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- old [subclause 4.1](#) has been removed, as definitions are contained in ISO 3874;
- the header of [subclause 4.2](#) has been amended to the more specific “Dimensions for manual and semi-automatic twistlocks”;
- new sub-clauses [4.3](#), [4.4.1](#) and [4.4.2](#) have been added.

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Introduction

The methods of handling and securing series 1 freight containers built and tested in accordance with the latest editions of the ISO 1496 series are specified in ISO 3874.

This document is published in the form of a Technical Report with the intention of providing the technical and operational background to the requirements specified in ISO 3874:2017, Annexes A to E.

Dimensions, tolerances and strength requirements noted in ISO 3874 and this document were validated against the approved Container Securing Manual for the largest vessels afloat at the time namely the Maersk Line “Triple E” class.

Noting that ISO 17905:2015 was published early in the period of revision, it was decided, in order to avoid conflicting data, to adopt the strength requirements therein directly in this version of ISO 3874. Items not in common use were removed from the tables before inclusion in ISO 3874.

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1 Scope

This document gives the background to the requirements specified in ISO 3874:2017, Annexes A to E.

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 830, *Freight containers — Vocabulary*

ISO 3874:2017, *Series 1 freight containers — Handling and securing*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 830 and ISO 3874:2017 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

4 Twistlocks

4.1 General

New definitions were introduced in ISO 3874:2017 based on the terms commonly used by the manufacturer's representatives in the expert working group to describe the products currently on the market: Fully automatic twistlocks (FAT), Automatic Container Locks (AL) and Midlocks.

All types of lock as defined in ISO 3874 are referred to by the more general term "twistlock" in this document.

4.2 Dimensions for manual and semi-automatic twistlocks

4.2.1 Top and bottom cones

The top and bottom cones have been designed so that the load-carrying area, in a fully locked position, in an ISO 1161 corner fitting, is larger than 800 mm².

The load-carrying area 800 mm² is taken from ISO 1161, minimum bearing area, BS 5237 and SIS 842105.

JIS Z 1617, has no requirement on load-carrying area, but the twistlock itself has the same dimensions as those given in ISO 3874, BS 5237 and SIS 842105.