thermal containers (ISO 1496-2:2008, MOD)
- 3711.6 Part 6: Tank containers
- 3711.8 Part 8: Platform containers
- 3711.9 Part 9: Coding, identification and marking
- 3711.10 Part 10: Handling and securing

## AS/NZS

- 3711 Freight containers
- 3711.7 Part 7: Dry bulk containers

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- (a) In the source text ‘this part of ISO 1496’ should read ‘this Australian Standard’.
- (b) A full point substitutes for a comma when referring to a decimal marker.

References to International Standards should be replaced by references to Australian Standards, as follows:

<i>Reference to International Standard</i>	<i>Australian Standard</i>
ISO	AS
668 Series 1 freight containers—Classification, dimensions and ratings	3711 Freight containers 3711.1 Part 1: Classification, dimensions and ratings (ISO 668:2013, MOD)
830 Freight containers—Vocabulary	3711.2 Part 2: Terminology (ISO 830:1999, MOD)

1161 Series 1 freight containers—Corner fittings—Specification	3711.3 Part 3: Corner fittings (ISO 1161:1984, MOD)
6346 Freight containers—Coding, identification and marking	3711.9 Part 9: Coding, identification and marking

Only normative references that have been adopted as Australian Standards have been listed.

The term 'normative' has been used in this Standard to define the application of the annex or appendix to which it applies. A 'normative' annex or appendix is an integral part of a Standard.

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## INTRODUCTION

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NOTE 1 Container types 90 to 99 are reserved for air/surface containers; see ISO 8323.

NOTE 2 The following conversions can be useful when using this part of ISO 1496:

