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1 Scope

This Draft East African Standard specifies the contents, packaging and marking of first aid kits intended for providing immediate and effective first aid treatment of injuries and sudden illnesses.

The standard does not apply to medical kits.

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 7010, *Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs — Registered safety signs*

ISO 3864 (all parts), *Graphical symbols — Safety colours and safety signs*

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 http://www.iso.org/obp

— IEC Electropedia: available at http://www.electropedia.org/

first aid kit
collection of essential supplies and equipment tailored to a specific environment used to provide immediate, short-term medical care before professional treatment is obtained

4 Classification

4.1 First aid kit shall be classified based on the following

a) risk;

b) needs assessment; and

c) different work places.

4.2 First aid kit may be classified as below:

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a) Class A first aid kits, intended to provide a basic range of products to deal with most common types of injuries encountered including: major wounds, minor wounds (cuts and abrasions), minor burns and eye injuries; and

b) Class B first aid kits, intended to provide broader range and quantity of supplies to deal with injuries encountered in more populated, complex and/or high-risk environments.

4.3 The classification shall be based on low-risk places, high-risk places as well as the number of people to be catered for as shown below:

a) low-risk such as shops, offices and libraries;

b) high-risk such as light engineering and assembly work, food processing, warehousing, extensive work with dangerous machinery or sharp instruments, construction and chemical manufacture; and.

c) based on risk, choose the appropriate first aid kit as shown below:

4.4 The classification shall be based on usage guideline as given below:

4.4.1 Small kit usage guidelines

a) low-risk Less than 25 employees; and

b) high-risk Less than 5 employees

4.4.2 Medium kit usage guidelines

a) low-risk 26 to 100 employees; and

b) high-risk 6 to 25 employees

4.4.3 Large kit usage guidelines

a) low-risk 1 Large Kit per 101 employees; and

b) high-risk 1 Large Kit per 26 employees

5 Requirements

5.1 General requirements

First aid kit items shall be intact and undamaged and shall be free from rust, discoloration and leakage.

5.2 Minimum quantities of first aid kit contents

First aid kit shall contain the minimum quantities of contents given in Table 1

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Table 1 — Minimum quantities of contents for the first aid kit

S.N	First aid kit content		Minimum quantity		Minimum size or volume
			Class A	Class B	
i.	Adhesive bandage		16	50	2.5 cm x 7.5 cm
ii.	Adhesive tape		1	2	2.3 m
iii.	Antibiotic		10	25	0.5 g
iv.	Antiseptic		10	50	0.5 g
v.	Breathing barrier		1	1	
vi.	Burn dressing (gel soaked)		1	2	10 cm x 10 cm
vii.	Burn treatment		10	25	0.9 g
viii.	Cold pack		1	2	10 cm x 12.5 cm
ix.	Eye covering, with means of attachment		2	2	19 sq. cm
x.	Eye/skin wash		29.6 ml	118.3 ml	N/A
xi.	First aid guide		1	1	N/A
xii.	Hand sanitizer		6	10	0.9 g
xiii.	Medical examination gloves; medium (size 7 and 7.5) and large (size 8 and 8.5)		1 box of each size	1 box of each size	N/A
xiv.	Roller bandage	2 inch	1	2	5 cm x 3.66 m
		4 inch	0	1	10 cm x 3.66 m
xv.	Scissors		1	1	N/A
xvi.	Splint		0	1	10.2 cm x 61 cm
xvii.	Sterile pad		0	1	7.5 cm x 7.5 cm
xviii.	Tourniquet		0	1	2.5 cm (width)
xix.	Trauma pad		2	4	12.7 cm x 22.9 cm
xx.	Triangular bandage		1	2	101 cm x 101 cm x 142 cm

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6 Packaging

6.1 Each first aid kit shall be packaged in a durable container such that rapid access to each content is made possible.

6.2 Care shall be taken to ensure that the material from which the container is fabricated is suitable for the environment for which the first aid kit is intended with respect to the possible effect of ambient temperature and humidity on the deterioration of any of the contents.

6.3 Each first aid kit shall contain a packing list.

7 Labelling

7.1 Each package shall be legibly and indelibly labelled with the name of the product as “First aid kit”.

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7.2 Each item of first aid kit contents shall be clearly labelled with the following information:

a) name of product as “First aid kit”;

b) name and physical address of the manufacturer or distributor;

c) date of manufacture;

d) date of expiry; and

e) batch number

7.3 Items in the first aid kit that do not require an expiry date should be identifiable, regularly inspected for cleanliness, damage, and proper functionality to ensure they are fit for use when needed.

7.4 Each kit and/or location shall be visibly marked as a place where first aid supplies are located.

7.5 First aid kit symbol shall be labelled as given in figure 1 below:

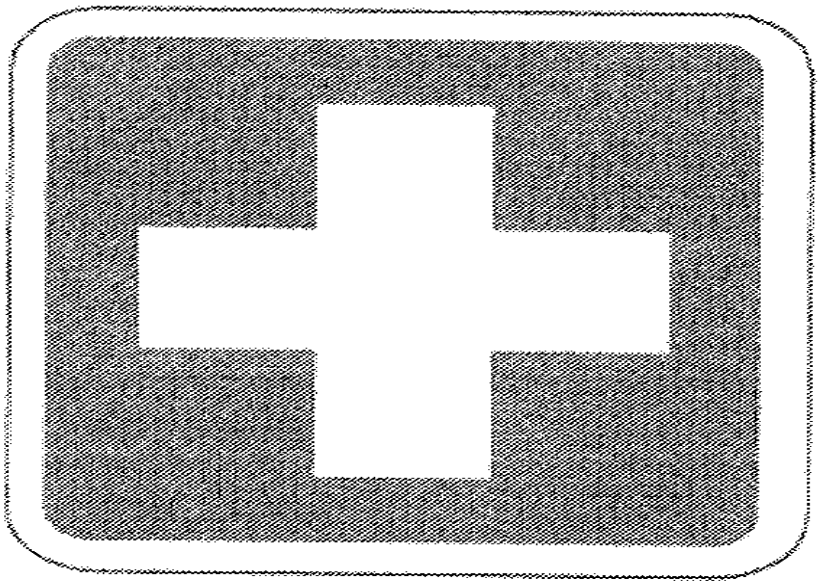

Figure 1 — First aid kit symbol

7.6 The colour of the symbol shall be green colour and the cross white colour in accordance with ISO 7010 and ISO 3864.

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