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auf Geräten und Einrichtungen -
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- some freedom is given for use of the basic pattern such as for symbol originals to be within the 75 mm square instead of the octagon;
- Annex A (normative) is newly introduced for provisions on title, description and notes;
- the nature of notes is changed to be purely informative; and
- Clause 10 in EN 80416-1:2001 is moved to Annex C (informative).

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IEC 60417	Data-base	Graphical symbols for use on equipment	-	-
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ISO/IEC Guide 74	- ¹⁾	Graphical symbols - Technical guidelines for the consideration of consumers' needs	-	-
ISO 7000	- ¹⁾	Graphical symbols for use on equipment - Index and synopsis	-	-
ISO/IEC 80416-2	- ¹⁾	Basic principles for graphical symbols for use on equipment - Part 2: Form and use of arrows	EN 80416-2	2001 ²⁾

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Part 1: Creation of graphical symbols for registration

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This International Standard has been prepared in co-operation with ISO/TC145/SC 3.

It is published as a double logo standard.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition published in 2001. This edition constitutes a technical revision.

This edition includes the following significant technical changes with respect to the previous edition:

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- h) Clause 10 in the previous edition is moved to Annex C (informative).

It has the status of a horizontal standard in accordance with IEC Guide 108.

The text of this standard is based on the following documents:

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This publication has been drafted in accordance with the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2.

In order to collect all requirements concerning relevant basic principles within one single numerical series, ISO technical committee 145: Graphical symbols and IEC technical committee 3 agreed to publish all parts of this International Standard within the 80416 series. The Technical Management Board of ISO and the Standardization Management Board of IEC have decided that, for each part of this series, one organisation shall be chosen responsible. The technical committees involved have agreed not to change any part of International Standard 80416 without mutual agreement.

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- Part 1: 2008, Creation of graphical symbols for registration (*published by IEC*)
- Part 2: 2001, Form and use of arrows (*published by ISO*)
- Part 3: 2002, Guidelines for the application of graphical symbols (*published by IEC*)
- Part 4: 2005, Guidelines for the adaptation of graphical symbols for use on screen and displays (icons) (*published by ISO*)

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INTRODUCTION

A graphical symbol is defined as a visually perceptible figure with a particular meaning used to transmit information independently of language. Graphical symbols are used on equipment for a wide range of purposes. The understanding of such symbols can be improved by consistent design. This is particularly important where families of symbols are used in one location or on similar equipment. Good design also helps to maintain the legibility of symbols when they are reduced to small dimensions for application. Thus, there is a need to standardize the principles for creating graphical symbols for use on equipment to ensure visual clarity, to maintain consistency and thereby to improve recognition.

International Standard 80416 is a multi-part standard which provides basic principles and guidelines for the creation of graphical symbols for use on equipment (Parts 1 and 2) and also principles and guidelines for adapting registered graphical symbols for use in practice (Parts 3 and 4).

This part of the multi-part standard addresses the basic rules used to create graphical symbols for use on equipment, including line widths, negation elements, and the use of the basic pattern. These design principles should be applied to all graphical symbols for use on equipment. They are required for graphical symbols for registration in IEC 60417 and ISO 7000.

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