— 5 mm = 3/16 in

— 6 mm = 1/4 in

— 75 mm = 3 in  
75 mm = 1/2 in + 3/16 in  
75 mm = 1/2 in - 1/13 in

— 125 mm = 5 in

— 150 mm = 6 in

— 200 mm = 8 in

— 250 mm = 10 in

— 300 mm = 12 in

— 350 mm = 14 in

— 400 mm = 16 in

— 450 mm = 18 in

— 500 mm = 20 in

— 550 mm = 22 in

— 600 mm = 24 in

— 650 mm = 26 in

— 700 mm = 28 in

— 750 mm = 30 in

— 800 mm = 32 in

— 850 mm = 34 in

— 900 mm = 36 in

— 950 mm = 38 in

— 1 000 mm = 40 in

— 1 050 mm = 42 in

— 1 100 mm = 44 in

— 1 150 mm = 46 in

— 1 200 mm = 48 in

— 1 250 mm = 50 in

— 1 300 mm = 52 in

— 1 350 mm = 54 in

— 1 400 mm = 56 in

— 1 450 mm = 58 in

— 1 500 mm = 60 in

— 1 550 mm = 62 in

— 1 600 mm = 64 in

— 1 650 mm = 66 in

— 1 700 mm = 68 in

— 1 750 mm = 70 in

— 1 800 mm = 72 in

— 1 850 mm = 74 in

— 1 900 mm = 76 in

— 1 950 mm = 78 in

— 2 000 mm = 80 in

— 2 050 mm = 82 in

— 2 100 mm = 84 in

— 2 150 mm = 86 in

— 2 200 mm = 88 in

— 2 250 mm = 90 in

— 2 300 mm = 92 in

— 2 350 mm = 94 in

— 2 400 mm = 96 in

— 2 450 mm = 98 in

— 2 500 mm = 100 in

— 2 550 mm = 102 in

— 2 600 mm = 104 in

— 2 650 mm = 106 in

— 2 700 mm = 108 in

— 2 750 mm = 110 in

— 2 800 mm = 112 in

— 2 850 mm = 114 in

— 2 900 mm = 116 in

— 2 950 mm = 118 in

— 3 000 mm = 120 in

— 3 050 mm = 122 in

— 3 100 mm = 124 in

— 3 150 mm = 126 in

— 3 200 mm = 128 in

— 3 250 mm = 130 in

— 3 300 mm = 132 in

— 3 350 mm = 134 in

— 3 400 mm = 136 in

— 3 450 mm = 138 in

— 3 500 mm = 140 in

— 3 550 mm = 142 in

— 3 600 mm = 144 in

— 3 650 mm = 146 in

— 3 700 mm = 148 in

— 3 750 mm = 150 in

— 3 800 mm = 152 in

— 3 850 mm = 154 in

— 3 900 mm = 156 in

— 3 950 mm = 158 in

— 4 000 mm = 160 in

— 4 050 mm = 162 in

— 4 100 mm = 164 in

— 4 150 mm = 166 in

— 4 200 mm = 168 in

— 4 250 mm = 170 in

— 4 300 mm = 172 in

— 4 350 mm = 174 in

— 4 400 mm = 176 in

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— 4 650 mm = 186 in

— 4 700 mm = 188 in

— 4 750 mm = 190 in

— 4 800 mm = 192 in

— 4 850 mm = 194 in

— 4 900 mm = 196 in

— 4 950 mm = 198 in

— 5 000 mm = 200 in

— 5 050 mm = 202 in

— 5 100 mm = 204 in

— 5 150 mm = 206 in

— 5 200 mm = 208 in

— 5 250 mm = 210 in

— 5 300 mm = 212 in

— 5 350 mm = 214 in

— 5 400 mm = 216 in

— 5 450 mm = 218 in

— 5 500 mm = 220 in

— 5 550 mm = 222 in

— 5 600 mm = 224 in

— 5 650 mm = 226 in

— 5 700 mm = 228 in

— 5 750 mm = 230 in

— 5 800 mm = 232 in

— 5 850 mm = 234 in

— 5 900 mm = 236 in

— 5 950 mm = 238 in

— 6 000 mm = 240 in

— 6 050 mm = 242 in

— 6 100 mm = 244 in

— 6 150 mm = 246 in

— 6 200 mm = 248 in

— 6 250 mm = 250 in

— 6 300 mm = 252 in

— 6 350 mm = 254 in

— 6 400 mm = 256 in

— 6 450 mm = 258 in

— 6 500 mm = 260 in

— 6 550 mm = 262 in

— 6 600 mm = 264 in

— 6 650 mm = 266 in

— 6 700 mm = 268 in

— 6 750 mm = 270 in

— 6 800 mm = 272 in

— 6 850 mm = 274 in

— 6 900 mm = 276 in

— 6 950 mm = 278 in

— 7 000 mm = 280 in

— 7 050 mm = 282 in

— 7 100 mm = 284 in

— 7 150 mm = 286 in

— 7 200 mm = 288 in

— 7 250 mm = 290 in

— 7 300 mm = 292 in

— 7 350 mm = 294 in

— 7 400 mm = 296 in

— 7 450 mm = 298 in

— 7 500 mm = 300 in

— 7 550 mm = 302 in

— 7 600 mm = 304 in

— 7 650 mm = 306 in

— 7 700 mm = 308 in

— 7 750 mm = 310 in

— 7 800 mm = 312 in

— 7 850 mm = 314 in

— 7 900 mm = 316 in

— 7 950 mm = 318 in

— 8 000 mm = 320 in

— 8 050 mm = 322 in

— 8 100 mm = 324 in

— 8 150 mm = 326 in

— 8 200 mm = 328 in

— 8 250 mm = 330 in

— 8 300 mm = 332 in

— 8 350 mm = 334 in

— 8 400 mm = 336 in

— 8 450 mm = 338 in

— 8 500 mm = 340 in

— 8 550 mm = 342 in

— 8 600 mm = 344 in

— 8 650 mm = 346 in

— 8 700 mm = 348 in

— 8 750 mm = 350 in

— 8 800 mm = 352 in

— 8 850 mm = 354 in

— 8 900 mm = 356 in

— 8 950 mm = 358 in

— 9 000 mm = 360 in

— 9 050 mm = 362 in

— 9 100 mm = 364 in

— 9 150 mm = 366 in

— 9 200 mm = 368 in

— 9 250 mm = 370 in

— 9 300 mm = 372 in

— 9 350 mm = 374 in

— 9 400 mm = 376 in

— 9 450 mm = 378 in

— 9 500 mm = 380 in

— 9 550 mm = 382 in

— 9 600 mm = 384 in

— 9 650 mm = 386 in

— 9 700 mm = 388 in

— 9 750 mm = 390 in

— 9 800 mm = 392 in

— 9 850 mm = 394 in

— 9 900 mm = 396 in

— 9 950 mm = 398 in

— 10 000 mm = 400 in

— 10 050 mm = 402 in

— 10 100 mm = 404 in

— 10 150 mm = 406 in

— 10 200 mm = 408 in

— 10 250 mm = 410 in

— 10 300 mm = 412 in

— 10 350 mm = 414 in

— 10 400 mm = 416 in

— 10 450 mm = 418 in

— 10 500 mm = 420 in

— 10 550 mm = 422 in

— 10 600 mm = 424 in

— 10 650 mm = 426 in

— 10 700 mm = 428 in

— 10 750 mm = 430 in

— 10 800 mm = 432 in

— 10 850 mm

- 2 134 mm = 7 ft
- 2 261 mm = 7 ft 5 in
- 2 286 mm = 7 ft 6 in

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## AUSTRALIAN STANDARD

**Freight containers**

## Part 4:

## General purpose containers (ISO 1496-1:2013, MOD)

**1 Scope**

**1.1** This part of ISO 1496 specifies the basic specifications and testing requirements for ISO series 1 freight containers of the totally enclosed general purpose types and certain specific purpose types (closed, vented, ventilated or open top) which are suitable for international exchange and for interchange by road, rail and sea, including interchange between these forms of transport.

**1.2** The container types covered by this part of ISO 1496 are given in [Table 1](#).

**Table 1 — Container types (in accordance with ISO 6346:1995, Amd 3:2012, Table E 1)**

Code	Type designation	Type group code
G	General purpose container without ventilation	GP
V	General purpose container with ventilation	VH
U	Open-top Container	UT
B	Dry Bulk Cargo non-pressurized, box type	BU
S	Named Cargo	SN

This part of ISO 1496 does not cover ventilation arrangements, either vented or ventilated.

**1.3** The marking requirements for these containers are given in ISO 6346:1995, Amd 3:2012.

**2 Normative reference**

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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 668:1995, *Series 1 freight containers — Classification, dimensions and ratings*

ISO 830:1999, *Freight containers — Vocabulary*

ISO 11711:1994, *Series 1 freight containers — Corner fittings — Specification*

ISO 6346:1995, *Freight containers — Coding, identification and marking*

ISO 117712, *Freight containers — Mechanical seals*

**3 Terms and definitions**

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 830 apply.