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## **EAST AFRICAN STANDARD**

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**Leg band for poultry — Specification**

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## Foreword

Development of the East African Standards has been necessitated by the need for harmonizing requirements governing quality of products and services in East Africa. It is envisaged that through harmonized standardization, trade barriers which are encountered when goods and services are exchanged within the Community will be removed.

In order to meet the above objectives, the EAC Partner States have enacted an East African Standardization, Quality Assurance, Metrology and Test Act, 2006 (EAC SQMT Act, 2006) to make provisions for ensuring standardization, quality assurance, metrology and testing of products produced or originating in a third country and traded in the Community in order to facilitate industrial development and trade as well as helping to protect the health and safety of society and the environment in the Community.

East African Standards are formulated in accordance with the procedures established by the East African Standards Committee. The East African Standards Committee is established under the provisions of Article 4 of the EAC SQMT Act, 2006. The Committee is composed of representatives of the National Standards Bodies in Partner States, together with the representatives from the private sectors and consumer organizations. Draft East African Standards are circulated to stakeholders through the National Standards Bodies in the Partner States. The comments received are discussed and incorporated before finalization of standards, in accordance with the procedures of the Community.

Article 15(1) of the EAC SQMT Act, 2006 provides that "Within six months of the declaration of an East African Standard, the Partner States shall adopt, without deviation from the approved text of the standard, the East African Standard as a national standard and withdraw any existing national standard with similar scope and purpose".

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## Introduction

In the preparation of this East African Standard, the following sources were consulted extensively:

IS 6545:1972(R2000), *Specification for Leg Band for Poultry*

Codex Alimentarius website: [http://www.codexalimentarius.net/mrls/vetdrugs/jsp/vetd\\_q-e.jsp](http://www.codexalimentarius.net/mrls/vetdrugs/jsp/vetd_q-e.jsp)

USDA Foreign Agricultural Service website: <http://www.mrlatabase.com>

USDA Agricultural Marketing Service website: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSV1.0/Standards>

European Union: [http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/pharmaceuticals/veterinary-use/maximum-residue-limits/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/sectors/pharmaceuticals/veterinary-use/maximum-residue-limits/index_en.htm)

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### 1 Scope

This East African Standard specifies requirements for leg bands for poultry.

### 2 Normative references

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 6361-1, *Wrought aluminium and aluminium alloy sheets, strips and plates — Part 1: Technical conditions for inspection and delivery*

ISO 6361-2, *Wrought aluminium and aluminium alloy sheets, strips and plates — Part 2: Mechanical properties*

ISO 6361-3, *Wrought aluminium and aluminium alloy sheets, strips and plates — Part 3: Strips — Tolerances on shape and dimensions*

ISO 6361-4, *Wrought aluminium and aluminium alloy sheets, strips and plates — Part 4: Sheets and plates — Tolerances on form and dimensions*

### 3 Dimensions

As shown in Figure 1.

### 3 Materials

Aluminium, 0.63 mm, fully annealed.

### 4 Other Requirements

#### 4.1 Embossing

The numbers shall be embossed in the middle of the band (see Figure 1) and shall be easily visible from a distance. The numbering pattern and colour shall be as agreed to between the purchaser and the vendor.

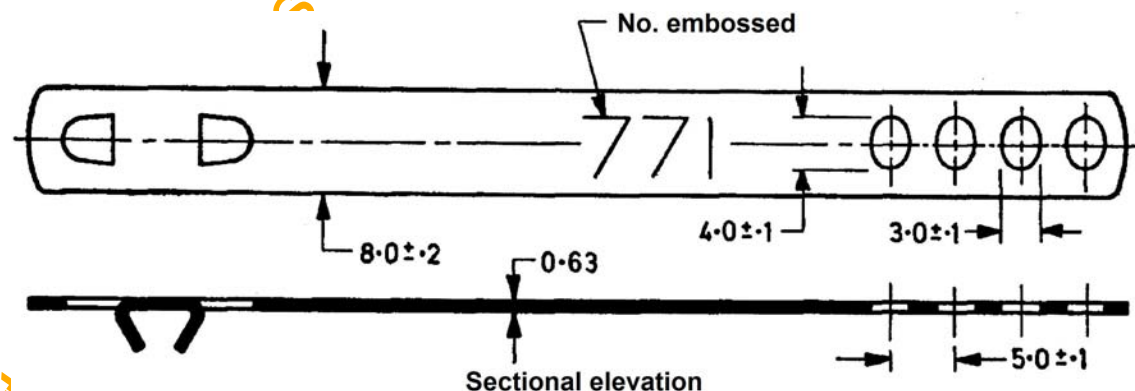


Figure 1 — Leg band for poultry

**4.2 Holes**

There shall be 4 holes at one end in the centre of the sheet to adjust according to the size of the leg of birds and at the other end, there shall be projections to engage two adjacent holes. The projections shall be flat and shall not either drawn out or cupped. The bases of the projections shall be free from cracks and sharp turns. The distance between the centres of the two consecutive holes shall be not less than 5 mm. The distance between the end of the sheet and the first hole shall be not less than 3 mm.

**5 Marking**

**5.1** The leg bands shall be clearly marked with the manufacturer's name or brand.

**5.2** Each leg band may also be marked with a Certification Mark.

**6 Packing**

The leg bands shall be packed in small cardboard boxes or wooden boxes or the packing may be done as agreed to between the purchaser and the supplier.

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